

TREVECHOES

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Habitat For Humanity

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Once upon a time, there was a beautifully sculpted piece of concrete. Although the concrete was flawless, it was sad because the other pieces of concrete around it had houses built on them. It waited patiently, and then one day, a group from Trevecca happened to stumble upon it. With the help of some people who actually knew what they were doing, the students started to build a house.

All right. . . that is enough of that. In case you have not picked up on it, I got the opportunity to participate in a Habitat for Humanity build recently. There are two more days left to participate (October 18 and 19), in case you are interested in making a piece of concrete's dream come true, and maybe a soon-to-be homeowner's dream come true as well. In order to help you with this, I have compiled an important list of things to know before going to the site.

1. You will not meet your soul mate at Habitat for Humanity. However, you might meet a really cool guy named Ben, who happens to look exactly like Bryan Good.

2. Not only is a knot something that you tie to keep your shoes on, it also is a really dense, dark spot in wood that you do not want to try to nail through.

3. Bring sunscreen. If you do not, there is a good chance that you will obtain a rather nasty raccoon sunburn.

4. Walls are more than what they seem. While on the site, it is entirely likely that you will both sit on top of them and inside of them.

5. Our student body chaplain is not fond of tomatoes. Be careful not give him any or else you will find them thrown back at you moments later.

6. Two words: skill saw.

7. To expand on those previous two words: yes, they do let you use it.

8. The easiest way to put trusses on top of a house is with a



Crew One for this fall's Habitat for Humanity service project.

crane. At Habitat, you will not be using one. Be prepared to lift it up by hand.

9. Lunch is best eaten while sitting ten feet in the air on any various part of the house.

10. Come prepared to work, have fun, and learn a lot.

Most of us do not spend our days building houses, but this is a great opportunity to learn how to do so.

Habitat for Humanity works to help end poverty by building houses. They work not only to build houses, but to also

build hope. If you are interested in helping with this cause, you can visit their website, www.habitat.org, or contact our student body chaplain, Andrew Crimmins.

Centennial Celebration

Emily Cammer
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Birthdays — everybody has one. Friends and family gather around the birthday girl or boy to tell the story of their life; the day their mother went to the hospital to give birth, first steps, first dates, high points and low points. In essence, a birthday is just an occasion to celebrate someone's history. On Sunday, October 5, 2008 over a million people came together to commemorate the Church of the Nazarene's 100th birthday. Congregations all over the world gathered in tents, houses, under trees, in basements, storefronts, and of course churches, to celebrate the history of the Nazarene Church. Here at Trevecca, a service was held in the Boone Convocation center in which General Superintendent

Dr. Nina Gunter spoke. Afterward there was a lovely reception hosted by Trevecca Community Church in their new Family Life Center. It was a great time to fellowship with other Nazarenes, to hear stories about how they became a Nazarene, and even how they played a part in the rich history of the Nazarene Church.

Although, technically, the actual birthday of the Church of the Nazarene has passed, it is never too late to celebrate their, or rather our, history. I wonder how many of us really know our church history. I used to consider myself pretty up on the Nazarene denomination, but as I researched in preparation to write this article, I realized how little I knew. Allow me to give you a peek at what the last hundred years or so has been like for this little group we

call the Nazarenes.

Back in the early 1900's, there was a pretty big Christian movement taking place in the United States. Churches were popping up all over the place, including Methodist and Pentecostal churches. At first the Nazarene church was really only a committee made up of Phineas Bresee, C.B. Jernigan, and C.W. Ruth. They met in the living room of Ruth's home in New York City about thirty times as the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene. The Nazarene denomination is really the marriage of Pentecostal holiness and Methodist Wesleyanism. In 1907, the group had to go to Chicago to iron out some of the details about becoming an official denomination. That meeting eventually became known as the first General Assembly in

which the first General Superintendents were elected, one of which was Bresee and, the other, a man named Hiram F. Reynolds. After this, Bresee organized a congregation down in Texas, which happened to be the center for the Holiness Church of Christ. In October of 1908, the second General Assembly was held in Pilot Point, Texas. They called it the year of uniting because finally the southerners and the northerners were going to be able to get together as a body of believers. They also expanded their General Board by adding E. P. Ellyson to the team.

By 1919 the Pentecostal Church of the Nazarene had expanded quite a bit. A vote was taken and passed to change the name to just the Church of the Nazarene. Four years, later at the

sixth annual General Assembly, it was decided that the year of uniting that took place in Pilot Point in 1908 should be marked as the official founding date for the Nazarenes.

In the course of my research I began to see a theme in the various articles I read: uniting. I have always thought of the Nazarene Church as one big family who share the same beliefs and enjoy a good pot luck. But as I dove deeper into the beginnings of our denomination I saw how different our founders were. Phineas Bresee was a New Yorker who draped his pulpit with an American flag during the Civil War. However, C.B. Jernigan was a Mississippian whose father was a Confederate officer. Yet

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East Nashville Co-Op Ministries

Ryan Fasani

Contributor

It has become increasingly clear that some people are welcome in East Nashville and others, well, they just are not.

If you cruise down Main Street, leaving downtown, you are sure to see recent additions to the landscape. Just past the most frequented facility on Sundays—LP Field—are condominiums on your left. A bit further, toppled brick and boarded windows sandwich the thoroughfare. Another several hundred yards and 5 Points, with its organic and vegetarian friendly restaurants and a popping night life, comes into focus. These juxtaposed images are the epitome of a neighborhood being gentrified.

As real estate prices continue to climb in this up-and-coming area, small businesses flood in, and the neighborhood feels reenergized. Nashville pride—at least the pride of those with housing and local business investments—is at an all-time high, for we are experiencing relative success to the rest of the United States. But while we live in good spirits, we conveniently forget how our “development”

is forcing us to betray our own values.

We are the city with open arms, are we not? Think of our post-Katrina hospitality. Think of our post-Ike assistance. Heck, think of how welcoming the Music City is to visitors and tourists of all ages. Our hospitality, though, does not extend only to natural disaster victims and tourists. We welcome with a smile thousands of college students, relocated businesses, and moving families each year. We have the entertainment of the West, the energy of the North, but most importantly, we epitomize the hospitality of the South. That is, until it inhibits “development.”

We pride ourselves in hospitality, so long as it does not inconvenience our pocket books, which is largely influenced by the market value of goods in East Nashville. Apparently, the Police Force responsible for the East Precinct has rallied to solve this tension, for the benefit of the latter.

In this market economy, one in which all goods and services (yes, even work itself) are commoditized, price is

determined by the forces of supply and demand. Resources flow to the highest bidder. And one's worth and status are determined by their involvement in the public marketplace. Some of us cannot compete in this system: we just do not have the capital.

Unfortunately, in this system, all humans are not created equally. Instead, worth is determined by what one can buy. This is perhaps why modern-day saints are the wealthy, or in this case, the young professional wearing designer jeans, driving a hybrid and prepared to spend \$35 on brunch: they symbolize (embody) maximum involvement in the market. East Nashville is hospitable to such people, for by being here they contribute to the local market, and are thus valuable individuals. Quite contrarily, the homeless are not welcome. In the city with open arms, the homeless are pushed away.

The homeless have little value in the market and, by being visible, actually devalue other commodities. If the wealthy are saints, the homeless are the worst of sinners. They themselves do not practice the virtues of the market paradigm. They work

little (production), they buy little (consumption), they own little (accumulation), and they just plain look different (do not embody the goods internal to our market paradigm). Their sin literally is that they are poor! They are sinners, and quite frankly condemned, because they are poor *and* visible. East Nashville's solution: hide them or displace them.

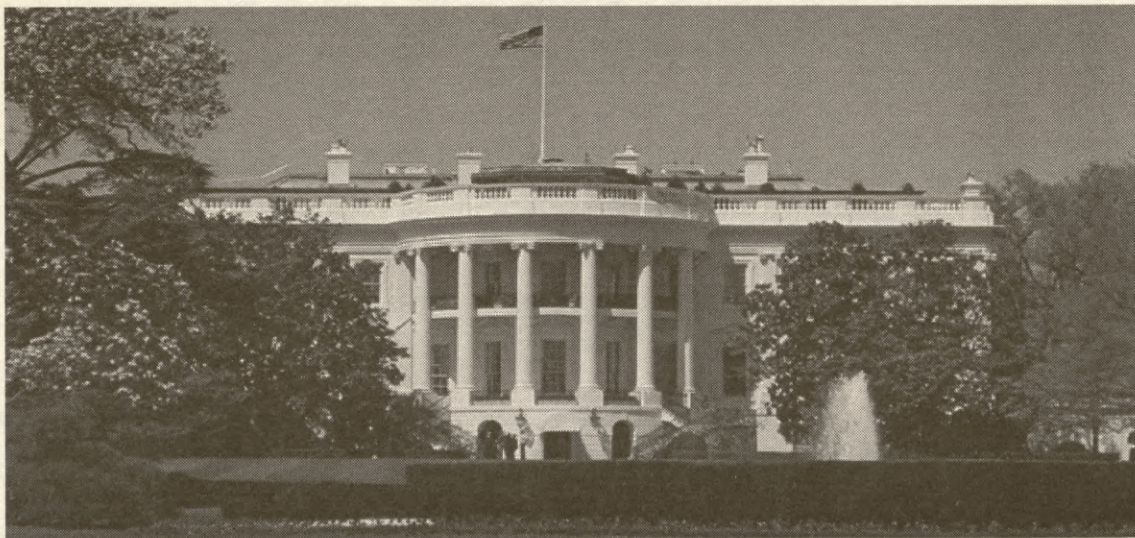
For their sins, in other words, the homeless are sent to Hell. With constant harassing and occasional arrests, the Police Department spearheads an effort to force the worthless (unworthy) to hide or go underground (Hades) and eventually displace them from the new areas of “development” (Gehenna). It turns out that our open arms of hospitality in East Nashville look more like clenched fists of judgment to the homeless.

