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Wed., October 8th

9a - 3p Vote for Homecoming Court
5p - 6p Student Appreciation Day

Thurs., October 9th

7p Lip Sync

Friday, October 10

1p Alumni Golf Tournament
5p - 6.3p Tailgate Party
Wesley Commons Lawn
6p Alumni/Student Volleyball
6.3p - 7.3p Alumni Choir Rehearsal
Townsend Auditorium

Saturday, October 11

9a - 10a Golden Club Reception
Blakeslee Hall
9.3a - 11a Homecoming Registration
Old College
10a "Keeping the Faith" Book Signing - *Old College*
10a Alumni Softball Game
Athens Regional Park
10a - 5p Student Art Exhibit
Elliott Hall
10.3a Dedication of Rankin Hudson Memorial
11a - 11.3a Choir Concert
Townsend Hall
11.3a - 1.3p - Picnic Lunch
Nocatula Gardens
12.3p Alumni Baseball Game
Jack Bowling Field
1p Women's Soccer Game
Homecoming king and queen will be announced at half time
1p Student Art Exhibit Reception
Elliott Hall Gallery 110
2p Class of 1958 Reunion
Elliott Hall Common Room
2p Class of 1983 Reunion
Lawrence Hall Parlor
3p Men's Soccer Game
4p - 5p Hall of Fame/Former Coaches Reception - *Gymnasium*
5.3p Awards Banquet & Dinner
Sherman Dining Hall
8p - 10p Young Alumni Gathering
Jenkins Grille & Market

All-Star Homecoming 2008

Office of Alumni Relations
A New Exponent Special

TWC is hosting an All-Star Homecoming October 10 and 11, 2008, with a schedule full of family friendly activities. Events include a golf tournament, tailgate party, dedication of the Rankin Hudson memorial, alumni/student choir concert, picnic lunch, awards dinner and banquet, and a young alumni gathering at Jenkins Grille & Market.

This year's Homecoming events honor the all-stars of TWC who have given so much of themselves to the college. The dedication of the Rankin Hudson Memorial Saturday will honor Hudson and his wife, Helen, for

their contributions to TWC and its football program in the 1940s and 1950s. Loyal family, friends and alumni have also established a scholarship in memory of them – the Rankin and Helen Hudson Endowed Scholarship. Burkett Witt, a long time TWC staff member and former mayor of Athens, will also be honored at the Class of 1958 reunion. The Class of 1958 recently instituted the Burkett Witt Endowed Scholarship in his honor.

The weekend celebration kicks off Friday at 1 p.m. with the annual Homecoming Golf Tournament at Springbrook Golf & Country Club and continues on campus later that evening with a

tailgate party and dinner.

The Friday evening tailgate party will feature local bluegrass band Just Us and music by Chris Hennessee. The event will also honor special guests Burkett Witt, the Class of 1958 and Sigma Kappa Sorority.

Saturday's schedule is full of opportunities for alumni and friends to enjoy the college's beautiful campus. The day begins with a reception for the Golden Club Alumni and is filled with athletic events, including an alumni softball game, alumni baseball game and TWC men's and women's soccer games, where the Homecoming king and queen will be crowned.

Other events planned for

Saturday include a book signing for "Keeping the Faith: A history of Tennessee Wesleyan College 1857-2007," TWC student art exhibit, dedication of the Rankin Hudson Memorial, the alumni/student choir concert, reunions for the Classes of 1958 and 1983, a reception for Hall of Fame members and former TWC coaches, the awards banquet and dinner and a young alumni gathering. The awards banquet and dinner will feature the inductions of five TWC Athletic Hall of Fame members and the presentation of the Outstanding Young Alumnus Award, Distinguished Alumnus Award and the Friend of Wesleyan Award.

TWC Has Topped Itself

By Janessa Stultz
SGA Secretary

The official numbers are in, and Tennessee Wesleyan College has shattered its all-time record for number of enrolled students, as well as the number of students living on campus. With a total of 324 students living on campus, Wesley Commons, the newest dorm, is a welcome addition to TWC. Much excitement is centered on the record enrollment of 988 students. The new men and women's lacrosse teams have also added extensively to growth in the athletic department, and the high enrollment of students in general will bring many new and exciting things to this campus.

Several plans are the works for TWC. The new entrance has been completed, and there are intentions to build a new Student Activities Center on the current volleyball-court within the next few years. Improvements have been made in relation to sports, such as the installation of the soccer and lacrosse field houses on the field

at the top of the hill.