As Christians we should be outraged, or at least terribly confused. We have it backwards! Endless hiding or permanent displacement is not a sentence for the sin of poverty. Hell is not for the homeless! They are blessed, said Jesus, for theirs is Heaven (Luke 6:20). Who are we to believe, the discourse of

the market economy or the voice of the one “that was rich, yet for your sake became poor” (2 Cor. 8:9)? If we listen to the voice of our homeless Messiah, then our hospitality must look more like Matthew 25:31-46 than the hospitality-for-the-rich we call “development” in East Nashville.

Great inequity requires great resistance. We must rise against the prevailing discourse of the market economy (the one that predominantly shapes us) and invest ourselves in a counter-discourse. Some young adults at First Church of the Nazarene are doing just that, discussing, for instance, the economics of the Eucharist. They refuse to let the American economic system shape their understanding of and commitment to radical hospitality. But talk alone does not fry chicken (in my case, tofu)! These same folks listen to the voice of our poor Messiah, and practice this hospitality-without-prejudice through East Nashville Cooperative Ministry. Instead of displacing, they are befriending the homeless, sharing food, stories, pains, and prayers with the Hell-bound. And contrary to market judgment, they have met some saints.

Who Does God Want in the White House?



Jon Burch

Professor

Have you been watching the news? America is on the verge of a financial collapse larger than we have seen in our nation's history, millions of Americans do not have adequate health care to care for the basic medical needs of their families, and the unemployment rate teeters around the six percent mark; meaning millions of workers in this country are out of work. Add to the mix the fact that our nation remains at war against a radical terror network and you have several reasons to be concerned

about the state of the union going forward.

In the midst of all this chaos, we have been afforded the privilege of deciding who will command the highest post in our country for the next presidential term. Historically speaking, each generation of voters feel like the choice of the hour carries with it the potentiality for peace and prosperity or the potentiality for chaos and the unraveling of the American dream. I guess we voters here at Trevecca are no different; after all, the policies and decisions that will be birthed through the next administration will in many ways have a

profound effect on our livelihoods and freedoms.

And as I get all wrapped up and engulfed in the fear of the day, I hear our Lord and Savior remind me that God is in control. He is bringing his plan providentially forward and will not be stopped by man's agendas. It is God who rises up kings and brings kings low. It is God's plan that cannot be thwarted by any election or by any scheme of the enemy.

If this is true, could it be possible that God does not have a favorite candidate in the race? In fact, I would argue that the title of this article asks the

wrong question. I think the more appropriate question is how does God want his children to respond to the president who is elected, whomever that might be?

If God is providentially in control, working all things together for those who love Him and are called according to His purposes (Romans 8:28), then how are we to respond to elected officials, regardless of political affiliation? Romans chapter thirteen has some helpful guidance regarding this dilemma:

For this reason you must obey the authorities (speaking of civil leaders)—not just because of God's punishment, but also as a matter of conscience. That is also why you pay taxes, because the authorities are working for God when they fulfill their duties. Pay then, what you owe them; pay them your personal and property taxes, and show respect and honor for them all.

This leads me to a question: whether one's values lean toward Senator Obama or Senator McCain's positions, is it possible to respect and honor the opposing candidate while I engage in debates that attack and rip to shreds every aspect of the person I least align with (both personally

and politically)? Respect and honor call us to a higher standard. Not because we agree with each candidate's positions, but because we understand how God structures and endorses authority. As we move closer and closer to the election of our new president, let us keep in mind that God asks us to pray for, respect, and honor the authority figures that He has allowed to assume authority, even if we would like to see them make decisions in a very different way. When you are tempted to criticize McCain or Obama, remember that there is a 100% chance that one of them will be our leader come January.

So, who does God want in the White House? The general will of the people will decide who wins that post. But what would happen if we were to set aside all of the negative energy that is pervasive in this election and replaced it with words of hope. Let us remind ourselves and others that as we seek first the kingdom of heaven, all that we need will be provided for us (Matt. 6). God is in control! All He asks of us is to submit to and honor our earthly leaders and watch as He unfolds his providential will in this hour and in the hour to come.

Centennial Celebration

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these two men, with such contrasting backgrounds, were on the same team, spreading the same message, and devoted to the same God. They were able to put aside their differences and unite together as brothers in Christ.

Nazarenes do not exist simply to be a church but also to live a holiness lifestyle. In 1912, Nazarene Publishing House was created, their main publications being Herald of Holiness and The Other Sheep. Later the two merged to become what is now known as Holiness Today, which is currently translated into Spanish, French, and Portuguese. In 1915, Nazarene Missions International was added to the ministry of the church. By creating NMI we started to fulfill one of our core objectives which is to go into all the world and preach the Good News. In 1923, Nazarene Youth International (NYI) was founded which finally provided an avenue to minister to teenagers in a way that they would find interesting

and meaningful. After World War II, the Nazarene church flourished in countries such as Korea, the Philippines, and Papua New Guinea. Today most Nazarene churches are actually outside of the United States. At the last General Assembly 42% of all delegates spoke English as their second language.

We are one body, one family, who is spread throughout the world. No, we do not speak the same language, we do not listen to the same music, and we are not all friends on Facebook, but we as Nazarenes all have the same beginning. I believe Stan Ingersol, a Nazarene historian, put it best, "As a church of one we seek to be many. As a church of many we seek to be one." As we join together to celebrate the many in the past that have helped us become one in the present let us pledge to do our best to ensure that the Church of the Nazarene will continue as a holiness denomination for generations to come.

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Consider the Lilies

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The sky appears to be falling. I remember driving down the road during the recent gas crisis of Nashville and seeing the long lines at the pump. I heard stories of fights between consumers over a couple of gallons of gas, gas stations shutting their doors and others putting a limit on how much gas you can buy. We think this was an isolated event, but they had the same problem just a little bit south of here in the city of Atlanta. If it is not the uncertain gas and energy situation, it might be the Stock Market. A couple of weeks ago the banking giant Lehman Bros. filed for bankruptcy, then there was AIG, and the stock market is still reeling in the wake of that event. The government put forth a plan for a 700 billion dollar bailout plan that would have cost the average American about two to three thousand dollars extra a year in taxes. The bill was rejected, and the Dow Jones dropped a record 777 points. It has recovered some of the way from its initial loss, but we are in a serious financial crisis. Those are two things that come to mind in light of the current situations, but there is more. Daily people are feeling the burden of not having proper health insurance and are collapsing under the weight of insurmountable medical bills for themselves and loved ones. The rising issues of global warming affecting the environment are resulting in an almost audible groaning and creaking of our planet because of what we have done to it. Political escalation, Radical Islam, ethnic strife, and

the re-emergence of Russia all over the world are making it more and more likely for our planet to be consumed in war and death, as we confront terrorism. The price of food world wide is rising to meet the demands of population and due to the use of a food item, corn, to produce gasoline. The job market is falling and people are not able to feed their kids, or they are getting fired and having to sit down and explain to their children that life is about to drastically change. Families under the weight of a mortgage who are a breath away from homelessness must decide whether to eat or pay bills. Everyday it seems that the future is more and more uncertain. It seems that the end is near. It seems that the Mayans were right in charting the end of times as December 21, 2012. What can we do? Is there anything that we can do in such times? Is the world really ending?

A while ago I was in Wal-Mart buying some groceries. I was going through the check out line and the lady at the register scanned my 2 gallons of milk and had this to say about the price, "Is that how much milk costs these days? What is the world coming to? It just seems to be sad story after sad story. . . If ever the world needed a savior, it is now. Come sweet and precious Jesus." I won't lie, at first, I thought, "It's only milk," but later it would dawn upon me that she was right. It seems that in this world, all we have to look forward to is a mushroom cloud or a huge stock market crash. It just seems to be a multiplicity of bad things that can happen to us because we are not promised anything about the

future. Or are we? I think this Wal-Mart cashier was right. We have been promised so much more than our worst fears. God is a God of promises and covenants. He promised to love his people Israel, he promised a savior, and he promised that in the end he will be. When Jesus walked the earth with us, he experienced our fears and doubts and, subsequently, asked us to consider the lilies. This is a great challenge because it requires that as God provides for the field that he will do what he will do for people like you and me. We Christians are called to live between presumption and despair. This is called hope and it is a worldly hope that calls us to the present as we lean toward the future. We have no dismal look at the future as Christians, but the promise that the end will be God's and he will make everything right again. I think part of the fault of what is happening is that we try to pick up all our hopes and fears and carry them to the end we want. I think we must start by taking all our fears, frustrations, and hopes to the foot of the Cross and leaving them there. I do not know what God will do with them, but I know if we leave them there he will transform them in ways we cannot imagine. This does not mean that we sit around and do nothing while we wait for the blessings of God, but rather that we must act and be present in trying to bring in his kingdom now, even as it is coming to the end of the age. I feel this is true hope: that no matter what is happening here, that we can raise our hands and heads toward Heaven and say, "Come sweet and precious Jesus."

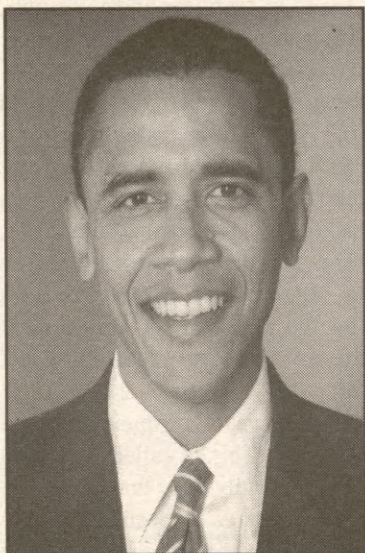


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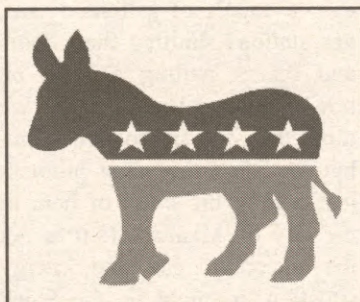
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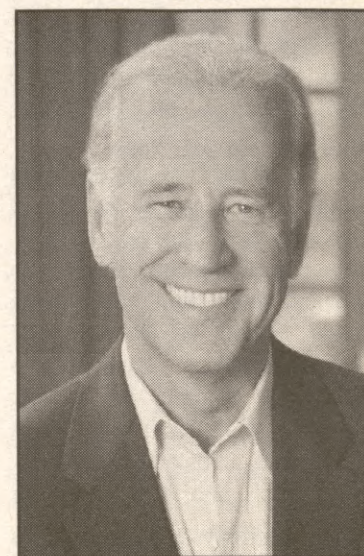
Democratic Presidential Candidate



Name: Barack Obama
Age: 47
Hometown: Chicago, Illinois
Birthday: August 4th, 1961
Current Position Held: Illinois State Senate
Education: Columbia University 1983, Harvard (Law Degree) in 1991



Democratic Vice Presidential Candidate



Name: Joe Biden
Age: 65
Hometown: Scranton, Pennsylvania
Birthday: November 20, 1942
Current Position Held: Delaware State Senator
Education: University of Delaware in 1965, Syracuse University (Law Degree) in 1968

Issues:

Economy

- 1) Enact a windfall profits tax to provide a \$1,000 emergency energy rebate to American families.
- 2) Provide \$50 billion to jumpstart the economy and prevent 1 million Americans from losing their jobs.
- 3) Provide a tax cut for working families.
- 4) Fight for fair trade.
- 5) End tax breaks for companies that send jobs overseas.

War in Iraq

A Responsible, Phased Withdrawal

Barack Obama and Joe Biden believe we must be as careful getting out of Iraq as we were careless getting in. Immediately upon taking office, Obama will give his Secretary of Defense and military commanders a new mission in Iraq: ending the war. The removal of our troops will be responsible and phased, directed by military commanders on the ground and done in consultation with the Iraqi government. Military experts believe we can safely redeploy combat brigades from Iraq at a pace of 1 to 2 brigades a month that would remove them in 16 months. That would be the summer of 2010 – more than 7 years after the war began.

Under the Obama-Biden plan, a residual force will remain in Iraq and in the region to conduct targeted counter-terrorism missions against al Qaeda in Iraq and to protect American diplomatic and civilian personnel. They will not build permanent bases in Iraq, but will continue efforts to train and support the Iraqi security forces as long as Iraqi leaders move toward political reconciliation and away from sectarianism.

Surging Diplomacy

Barack Obama and Joe Biden will launch an aggressive diplomatic effort to reach a comprehensive compact on the stability of Iraq and the region. This effort will include all of Iraq's neighbors—including Iran and Syria, as suggested by the bi-partisan Iraq Study Group Report. This compact will aim to secure Iraq's borders; keep neighboring countries from meddling inside Iraq; isolate al Qaeda; support reconciliation among Iraq's sectarian groups; and provide financial support for Iraq's reconstruction and development.

Healthcare

The Obama-Biden plan provides affordable, accessible health care for all Americans, builds on the existing health care system, and uses existing providers, doctors and plans to implement the plan. Under the Obama-Biden plan, patients will be able to make health care decisions with their doctors, instead of being blocked by insurance company bureaucrats.

Under the plan, if you like your current health insurance, nothing changes, except your costs will go down by as much as \$2,500 per year.

If you do not like your health insurance, or you do not have health insurance, you will have a choice of new, affordable health insurance options.

- Require insurance companies to cover pre-existing conditions so all Americans, regardless of their health status or history, can get comprehensive benefits at

fair and stable premiums.

- Create a new Small Business Health Tax Credit to help small businesses provide affordable health insurance to their employees.
- Lower costs for businesses by covering a portion of the catastrophic health costs they pay in return for lower premiums for employees.
- Prevent insurers from overcharging doctors for their malpractice insurance and invest in proven strategies to reduce preventable medical errors.
- Make employer contributions more fair by requiring large employers that do not offer coverage or make a meaningful contribution to the cost of quality health coverage for their employees to contribute a percentage of payroll toward the costs of their employees health care.
- Establish a National Health Insurance Exchange with a range of private insurance options as well as a new public plan based on benefits available to members of Congress that will allow individuals and small businesses to buy affordable health coverage.
- Ensure everyone who needs it receives a tax credit for their premiums.
- Lower drug costs by allowing the importation of safe medicines from other developed countries, increasing the use of generic drugs in public programs and taking on drug companies that block cheaper generic medicines from the market.
- Require hospitals to collect and report health care cost and quality data.
- Reduce the costs of catastrophic illnesses for employers and their employees.
- Reform the insurance market to increase competition by taking on anticompetitive activity that drives up prices without improving quality of care.

Education

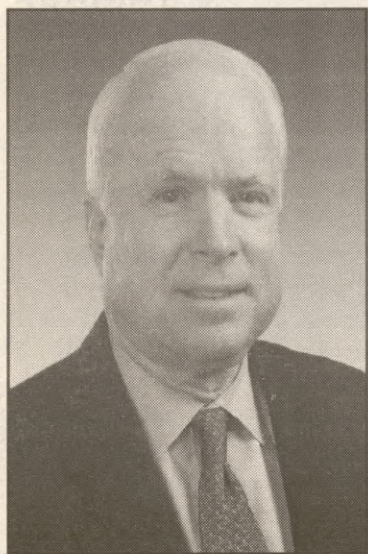
- 1) Reform No Child Left Behind.
- 2) Zero to Five Plans.
- 3) Recruit teachers.
- 4) Prepare teachers.
- 5) Retain teachers.
- 6) Reward teachers.
- 7) Support college credit initiatives.
- 8) Create the American Opportunity Tax Credit.

Environment and Energy

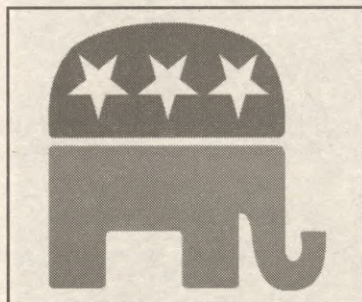
- 1) Provide short-term relief to American families facing pain at the pump.
- 2) Help create five million new jobs by strategically investing \$150 billion over the next ten years to catalyze private efforts to build a clean energy future.
- 3) Within 10 years, save more oil than we currently import from the Middle East and Venezuela combined.
- 4) Put 1 million Plug-In Hybrid cars -- cars that can get up to 150 miles per gallon -- on the road by 2015. These cars will be built here in America.
- 5) Ensure 10 percent of our electricity comes from renewable sources by 2012, and 25 percent by 2025.
- 6) Implement an economy-wide cap-and-trade program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions 80 percent by 2050.
- 8) Make the U.S. a leader on climate change.