When asking the Assistant Dean of Students, Angie Wilcox, what the new numbers will do for improving student activities, she responded that the higher number of students means slightly greater activity fees. Ms. Wilcox has plans in the works for more interactive events with the expecta-

tion of a higher participation from students, including the possibility of a hypnotist this year. Some activities forthcoming are homecoming games and events such as the Bulldog Olympics, Lip Sync, and the Banner Design Contest. Each of these activities are

purported to be bigger and better than ever because this year at TWC, we are setting records. When asking Kathryn Paden, Director of Residence Life, what the increase in student numbers does for the residence halls, she echoed much of what Angie Wilcox had to say about student activities.



Photo by Tara Fleury

With more people living on campus, we can expect a higher participation of students in activities. Each residence hall puts on at least two activities per month. "You can see the impact the increase in numbers has had on our Residence Life program-

ming just by looking at the Ice Cream Olympics this year," Paden said. "Although this was the 4th annual Ice Cream Olympics, this was, by far, the best one because it ran smoothly. We look forward to higher participation in other events because these students seem to be more aware and interested in participating."

The number of students attending Tennessee Wesleyan greatly improves the campus in different areas simply because more students generate a higher interest in activities. This higher interest can, in turn, improve campus life. While some of the projects the campus has in mind will take more long-term planning and donations before it can be brought to fruition - such as a new Student Activity Center - other simple aspects of the campus will be changing rather quickly - such as the number of activities available to students year-round. The next goal on Tennessee Wesleyan's list will more-than-likely be to break 1,000 in the number of enrolled students on this campus.



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Back to the Issues

Mallory Hayes
Staff Writer

In this 2008 Presidential Election season, more than ever is the media preceding personal issues ahead of political policies. The two principle candidates, Senator John McCain of Arizona and Senator Barack Obama of Illinois, have each been drilled with everything from anger management and health conditions to racial comments, religious affiliation and even spousal conduct. For the most part, these topics have little, if anything, to do with the ability of the individuals to govern an administration or to enforce the laws of Congress.

For some Americans, however, the personal factors will play a major role in the decision they will make on November 4. Many view these well-publicized personal issues as indications of the candidates' character. A candidate's integrity, morals, and charisma are sometimes looked on as more important than the direction in which he or she plans to move the country. Many people simply want a president they can trust.

For other voters, however, issues that have little to do with political

policies are taking up too much of the spotlight. The Commander-In-Chief, after all, is in charge of enforcing legislation, not of displaying America's model behavior. Both Senators McCain and Obama support their parties' platforms and hold contrasting views on the issues of healthcare, taxes, abortion rights, and other vital policies, which are the real issues for many Americans who are concerned with what the candidate can do for the country and the individual.

Luckily, the meat of the policy issues is more readily available than ever before. Growing internet-literacy across America has turned the Web into a viable weapon in the battle over voters. The policy views of each candidate are available through the campaigns' websites, as well as independent sites that wish to inform voters and get them back to the basics of what electing the next President should be about. However, beware of false information floating around the internet, so voters be wary of the legitimacy of each and every website. Happy voting.

Visit <http://electoral-vote.com/> for up-to-date information on who is ahead in the presidential race.

Dr. Doug's Dozen

Dr. Douglas Manley
Faculty Contributor

Top Twelve Things you might not hear in southeast Tennessee--

12. Dolly's really not all that.
11. The washer and dryer should probably be in the house.
10. We don't need any blocks for the car.
9. That gun rack is trashy.
8. I'm worried about keeping my own teeth.
7. I don't have any cousins.
6. We need to watch our cholesterol out there at the Cracker Barrel.
5. Football is no big deal.
4. Orange is not all that great a color.
3. We should have a state income tax.
2. We don't need a Wal-Mart.

And the number one thing you might not hear in southeast Tennessee--

1. We don't need a satellite dish in front of our mobile home.

The Olympics

Brittany Tipton
Staff Writer

Faculty, hall staff and residents all gathered behind Fowler Hall on Tuesday, September 16 for the Fourth Annual Ice Cream Olympics. Seven thrilling events made the evening unforgettable, including the Root Beer Float Relay, Jellybean Pie contest, and many others. Those who participated did not escape clean, whether it be from hurling bits of ice cream to bursting balloons with chocolate syrup and oil. The evening finished up with the highly competitive Ice Cream Eating contest, which was a blast.