2008 Republican Bios

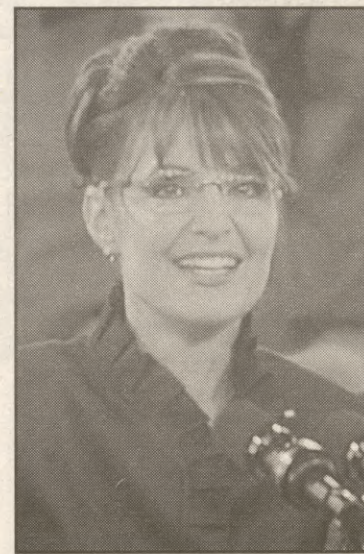
Republican Presidential Candidate



Name: John McCain
Age: 72
Hometown: Phoenix, Arizona
Birthday: August 29, 1936
Current Position Held: Arizona State Senator
Education: United States Naval Academy in 1958



Republican Vice Presidential Candidate



Name: Sarah Palin
Age: 44
Hometown: Anchorage, Alaska
Birthday: February 11, 1964
Current Position Held: Governor of Alaska
Education: University of Idaho 1987

Issues:

Economy

- 1) John McCain believes we should send a strong message to world markets. Under his plan, the United States will be telling oil producing countries and oil speculators that our dependence on foreign oil will come to an end - and the impact will be lower prices at the pump.
- 2) John McCain's policies will increase the value of the dollar and thus reduce the price of oil. In recent years, the declining value of the dollar has added to the cost of imported oil. This will change. Americans will have a stronger economy, a stronger dollar, and greater purchasing power for oil, gas, and food.
- 3) John McCain believes we should institute a summer gas tax holiday. Hard-working American families are suffering from higher gasoline prices. John McCain called on Congress to suspend the 18.4 cent federal gas tax and 24.4 cent diesel tax from Memorial Day to Labor Day.
- 4) No taxpayer money should bail out real estate speculators or financial market participants who failed to perform due diligence in assessing credit risks. Any assistance for borrowers should be focused solely on homeowners and any government assistance to the banking system should be based solely on preventing systemic risk.
- 5) Any policy of financial assistance should be accompanied by reforms that promote greater transparency and accountability to ensure we never face this problem again. John McCain has proposed a new "HOME Plan" to provide robust, timely and targeted help to those hurt by the housing crisis. Under his HOME Plan, every deserving American family or homeowner will be afforded the opportunity to trade a burdensome mortgage for a manageable loan that reflects their home's market value.

War in Iraq

The Importance of Succeeding

John McCain believes it is strategically and morally essential for the United States to support the Government of Iraq to become capable of governing itself and safeguarding its people. He strongly disagrees with those who advocate withdrawing American troops before that has occurred.

It would be a grave mistake to leave before Al Qaeda in Iraq is defeated and before a competent, trained, and capable Iraqi security force is in place and operating effectively. We must help the Government of Iraq battle those who provoke sectarian tensions and promote a civil war that could destabilize the Middle East. Iraq must not become a failed state, a haven for terrorists, or a pawn of Iran. These likely consequences of America's failure in Iraq almost certainly would either require us to return or draw us into a wider and far costlier war.

The best way to secure long-term peace and security is to establish a stable, prosperous, and democratic state in Iraq that poses no threat to its neighbors and contributes to the defeat of terrorists. When Iraqi forces can safeguard their own country, American troops can return home.

Healthcare

- 1) John McCain will reform health care making it easier for individuals and families to obtain insurance.
- 2) John McCain will reform the tax code to offer more choices beyond employer-based health insurance coverage.

- 3) John McCain proposes making insurance more portable.
- 4) John McCain will encourage and expand the benefits of health savings accounts (HSAs) for families.
- 5) John McCain's plan cares for the traditionally uninsurable.
- 6) John McCain will work with states to establish a guaranteed access plan.
- 7) John McCain will promote proper incentives.

Education

- 1) John McCain will build on the lessons of No Child Left Behind (NCLB).
- 2) John McCain will provide effective education leadership.
- 3) John McCain will work to ensure that our children have quality teachers.
- 4) Encourage alternative certification methods that open the door for highly motivated teachers to enter the field.
- 5) Provide bonuses for teachers who locate in underperforming schools and demonstrate strong leadership as measured by student improvement.

Early childhood development: the Head Start program

1. Who is eligible? Head Start centers operating in the state with a demonstrated record of success in improving the school readiness of children are eligible to be nominated by the Governor for recognition as a Center of Excellence.
2. How does it work? The Secretary of HHS will pick at least one Head Start Center in each state based on the qualifications and experience of the Head Start Center.
3. Each Head Start Center identified by the Secretary as a Center of Excellence will use their funds to expand their programs to serve more children, disseminate their best practices to other Head Start agencies (similar to a charter school dissemination grant), and improve coordination of early childhood education in their city or state.
4. How will the funding be distributed? The Secretary will provide at least \$200,000 per year to each Center of Excellence, depending on availability of funding. The Secretary has discretion to increase awards if more funds become available.

Environment & Energy

John McCain will establish a market-based system to curb greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, mobilize innovative technologies, and strengthen the economy. He will work with our international partners to secure our energy future, to create opportunities for American industry, and to leave a better future for our children.

Cheap, Clean, Secure Energy for America

Transform Electricity by implementing the use of Alternative sources of energy:

- 1) Nuclear Power.
- 2) Coal
- 3) Renewable.

Note to the reader. This is by no means an exhaustive list of the candidates and their positions. If you did not see something or enough of something please know that there is more stated by each candidate at their individual sites (www.johnmccain.com and www.barackobama.com) which is also where all the above information is from. The surplus or lack of surplus of information does not signify anything other than how concise their site's information is. I would encourage you to go to their sites and read further about each ticket and the issues you did not see. Both sites accessed on October 1st, 2008.

Mackey, why do you smell?



Jacob Perry
Staff Writer

In his philosophical inquiry, *Rasselas*, Samuel Johnson states, "Be not too hasty to trust or admire the teachers

of morality; they discourse like angels but they live like men." Apparently, Samuel Johnson never smelled the bottom floor of the Mackey building.

As a former English Education major, I was very

familiar with the so dubbed "Mackey Smell" (being that Mackey is the building that houses the School of Education). However, at the end of my freshman year, I dropped the education emphasis on my major

to focus more on literature and creative writing. Thus, I was led away from Mackey and found myself taking classes elsewhere on campus. It was not until earlier this year, my junior year, in which I was destined to return to Mackey so that I might print off a paper in the student computer lab. Upon entering the bottom floor, my nostrils were coated with the unpleasant scent of wild onions. However, as my footsteps progressed within the building, so did the smell. By the time I reached the computer lab, I was immersed in what I can only describe as the air of an open grave. I threw up a little in my mouth.

As my first investigative piece, I decided to find the source of the pungent smell living within the walls of Mackey. I had my initial hypothesis. I thought the source was either salmonella or witchcraft. Hank Spaulding, a fellow pilgrim on the journey for truth, shared in my plight, believing the source to be Donnie Osmond.

Hank and I briefed ourselves in the quad on the evening of September 26, 2008 and proceeded toward Mackey. Armed with petre dishes and tweezers we went to work

swabbing the surfaces of all areas and picking up random bits of debris for evidence. Days later, after hours of surveillance tapes and processing, we found no conclusion to the mystery. Disheartened, Hank began to cry. I was angry. I wanted to rip off my shirt in a Rambo-like fashion and tear Mackey to the ground brick by brick. But Hank said I was too fat and pasty to look anything like Rambo. He was right. So I ate a Snickers instead. It was good.

I cannot draw a conclusion as to why Mackey smells the way it does. People have body odor. Maybe buildings do too. But I do not think taking a giant stick of Old Spice to Mackey is what we need.

The evidence lab called again the other day. They had a lead, but it wasn't much of one. I told them I would take anything they would throw at me. The voice on the other end of the phone told me they had found a single strand of dark hair in the plethora of debris we brought to them. After DNA testing, they found that it belonged to Donnie Osmond.

Club Spotlight: Fellowship of Christian Athletes



Kelley Van Atta
FCA President

FCA is an organization with a vision of seeing the world impacted for Jesus Christ through the influence of athletes and coaches. We have meetings every other Friday morning (beginning with the first Friday of the month) at 10 a.m. in the gym. The purpose of our meeting time is to fellowship with one another and to praise God through worship and the reading of Scripture.

Also, this year we will be responsible for doing devotions after sporting events. Those who come out to support our teams, are welcome to gather at the

center of the field/court after the completion of the game for a quick time of Scripture readings and prayer.

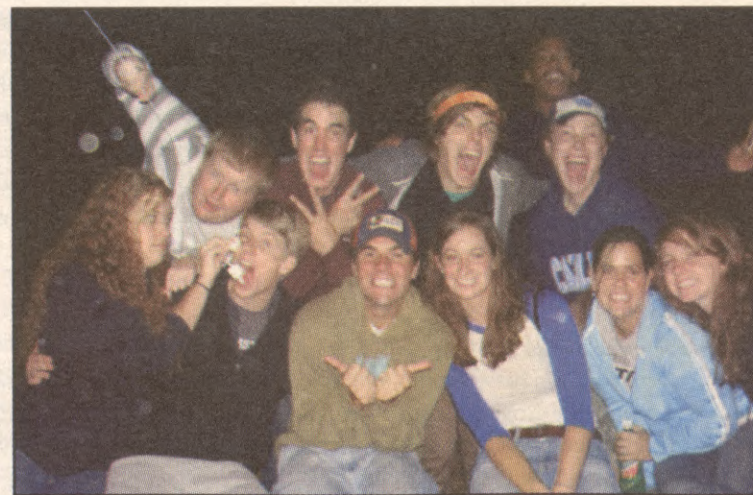
Finally, I just want to extend an invitation to you to participate in something that has changed so many people's lives. I say that with certainty because one of those lives was my very own. FCA allowed me to be able to worship God without inhibition, to be able to identify myself as a daughter of the King, and to fellowship with believers who did not judge me because I was different. If this appeals to you, then FCA is perfect for you. Stay tuned for details. God Bless!

All-School Retreat

Drew Vinson
Contributor

What's cooler than a weekend away from homework and the daily routine of college life with all your friends? Nothing, that's what. Last Friday, forty-two students loaded up and carpooled out to Horton Haven Christian Camp for the annual All School Retreat to do just that – get away.

After arriving and enjoying some dinner, we played some games to unwind and get to know each other. We relived our youth group days by playing numerous rounds of "Honey, If You Love Me" and "Never Have I Ever." Concerning the latter game, let's just say what was said at All School Retreat stays at All School Retreat. After laughing uncontrollably and breaking some chairs during the games, we bundled up and headed outside to a campfire for some s'mores and fellowship. Some even dared to substitute the traditional Hershey's bar for a Reese's peanut butter cup. We also had a beautiful time of worship under the stars. We sang some



Top row: (left to right) Josh Kelley, Andrew Crimmins, Will Knowles, David Tigabu, Matt Taylor. Bottom row: Emily Rowden, Derek Henrichs, Nate Hill, Allie Gray, Nicole Underwood, Laura Freeman.

familiar favorite praise songs and then transitioned into a time of honest sharing. The two hours of sharing dreams and struggles and praying together were incredibly moving and got us in touch with our amazing Creator. The night went on into the early hours of the morning, playing intense games of Mafia, "Goldfish," Spoons, and the Dizzy Flashlight Game. We chilled all day Saturday, playing games in the gym and then going out on the river to canoe. Some

even got to "enjoy" a nice, cold swim.

Even though the retreat only lasted about 24 hours, it was a great time to just get away and enjoy the company of friends both old and new. This was my third, last, and by far my favorite All School Retreat and I encourage all you non-seniors to take advantage of this amazing event next year. Seriously, forget homework for once. This is the stuff that college is all about.

Getting to know the real Tarsha



Tarsha, the Caf momma, and Todd Osborne.

Todd Osbourne

Writer, Interviewer

TrevEchoes: What is your job title?

Tarsha: Front of the House cashier.

TR: We all know that you swipe our IDs as we enter the caf every day, but what else do you do on a daily basis?

Tarsha: Clean tables; fill up straws, napkins, salt and pepper; deal with kids.

TR: How long have you worked at Trevecca?

Tarsha: 1 year, 3 months.

TR: What is your favorite part about your job?

Tarsha: The people.

TR: What is your least favorite part about your job?

Tarsha: I hate paper balls being thrown, and people snatching their cards back without saying anything.

TR: What is your favorite animal?

Tarsha: I don't like animals. I like fish.

TR: Who is your favorite superhero?

Tarsha: Batman.

TR: What celebrity would you punch in the face if you could?

Tarsha: R. Kelly.

TR: Is there anything else you would like to say to the students of Trevecca?

Tarsha: Thank you for everything. For all the love, for including me in all your activities. I love everyone so much.

Michael Passons in Concert at Trevecca

Emily Cammer

Staff Writer

Just over a month ago, Point of Grace rocked out in chapel, and with them was Michael Passons. You may remember Michael as one of the founding members of a little group called Avalon. On Friday October 3rd, Michael was back on Trevecca's campus, this time to close out the One Audience music competition.

The concert was opened by Trevecca's most rockin' PR group, Refuge. Refuge played a great set of worship songs tailored to the next generation of Trevecca students, i.e. the One Audience

crowd. Next up was the man himself Michael Passons. It was just him, his big voice, and his piano on stage. One of the things that made the concert so enjoyable was the fact that Michael made everyone aware that he is just a regular guy. Even though he has won countless Grammy and Dove awards he was not too proud to ask Refuge how to work the keyboard. He was not too big of a star to admit that he might not know all the words to the song he just wrote, but wanted to share it with us anyways.

Michael Passons gave Trevecca another great show. Not only was his voice showcased, but his love and passion of sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ also.

Human Trafficking

Brent Peadro

Contributor

Many of you may have been informed about what is going on with the human trafficking situation around the world. For all of you who do not know, human trafficking is modern day slavery. Some might think slavery ended in 1807 after the Atlantic slave trade, but slavery still exists. In fact, there are more slaves nowadays than there ever has been in human history: around 27 million is last year's estimate. The buying and selling of human beings is becoming a major industry raking in at least 32 billion dollars a year! That is more than the yearly revenues of Starbucks, Google and Nike combined!

The most common form of human trafficking is the sex trade. Anyone can become a victim of the sex trade and it even exists here in the United States; Atlanta has a reported 9,000 humans being trafficked yearly and around 1,000,000 are trafficked through the U.S. every

year. Worldwide, 13 million of these victims are under the age of sixteen and some have been found to be as young as the age of four. These children are forced to see at least thirty "clients" a day and are forced to have sexual intercourse. Some of these children have not even seen the sun in two years. The most common area for this activity is in Western Europe and a major portion of Asia. The sad fact of the matter is that this is not going to end anytime soon. UNICEF estimates that 1.2 million children under eighteen years of age are trafficked every year, with a third of them in Asia.

However, there is something YOU can do. There is a film coming out called *Call and Response*, which is a "documentary" on the issue of the sex trade. The film premieres October 8th (tonight) at the Belcourt Theatre in the heart of Hillsboro Village at 7 p.m. followed by a showing at 9 p.m. On October 10th it moves to the Carmike Cinema Thoroughbred 20 and continues there until the 16th. All of the benefits from the

show go towards trafficking relief organizations including *Free for Life Ministries*, with whom the Trevecca Chapter of *International Justice Missions* is partnering with this semester. Another thing you can do is join IJM here at Trevecca and help IJM with fundraisers and other events. IJM is Trevecca's international social justice club oriented around the values of bringing hope to the hopeless and voices to the voiceless through living and doing as Christ told us to do. But the first step in becoming an abolitionist (someone who fights for the ending of slavery) is to bring about awareness. Tell your friends and family about the sex trade and encourage them to get involved in bringing an end to this ever-increasing criminal industry. This is something we can stop, let us be the generation who can say we had a part in the ending of the sex trade. God Bless.

Some sources to follow up on: FreeforLifeMinistries.com, Love146.org, CallandResponse.com.


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How To: Break a Fall

Lauren Boyer

Writer

Although school has only been in session for a little over a month, by the time fall break rolls around, the majority of students are beyond burnt out. In fact, after the first week of school, it seems as though the student body as a whole is already more than ready for the much-anticipated break. Once it actually arrives, however, it can be difficult to decide what to do. Originally, most students likely have a set plan, but as time goes on, more and more opportunities begin to present themselves. Going home to see family, taking a road trip with friends, relaxing, and, for those of us who gladly claim the title of "nerd," or "geek," catching up on our studies are many of the things to consider. With all of these choices in mind, we have to wonder, what exactly is the best way to "Break a Fall?"

Love the creation around you. Love nature. – Josh Vissepo

Two words: cosmic bowling. – Hayden Coffman

Spend time with friends. – Grace Brown

Catch yourself. – Brandon Puckett

Get a temporary boyfriend and break up with him when you get back. Also, eat large amounts of croutons. – Kathleen Dunn

Hang out with me. – Holly Lowe

Hang out with Holly. – Kody Teaford

Save up money well in advance. – Eli Hamilton

Get away from Trevecca. – Jonathan Robbins

Go wherever you get pampered most and can get the most rest. – Lindsey Sparrow

Invest in the stock market and take up origami. – Jonathan Bell

Eat ice cream, play soccer, don't watch television, and get out more. – Thanasi Karounos

Rent every season of The Office and be a hermit in your room. – Josh Dumas

Jump in a pile of leaves. – Kaley Ward

Land on a mattress. – Cassie Hamilton

Take a hot air balloon ride around the world. – Daniel Smith

Go home and hug daddy. – Ben Ponder

Build a haunted house in your basement. – Alex McKenzie

One Audience

Taylor Jenkins

Writer

On October 2-3, Nazarene Youth Ministries hosted the One Audience competition at Trevecca Nazarene University. The event gave high school students across the U.S. the opportunity to come together and hone their God-given musical talents through performances and workshops.

One Audience was launched at the 2007 Nazarene Youth Conference in St. Louis, Missouri. Since then, One Audience has been assisting students by giving them the tools they need to serve God wherever he has called

them. The program is designed for students interested in playing in a band, leading worship, singing, music production, and many other music categories.

In addition to the friendly competition, students had the privilege of learning from professionals in the Christian music industry through the One Audience workshops. Participants received insight and instruction on subjects such as music ministry, music business, and songwriting. After Friday night's concert featuring Michael Passons of Avalon and Refuge, the competition concluded with performances by One Audience finalists.

McKay Media Room

Jared Usrey

Contributor

Students who voted in the last SGA election noticed a few changes in McKay Parlor as it is being transformed into a new media room for students. To get a grasp of the project, we step back to last year when your student government created a proposal to renovate McKay Parlor into a student gathering place. After being approved by the President's Council, work was begun in early July, managed by Glen Linthicum—the project manager.

After removing the old furniture, carpet, ceiling tiles, and one humungous chandelier, the room was ready for the next step: recessed lighting, new carpet, and new paint were all essential to making the space feel completely different. After

those improvements, the team continued by ordering furniture (comfy couches and ottomans for seating) and finding voting booth desks for the room. Next, the crew began running cable and ordering the components of the audio/video system, like televisions, speakers, game systems, receivers, and one projector. Finally, as we wait for the last pieces to arrive and for the finishing touches to be added, we look forward to opening the room before the end of the fall semester.