SGA Is Going to D.C.

Lonnie Mays
Staff Writer

The student government association is offering students the opportunity of visiting Washington, D.C. during fall break, October 22-26. The trip only cost the students \$150. This includes transportation to D.C., lodging and most of the meals. Hopefully you are taking advantage of this chance to visit our capitol city.

This year's guests will have the opportunity to visit Congress, The Pentagon, The Washington Monument and Arlington Cemetery. Last year's guests visited the Pentagon and stood at ground zero, the part of the building hit during the 9/11 attacks. This room is now a memorial to those whom lost their lives on that tragic day. They also met Senator Bob Corker inside the rotunda of the Capitol.

As a group they visited the Washington Monument, Arlington Cemetery, and the Kennedy Center. From the top of the Washington Monument you will see spectacular views of the city.

The Washington Monument is a free-standing block building; no cement was used in its construction. The memorial was in construction before the Civil War and was completed in 1884. The Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials,



Photo By Sarah Roy

Congress, and the White house are the four points of the compass. You might even catch a glimpse of George W. at the White House.

Tennessee Wesleyan College was honored at the changing of

the wreath ceremony at the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington Cemetery. Dean Mashburn is hoping to have this ceremony again this year. Arlington is also the home of Robert E. Lee and a memorial is there in his honor. The cemetery is also the resting place

were entertained by the National Symphony Orchestra. This very enjoyable concert was preceded by dinner at the Kennedy Center. It was an outstanding display of music in motion.

Getting around Washington is an adventure in itself. The visitors were shuttled in the hotel bus to the Metro terminal. The Metro, a subway system, or the "Train of Death" as it is called, took a little getting used to riding.

As mentioned earlier, the students dined at the Kennedy Center, and the food was fantastic. Their first night was dinner in the hotel dining room; the two other nights were spent at the ESPN Zone and a local seafood buffet. ESPN was a meal fit for a king with course after course brought to the table. The local buffet was more like what the king would serve when hosting a group of other world leaders.

Most importantly, there is plenty of time to explore the monuments such as: the Smithsonian, Library of Congress, Ford's Theater, the Supreme Court etc. This is a trip that will bring no disappointment.

At the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, students

BULLDOGS SPORTS

Sports Roundup

Autumn Lowry
Assistant Editor

Wesleyan's Cross Country team, coached by Ray Stone, is doing very well this season, making improvements with every practice and meet. The group consists of a men's team and a women's team who run an average of seven miles a day or more with upper body weight training on Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays. Needless to say, cross-country is an intense sport that demands a lot of endurance and hard work of its athletes.

The team has had four meets thus far and has three to go with their season end-

ing on November 8. At their most recent meet, the men's cross-country team won first place at Maryville College. Congratulations, Bulldogs and good luck on the conclusion of your season!

With two wins and a tied game under their belt, the men's soccer team was thrilled to win their first conference game against Bluefield College in two years! The Men's Bulldog Soccer Team has about 20 new freshmen and a new head coach. Coach Lyons has a new method and coaching system, which the men's team is striving to get adjusted to so that they can improve the team. Good luck Bulldogs!

The women's soccer team has had four wins, with three of those being conference wins. The Lady Bulldogs' soccer team returns this year with the same coach, Naomi Clark. They only lost one varsity starter last season due to graduation, but the team has gained many new girls who can really hold their own on the soccer field. Let us hope these talented ladies can continue doing well the rest of the season! Best wishes Lady Bulldogs!

Our Volleyball team, coached by Toby Brooks, has had five wins this year. The Bulldogs volleyball team has at least ten new editions to the team and is hard at work.

Congrats to Cross-Country



Photo by Josh Boggess

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Sutton Says

Jessica Sutton
Staff Writer

Alcohol awareness? If you already aren't aware, you are the most naïve college ever. Surprisingly, there are more parties, according to some statistics, for small, private colleges than there are in large universities.

Almost every night you'll have a chance to go to a party, whether it be at school night or not. Alcohol and drugs will almost assuredly be there. The ever-expanding freshman class (most of which are minors) has just as much access to alcohol than the twenty-two year old seniors, it seems. With the newness of college, students want to try everything. They have no parental restrictions anymore, so the younger students are more likely to get in trouble. All new college students are itching to bend the rules. You know it's true.