When the Media Room does open, it will feature an almost perfect setup for gamers, casual & serious (the kid you only see in class, even though he lives in the dorm). The room will have two 47" high definition televisions (1080p), as well as a high definition projector (720p) with surround sound (5.1), and

a full host of gaming systems (XBOX 360, PS3, and Wii). The room will also have a space for old-fashioned board games and a couple of computers for quick internet access. The hours of operation will also be suited to the student body, being open in the afternoon and on into the night.

Finally, one of the best features will be an attendant that will take care of turning everything on, putting in game discs, distributing controllers to all of the game players, and ensuring that everything runs smoothly. We will be looking for people to fill these positions; so if you love video games, be sure to keep a look out, applications will be available soon. When the grand opening does come around, students will have one more spot to relax on campus.

Dodge the Ball, Not Poverty

Jacob Morphis

Staff Writer

Poverty has got to be one of the world's worst trade marks on humanity today. It claims control of the lives of millions and millions of victims around the globe. Thus, you would think awareness of such vast, helpless, misfortune would be abundant and rapidly inclining with the months. But it seems apathy consists as poverty's biggest contributor. Although, the majority may be inactive towards or left in the dark about poverty, some credit is due to a faithful, determined few.

A couple weeks ago or so, on a Thursday night, September 25th, it was indeed encouraging and inspiring to see someone with a passion, doing something about the issue of global poverty. A few gentlemen representing the service organization of Global Support Mission made Trevecca a part of their outreach as they came to spread the word. The theme this support team carries is "Dodge the ball, not poverty".

The team travels to and fro and, wherever they are allowed, set up a dodge ball tournament as a medium for raising awareness. To play, it cost \$10 per person, and the money of course goes to Global Support Mission and their efforts to help put an end to the life and family destroying disease. One such event was held here at Trevecca. There were quite a few students that showed up, forming two large teams to go up against each other and the guys putting

on the tournament. This was a genuine event, as there were no prizes and were no special things done for the participants. When the teams won, people just made their rounds, helped clean up, and left. Students sincerely gave their money just because. They wanted to help strengthen what GSM has going, and that was great to see from our young people at Trevecca.

Some of what GSM does and will be doing is going on trips, providing funds, and continuing to raise awareness in creative ways. Those from Global Support Mission will be heading back to Uganda, Africa in January to work on an orphan center and provide fellowship, witness, and service to everyone in the surrounding communities. A lot of you may have heard about the genocide and evil things that have been taking place in Uganda for years on end. "Invisible Children" may ring a bell. Well, one tremendous product of the horrendous events in Uganda is overwhelming poverty. And this place is just an example of many others in Africa like it. We have a massive problem. A worldly problem. Although it may not impact any where near us just yet, it does however, have everything to do with our Lord's kingdom. As Christians, we should all feel not merely compelled, but obligated and responsible for our part in such affairs.

Those traveling with GSM plan to help complete a volunteer house being built in Uganda where incredible people

like the ones that left their mark at Trevecca from the organization, will go, live, serve, and dedicate their lives to the betterment of a community in need, dealing with crisis. They hope to have the home finished by the first of next year and are looking to quickly gather \$4,000 in order to get the roof done before the rainy season hits hard. So every penny would be greatly appreciated.

Any and everyone can definitely help out and get involved. For more information on Global Support Mission, what is going on in places they are a part of, and how you can contribute, just go to <http://www.globalsupportmission.com/>. Let us be the light of Christ in situations like this. Hunger, pain, hopelessness, all exist right around us: in our neighbor's room, the next county over, eight states away, and on a different continent across the world. Let us try to serve all of these aspects with equal concern, passion, and enthusiasm. The best leader is always first and foremost a humble servant.

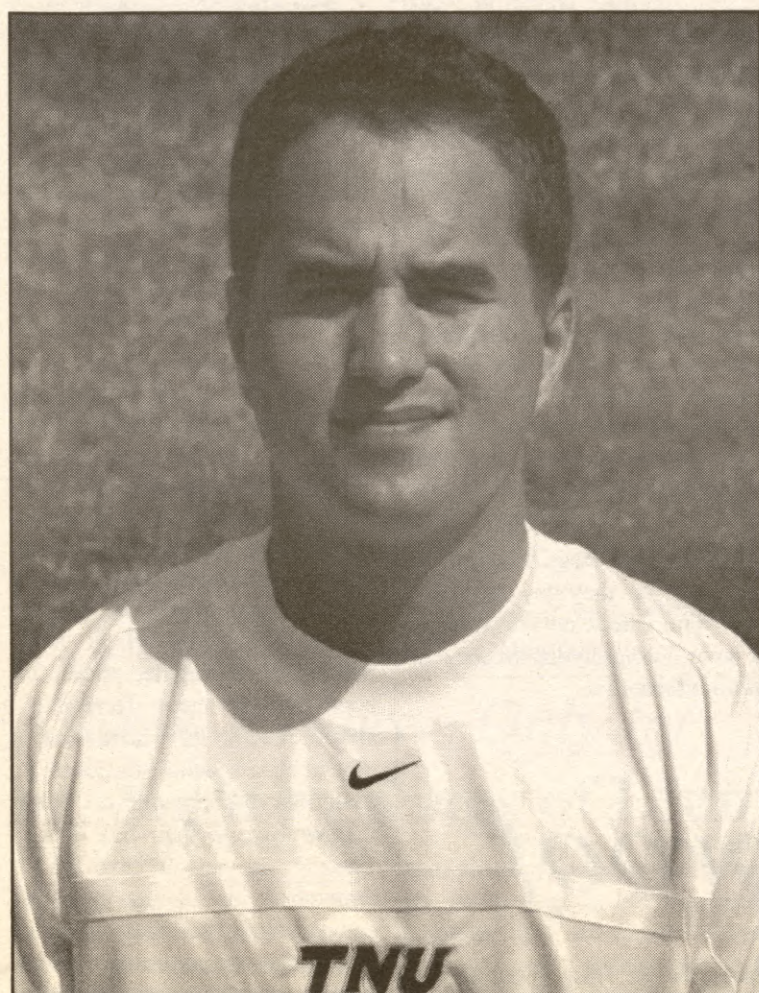
Look ahead for SGA and club sponsored events in the future that relate to the above. A particular club in mind that functions for things just like what is mentioned with GSM and world issues like poverty, is IJM here on campus. You can contact Allison Whetstone if you are interested. Meanwhile take initiative and invest somehow, some way, into this wonderful, yet, urgent cause. God bless.

Senior Spotlights

#6 Brad Camp 5'8"

Jacob Morphis
Staff Writer

#3 Mark Foster 5'6"



Major: Sports Management

Position: Mid fielder/ Defense

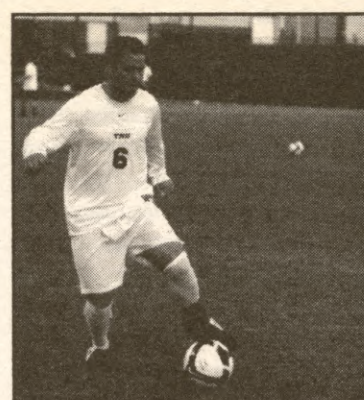
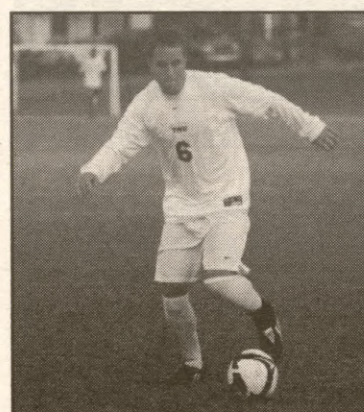
Home town: Hendersonville, TN

Favorite experience at Trevecca: "Making conference play offs last year."

Most defining moment as an athlete: "When I got the opportunity to play at the collegiate level and was recruited here to Trevecca."

Most inspirational person in life: "It has to be those who are close to me. No one stands out over the other, you know, just my immediate family and closest circle of friends."

Plans post-graduation: "I want to go back to school. . . I am not sure where, or for what, but I see myself going for more."



Major: Sports Management

Position: Mid Fielder/ Forward

Favorite experience here at Trevecca: "Freshman of the year and all-conference team."

Defining moment as athlete: "Just before I came to Trevecca, I traveled with 'Athletes In Action' to Russia to do soccer camps and visit prisons, just using soccer as a medium to reach out to the less fortunate. It really helped me realize my identity as an athlete and put sports and life into a better perspective."

Most inspirational person in life: "I'd have to say my parents. . . they always raised me well - loving me all the time but being hard on me when needed; they always believed in me and encouraged me and taught me the importance of working hard."

Plans post-graduation: "I want to stay in the States and become a coach, using soccer as a ministry."

Trevecca students join Nashville CARES AIDS Walk

Taylor Jenkins
Writer

Last Saturday, October 4, several Trevecca students participated in the annual Nashville CARES AIDS Walk at the Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park. In all, more than 1,500 supporters turned out to help raise money and awareness for the fight against AIDS and HIV. Many more took part as "online walkers."

The walk benefits those affected by HIV and AIDS in Nashville and surrounding

counties. Proceeds also go towards HIV and AIDS prevention education. According to walk organizers, the event allows individuals to unite as a single body against this worldwide epidemic, affecting over 38,790 people in the U.S. alone.

Walk participants enjoyed a pancake breakfast, musical entertainment, and children's activities. Many also took advantage of the numerous health screenings and other services offered at the 7th Annual Health and Wellness Fair, also held at the park.

TIA Summary of Events 2008

Softball
Flag Football
Racquetball Tournament
Ping Pong Tournament
Basketball
Billiards Tournament
Wednesday Racquetball Nights
March Madness Bracket Challenge
Soccer
Wiffleball
Indoor Volleyball Tournament
Badminton Tournament
Glow Ultimate Frisbee

September 15 – October 23
October 15 – December 4
October 25
November 24
January 19 – April 1
February 10
February 11 – March 25
March 16
March 16 – April 23
March 16 – April 23
March 20-21
March 30
April 21

Contact Nate Hill for more information.

Nashville Spotlight: *Hot Diggity Dog*

Jacob Perry
Staff Writer

If you like hot dogs, have a limited budget, and a short amount of time, then Hot Diggity Dogs is the answer to your plight. Located on 614 Ewing Street, which, if you turn left out of the main campus entrance, is about a two minute drive. The eatery itself is unique. There are no tables and chairs within the tiny restaurant. Rather, there is a skinny bar with high stools modeled for the "quick bite" lunch. However, there is plenty of room to relax on the patio located out back. There are picnic tables and benches that are shaded by a pavilion top. The view from the patio is accented by the Nashville skyline.

The service is one of a kind. Co-owners Laura Vartanian and Gale Davis work side-by-side



Emily Rowden and Morgan Daniels enjoy some hot diggity dogs.

with their employees and always offer a welcoming atmosphere. The food is self explanatory. However, all ingredients are shipped fresh from Chicago to mimic the dog taste of The Windy

City. There is a set menu of dogs that include names such as "The Nashville", "The Caro-Bama", and "The Boston". Each dog has its varying array of toppings from ketchup to baked beans. However,

if you do not feel quite as adventurous, you may build your own custom hot dog for about the same price as the others. Also, the menu extends to bratwurst, Polish sausage, Italian sausage veggie dogs, veggie burgers, chili, and some of the best fries imaginable (seriously, the fries themselves deserve a Nashville Spotlight).

The prices are very respectful of a college budget. Each dog is about \$2.75 and a full meal (with fries and a beverage) will run you about six bucks, which, considering the friendly service and the view, is a price well paid. So, next time you want something other than the staples of fast food. Try heading down to Hot Diggity Dogs. It is perfect for lunch, and they stay open until 4:30 p.m. Check out the website at www.hotdiggitydogstn.com for more information.

SoundCheck at the Schermerhorn

Emily Cammer
Staff Writer

Trevecca Nazarene University in the heart of Music City U.S.A. – sounds great does it not? As students, rarely are we able to experience the amazing concerts that take place in Nashville all time, because most of our money goes to tuition and filling our gas tanks - until now that is.

The Schermerhorn Symphony Center in downtown Nashville reaches out to us college students by way of their SoundCheck program. SoundCheck allows students to register with the Schermerhorn to purchase two tickets for \$10.00 (that's a discount of at least \$40.00 off the regular price), 24 hours before a show. To register, all you need to do is send a copy of your class schedule to tickets@nashvillesymphony.org or bring it downtown to their box office. There is no card or anything to remember, just a log in name and password you create yourself to buy the tickets online. Each student registered can purchase up to two tickets, but do not get greedy, if you try to purchase more your order will be flagged and most likely canceled!

Not only does the Schermerhorn Symphony Center host the Grammy Award winning Nashville Symphony, but it has also been the host to artists such as LeAnn Rimes, Michael W. Smith and, Yo Yo Ma.

I encourage you all to go forth and experience music city and all it offers. Who knows, you may just find a new appreciation for classical music, or at least something fun to do on a college budget.

Movie Review: *Fireproof*

Emily Cammer
Staff Writer

Realistic storyline, humor, drama, action – all important parts of a movie, but how often do you go to a movie and only get one or two of those elements? Seldom does a film come out that has all of those parts. Even more scarce are movies that have all those components PLUS solid Christian morals and values.

Fireproof, starring Kirk Cameron (Growing Pains) and Erin Bethea (Facing the Giants) is a rare gem in a sea of rough gravel speckled with crude jokes, explicit language, and poor role models. Fireproof tells the all too true story of a seemingly happy couple who are actually headed

to divorce court. Firefighter Caleb Holt is a man's man; he puts away a third of his income to buy a boat, appreciates beautiful women (unfortunately not just his wife), and wants his wife to have the house clean and dinner on the table when he gets home from work. Ironically, his fire station claims the motto "Never Leave Your Partner Behind, Especially in a Fire"; however it is Caleb who struggles with that the most. Catherine Holt works in public relations in a hospital. She is a typical working woman, meaning she has no problem bringing home the bacon, but she would like her husband to help cook it once and awhile. Both Caleb and Catherine struggle to keep their wedding vows and are ready to throw in the towel on their sev-

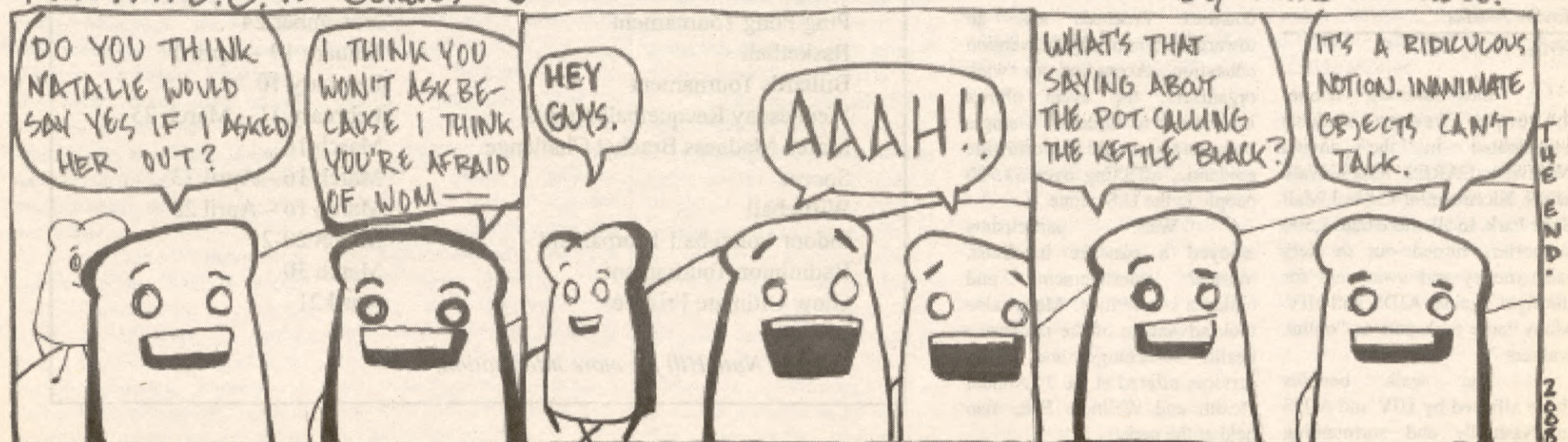
en year marriage. Caleb's father steps in and dares his son to give him forty days to turn his marriage around. By accepting the dare, Caleb goes on a journey that leads him to understand love in a whole new way. Along the way there are plenty of laughs, especially during a certain hot sauce drinking competition. You will have to go and see the movie to find out what happens at the end of the forty days.

Fireproof has a certain endearing quality not just because of its story, but its production as well. Fireproof was written and produced by Sherwood Baptist church in Albany, Georgia, some of whose members also starred in the film. This movie was made for about \$500,000 – to put that in perspective most movies are

made for at least \$60,000,000. All the acting, sets, wardrobe, make-up, and locations, were volunteered. That having been said, yes, some of the acting is a tad cheesy at times, but think of your church congregation making a movie. Sherwood Baptist has come a long way from their 2005 hit Facing the Giants, and with the success of Fireproof they have reached the untapped market of mainstream Christian films. Although Fireproof is currently the only movie in this new mainstream genre of Christian film, by supporting it we send the message that movies like this should be made and can be money-makers too. I encourage you all, married, dating, and single to go out and see this movie – support the ministry and become fireproof.