Proportionally, small cam-

pus have more parties than larger campuses - probably because they are too taboo and everyone loves to break the rules. In August, sixteen underage Tennessee Wesleyan Students were busted at a party; they had the honor of having their names in the Daily Post Athenian: on the front page. Humiliating, no? It's a method of discouraging this kind of partying. Administration and the community are willing to do whatever it takes to keep you kids safe, because it seems nothing else has worked yet. Think about how much you are risking partying every night.

Even if you don't care about public embarrassment, your grades will drop tremendously; too much partying means less time to study. So go out and have fun if you must: just make school your number one priority.

Must-Download Song

Song: 10 Dollar
Artist: M.I.A.

Must-See Youtube Video

"The REAL Sarah Palin!"

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Letter to the Student Body

Jon M. Heatherly
Editor-in-Chief

Let me begin by saying welcome to all the new faces at Tennessee Wesleyan College, and welcome back to returning students and faculty/staff, alike. I am also a new face at Wesleyan. This new school year brings with it many new aspects to the TWC experience, and I would like to share some things you can expect from The New Exponent.

First, in an effort to remain competitive with other schools and take the voice of the student body into the 21st century, I am pleased to announce that The New Exponent intends to launch a website by or before the fall term of 2009. This website will include area activities and hangouts, the latest TWC news, and many other exciting features in which to look forward.

With that said, the

newspaper staff also has some open positions available. We are in search of an online editor, a sports editor, and we are always looking for more staff writers and contributors to the newspaper. If you are interested in writing and would like to be a voice among your peers, this might just be the place for you.

Most importantly, you should expect some things out of your campus newspaper. We at The New Exponent represent the student body. If you have something that needs addressing, want to write a letter to the editor, or just have questions or comments, feel free to send an email to newexponent@live.com. Let me finish by sharing a quote by Samuel Johnson: "Few things are impossible to diligence and skill. Great works are performed not by strength, but perseverance."

Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Love

Brittany Tipton
Staff Writer

Born in California and Tennessee-educated, Dr. Eric Love is the new Assistant Professor of Theater and Speech. He hopes to revive the theater program at Tennessee Wesleyan and bring passion for theater arts into the students' lives. Dr. Love intends to expand the minds of students to have a broader outlook into theater, motivate and move the community, and "give voices to the voiceless". When asked what he likes most about TWC, he couldn't choose just one thing. "There's just so much to like here," said Dr. Love.

Dr. Love is also the figurehead for the newly-formed Theater

Club on campus, and he wants to get as much student involvement as possible on campus. Theater Club meetings are Tuesday and Thursday nights in Townsend from 5:30pm until 7:00pm, and

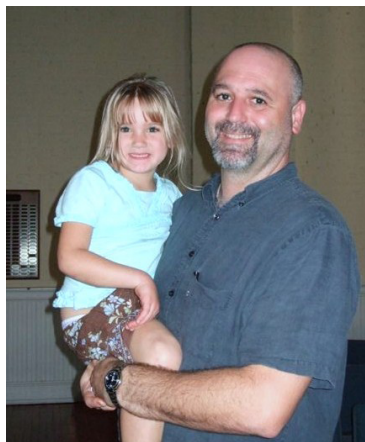


Photo by Tara Fleury

everyone is welcome. Attending does not mean that a student has made a commitment, and folks are welcome to come late or leave early. So, for anyone who might be interested, just stop by and see for yourself. They would be happy to have you.

With over twenty years of theater experience, Dr. Love has a lot to contribute to TWC. Dr. Love received an English major from Sewanee University, located on the Cumberland Plateau; he obtained his Masters at the University of Texas, and his PH.D from the University of Missouri. It is safe to say that Tennessee Wesleyan College has a obtained an indispensable asset to its faculty.

Getting Involved

Karessa Cunningham
Staff Writer

Getting involved in collegiate sports, clubs and organizations is the best way to enjoy one's college experience. Becoming active in at least one or two clubs or activities is the best way to manage time between different activities and school while meeting new people and potentially unleashing a hidden talent that could lead to a career.

Most college students have trouble managing their time. Between the rigors of Psychology or

History, for example, and the burning desire to hang out with friends and exercise the freedoms of being in college, many students find themselves focusing either solely on schoolwork or their social status. In fact, many students have been forced to develop better time management skills in order to keep grades up and still have free time.

For those who find themselves more introverted, becoming involved in the school is an excellent way to socialize within the same sort of people with which he or she would normally associate. Getting involved inhibits that person from locking

themselves up their room and sitting on Facebook wishing someone would add them and thrust them into society. For those who are more extroverted, it merely means that there are a few more people one can add to his or her list of friends.

Although you may not be the next Tyra Banks gracing the runway, become an overnight sensation through Theater Club, or make the Dean's List, getting involved can give you a great college experience. The only way to find out is to "give it the ol' college try," and see what happens.

Challenges of Commuting

Meredith Galyon
Copy Editor

When thinking of college, most students envision a residence hall. However, for some students on campus residence isn't always an option. These students are known as commuters.

Perhaps one of the biggest problems of commuting is parking availability. Even though there has been a new parking lot was constructed, some students are still finding it hard to get a spot. On being asked what the most difficult part about commuting, Shane Hawkins, who commutes over an hour to and from school every day stated "No place to park."

Reflecting on the issue of parking availability, Dean Mashburn, who oversees the monitoring of the parking lots, said that contrary to what most students think, there are plenty of available spots. "We have been monitoring parking all year, and there is available parking campus-wide," said Mashburn. "We have been utilizing the Arts Center, which offers forty additional spots; the tennis courts on North Jackson, which offers at least ten spots, lots behind the Koinonia House, and also a gravel parking lot accessible off of Ingleside [Avenue]."

He attributes the issue to the fact that some students are not willing to walk an extra couple of yards to class from a farther parking spot. "It's more of a convenience issue than an availability issue," said Mashburn. "We've added two hundred spots in the last two years, but we're limited and landlocked." Mashburn also wanted to point out that the faculty and staff

were asked to move to perimeter parking, behind buildings such as Sherman and Townsend, to give students more access to more convenient lots.

If a student ever has a problem with parking, Dean Mashburn would be more than willing to help them out. "I often tell students to meet with me and I will take them to find a parking place," said Mashburn.

Traveling far distances is also an issue. Dustin Ash agreed that while parking was a major difficulty, getting up early and driving over fifty miles back and forth was a major setback for him. Felicia Kassak, who commutes here from Knoxville every day, is also affected by the unpleasant routine of getting up especially early and driving an hour to school, but she has also found another problem. "Hundred year old people driving in front of you on the interstate," Kassak added. "They go so slow and make it harder for me to get here on time."

Another problem some commuters encounter is finding motivation to focus on schoolwork when they aren't always on campus. "It's harder to focus on studies when you're not at school," said Amber Franks. "It's like having to put forth an extra trip to school when you know you need to study, but it has to be done."

Hopefully as the semester progresses, commuters will learn to live with the stresses that come along with not being a campus resident.

Transition

Amanda Gamble
Staff Writer

There was once an old saying that promises optimism to a certain new beginning of everyone's lives, "Change is good." This statement is especially poignant for those incoming freshman who have traveled to Tennessee Wesleyan College in search of a place to further their education, and I couldn't agree more with the old geezer who first penned this quote on paper.

Ironically, that same old geezer did not take into account the various sacrifices and triumphs, that we, as a whole, would have to consider in our role as incoming freshmen, nor did he foresee the upcoming challenges that we must face in our journey to obtain the final product of those struggles, the product that denotes as well as determines our future role in the working world. At the beginning of our individual journeys, we each started at a different spot in the road, fresh out of

high school, holding a roadmap that is scribbled with many different arrows, each pointing to a specific location in our lives. Some may cross paths and others may not; yet the point of perspective will never be lost. Each of us is connected by a shared goal, each beginning from a hope to further our knowledge and ending in a desire to share the fruits of our labor to a world in which our ideas could craft a better world for future generations. It is, however, up to the individual to make that decision set the wheels of determination into motion, and motion into willpower. Without these as a basis for an education, we are left absent of a common goal. Eventually, we will lose sight of our own dreams and ambitions, leading us only back to the drawing board with more questions than answers. Consequently, the dream should never be impossible nor should it be too far away to grasp.



Cedar Springs Methodist Church's Annual

FALL FESTIVAL

November 15, 2008
7:30am - 12:30 pm

Serving breakfast all day, Cedar Springs Methodist Church is hosting their annual Fall Festival.

Drop by and purchase some fresh produce, baked goods, or make your own coffee and tea all in time for Thanksgiving. To reach the festival, go to Co. Rd. 700 on Cedar Springs Road at the city limit sign. It's the white church on the top of the hill just down from Wheatland Hills.

For further information contact Tara Fleury at 368-7484.