R.E.S.P.E.C.T. Comics #3

by Reno Chevalier



This Month in Nashville

Todd Osbourne

Writer

10/15; Cannery Ballroom, Donovan Frankenreiter with Sarah Watkins of Nickel Creek
10/19; 12th and Porter, Andy Osenga with Randall Goodgame & Andrew Peterson
10/19; Ryman Auditorium, Ray LaMontagne with Leona Naess
10/20; Cannery Ballroom, The Faint
10/21; Mercy Lounge, Cold War Kids with Delta Spirit and A.A. Bondy
10/21; Exit/In, Ingrid Michaelson, Meiko, Priscilla Ahn, Erin McCarley, Brooke Fraser & Katie Herzig
10/21; Schermerhorn, Edgar Meyer and Chris Thile
10/21; Bluebird Café, Regie Hamm, Ian Eskelin, Tiffany Arbuckle Lee, Jason Ingram
10/22; Mercy Lounge, Man Man

with Tim Fite

10/23; Mercy Lounge, Ben Kwell with Whitely
10/24; Mercy Lounge, The Features with Elle Macho
10/25; Wildhorse Saloon, Atmosphere
10/29; Exit/In, Buckethead with That 1 Guy
10/31; Ryman Auditorium, Drive-by Truckers & The Hold Steady with Bobby Bare Jr.
11/2; Ryman Auditorium, Sara Bareilles with Marc Broussard and Raining Jane
11/5; Exit/In, Margot & the Nuclear So and So's
11/6; Exit/In, Sleeping At Last
11/6; 3rd and Lindsley, Duncan Sheik with Lauren Pritchard
11/9; 3rd and Lindsley, Matthew Sweet, The Bridges
11/10; Ryman Auditorium, Brian Wilson
11/10; Mercy Lounge, Caalexico with Bowerbirds

Album Review: *Only by the Night* by Kings of Leon

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In America, where the reigning popular culture has a consciousness that refreshes every two seconds like the Drudge report, few rock bands ever get much time in the spotlight. When scanning over the Billboard charts for my column, I was unselfconsciously shocked to see that every song on the top ten was essentially one early-to-mid-twenties kid who, having no songwriting or compositional talents of their own, sings someone else's song over someone else's beat. Elsewhere in the world, Kings of Leon, a rock band in the strictest sense, cannot walk down a London street without being mobbed by scores of European fans. As they sing on their last album, 2006's *Because of the Times*, "Those rainy days ain't so bad when you're the King/The King they want to see." Their native country has appeared to have little regard for their Kings: previous efforts by the band have seen very little American success outside of 15-second samples on MTV's *Cribs*, and a soundtrack slot on the 2003 Farrelly brothers dungheap *Stuck On You*. While American critics degrade the Kings for their emulation of the robotic needling of popular New York acts The Strokes and Interpol on their first two albums, English fans elevate each album released by the band to top-three status on the U.K. Billboard album charts.

Through each album's mixed reviews, Kings of Leon have achieved a cult status in

their home country. Early Kings albums brought an old-fashioned template back to record stores that had been missing the ten or so years that rock fans were shoe-gazing their way through the grunge period. It was the same traditional four-piece band setup, but with yelp-heavy lead vocals from frontman Caleb Followill reminiscent simultaneously of Sid Vicious and Bob Dylan, Folk-inflected songwriting, and the kicker, that rock-and-roll swagger that used to be the main attraction for garage acts like The Rolling Stones. Critics responded accordingly, either loving or hating to their roots-y sound and Cream-style beards (common theses being "Rock is back!" or "Rock is not back yet!" respectively). More recently however, the Kings of Leon have evolved far past the confines of the garage with a bigger, fuller sound meant for everyone to hear, whether they like it or not.

The Kings say in interviews prior to the album's release that *Only By The Night* is an exercise in broadening musical tastes within the band while honing their sound to reflect their Southern roots. Listening to the album, you are hard-pressed to find a single moment that suggests the album's release party should be held at Ernest Tubbs'; though Kings of Leon may not realize it yet, the album is really a tribute to the late period of roots-rock, specifically the epic, arena-filling anthems of mid-eighties U2 and enough reverby guitars to rival My Morning Jacket's farm silo echo factory. Album opener

Movie Review: *Eagle Eye*

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This is my first film review; so before you read what I have to say I would like to speak a little about my ratings system. Some critics opt for the star method, at times cutting them in halves in the interest of integrity. Some give their thumbs up in approval, like the ancient Romans at the coliseum. But I like to assume you are going to see a movie just about once a week. So when I review movies, I say "Go see it" or "Don't go see it." Simple as that.

"She got hundreds of fire arms into my apartment, she added \$750,000 to my bank account, she helped me escape from a high security holding in the FBI in a way I'm not even going to try to explain because it sounds so crazy, and she called the phone of a stranger sitting next to me on a bus, I'd never even seen the guy before in my life." That is not an amusing sample of one of the worst lines in this film; that is probably the best line in this messy thriller helmed by television director D.J. Caruso. The words are spoken by Jerry Shaw, the movie's "seedy" main character (played by Hollywood wunderkind Shia LaBeouf) whose only seedy activity seems to be his lack of enthusiasm for his job as a copy assistant at a knock-off Kinko's. LaBeouf somehow manages to act his way past the unconvincing dialogue and lame mustache to the point where the audience almost—almost!—believes in his schlubby character, but the scene still is not good enough for the silver screen,

much less the plasma in the den. *Eagle Eye* tries to be the exciting thriller its executive producer Steven Spielberg typically makes; instead it is a convoluted mélange of recent blockbuster forms: there is a subplot involving terrorism where—get this—America is the bad guy, cars crash in unrealistically catastrophic ways in a few dizzying chase scenes, and boring CGI lulls its viewers softly asleep, or rather hopefully, back to the front desk to get their money back.

Director Caruso's previous work explains this film's predilection towards hackneyed plot developments and uninteresting camera work. He has a day job as a suspense television director, having worked on popular action series *Smallville*, *Over There*, and *The Shield*. With that in mind, it is easy to see how *Eagle Eye* goes wrong on more than one occasion. The camera is so focused on its subject that its new-school Bourne Identity-esque shakiness feels more like an afterthought than a pre-production design decision. Garish product placement distracts from potentially exciting moments in a Circuit City in one scene. Each unimaginative plot twist arrives right on time, as in a cookie-cutter TV script, but the grab bagging does not stop at forty-two minutes. No, this movie is much, much longer than that.

The film puts unassuming Jerry Shaw and a female named Rachel (played by the sometimes brilliant Michelle Monaghan; see *Kiss Kiss Bang Bang* and not *Made of Honor*) together on an all-expenses-paid trip through a military project

gone wrong. The two are just normal civilians: Jerry gambles, shambles, and rambles across the world, and Rachel has a son from a failed marriage. But they follow the directions given to them by a nameless woman on the other end of their cell phones, sometimes complaining, but usually complying, toting shotguns and stealing briefcases all the way to Washington D.C. where the climax of the movie awaits. Along the way, they are being tracked by the FBI and the Air Force. Wait—the Air Force? Yeah, the Air Force. The FBI is personified in Thomas Morgan, tracker of the stars, refreshingly played by Billy Bob Thornton. Sadly, his moments of screen time are too few, and are usually accompanied by Air Force special investigator Zoe Perez, played here in a bland turn by Rosario Dawson. It turns out the eponymous Eagle Eye is a military project apparently meant to heavy-handedly satirize the Patriot Act. It is an unoriginal idea characterized in *Aria*, a chick version of HAL 9000, the (spoiler alert!) computerized phone-caller controlling Jerry and Rachel like a puppeteer through the motions of a political upheaval. Everything meant to scintillate or shock is expected. Everything you thought you knew about drama remains unchanged. If you see this film, you will inevitably forget this film. Amid its pile of plot treacheries, conflicting ideologies scramble for face time with the audience, and the sentimental ending threatens to make this tortuous genre exercise choke to death on its own banality.

My rating: Do not go see it.

"Closer" is so unlike anything they have done, it almost made me take the CD out of the stereo, never to be listened to again. Lead single "Use Somebody" sounds, in its initial moments, like a Coldplay song, and it is definitely not good to sound like a pastiche of a band that is itself a pastiche of everything good and bad about arena rock. The comparisons to U.K. stadium-fillers are too obvious, and getting over that fact is a quick and painless step to enjoying one of the best rock albums of the year.

But do not get me wrong; the album does have its share of "Nashville" moments: guitar effects on "I Want You" recall Glen Campbell's simple soloing on late 60's megahits "Wichita Lineman" and "Galveston." And like Campbell, who famously weaved pop conventions into his country songs, Kings of Leon put

just the right amount of Louisiana Hot Sauce into their mélange of international 80's rock flavors. This newly evolved sound allows for wider instrumental versatility, too: remember that delayed bass on 2006 single "On Call"? "Revelry" sports an equally neat bassline, soaring up and down pentatonic scales like a tame Phish song, while "Manhattan" conjures up more memories of Bootsy Collins than Adam Clayton. *Only By The Night* looks from far away like a bad album, but the longer you spend in these songs, the more you hear the results of a solid rock band becoming something even greater: an international sign that rock-and-roll has never left the building.

The question remains: why aren't the Kings of Leon the biggest rock band in their home country? The answer could lie in a tangly web of recent rock-and-

roll shortcomings: file-sharing rampant in homes with high-speed internet access; the indie kids who would actually buy the record on vinyl are too busy trying to look like they do not care enough about music to spend their parents' money on anything but Toms and American Apparel hoodies; it is no one and everyone's fault. This writer thinks the problem lies within the psyche of the modern American teenager: mass apathy in virtually every facet of his life begs for rock songs to contemplate suicide, to forgo religion in lieu of amorphous "spirituality," to blur the lines of morality and gender until identity is just another list of bands they hate in their About Me. People do not listen to Kings of Leon because they do not know what good rock-and-roll looks like anymore. Another question arises: why is Coldplay famous? But that one's up to you.



Habitat for Humanity: Left: Allie Gray mastering the saw. Above: The crew hammers nails into a board. Below: Clifton Smith, Anne Royster, and Andrew Crimmins hammer atop the Habitat house frame. Bottom: Samantha Baker and Rachel Brenneman equipped to drill.



Global Support Mission Dodgeball Tournament
Above: (left to right) Jared Usrey, Brian Wong, Andrew Crimmins, and Kevin Sample prepare for the throw.
Below: Will Knowles launches a dodgeball.

