

THE COLUMNS

OCTOBER 2004

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FOR THE FACULTY AND STAFF OF TENNESSEE WESLEYAN COLLEGE

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ...

Oct. 3, 3 p.m.

Old College

Art exhibit opening
& reception

HOMECOMING

Oct. 15

Dwain Farmer Memorial
Golf Tournament
Barbecue and Bluegrass

Oct. 16

Hall of Fame Brunch
Reunions –
'48 & '49, '54, '64, '74
Golden Club Reception
Rankin Hudson Football
Reunion
Homecoming Banquet

Mandy Barnett Concert

7:30 p.m., Townsend

Tickets are still available –
contact Susan Buttram

Oct. 21 & 22

Fall Break

Oct. 27 – 29

Trinity UMC

“Wesley and Stewardship
Conference”



Student Ambassadors volunteering at the Downtown Fiesta last weekend.

KUDOS!

Congratulations to **Dr. Jim Schiavoni**! A piece that he wrote on Edmund Spenser's "Augustine" will be included in the newest volume of "Spenser Studies," a journal devoted to the study of Spenser and the poetry of Renaissance England. This fall, Dr. Schiavoni is teaching an innovative and interdisciplinary online course in conjunction with faculty members at Montreat College, Bryan College and Lee University on the Romantic period. This project was developed through a \$10,000 ACA grant to foster the use of technology in effective teaching.

After receiving an ACA "shadow grant" to observe a faculty member from Lee University conduct a three-week student tour of Northern Europe, **Julie Jack-**

Warren is planning an art study tour for Tennessee Wesleyan students and other interested individuals to Florence, Italy, and Tuscany in November 2005.

Eccellente!

Linda Garza and nine students from her Advanced Human Services Skills class participated in the United Way of McMinn County's Day of Caring on September 30.

On September 23, **Angie Mayfield** and this year's **Student Ambassadors** participated in the Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network (RAINN) national campaign to prevent sexual assault and violence against young people. The Ambassadors also volunteered at a recent college fair and the Downtown Fiesta. They

will help fight Alzheimer's disease on Oct. 3 with their participation in the Memory Walk.

The enrollment numbers for fall 2004 are official, and the College saw an increase of 6% over fall 2003 in the Athens Day Program and a 58% increase in first-time freshmen over last year!

If you've noticed that the salads are fresher and the food tastes better in the dining hall, you have **Rachel Taylor**, Aramark's new director of Food Service at Tennessee Wesleyan, to thank. Faculty, staff and students have all commented on the improved quality of the meals since Rachel's arrival – the banana pudding this fall has been divine.

Blake and Julie McCaslin returned to school this fall to begin work on their MBAs at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. Blake is pursuing an emphasis in marketing while Julie is concentrating on human resources.

Editor's note: *This is certainly not an exhaustive list of the accomplishments of the College's faculty and staff. If you deserve some kudos or know of someone on the faculty or staff who does, please share this information with Gina Bever at gbever@twcnet.edu, so she can include these items in the next issue of The Columns.*

AROUND THE QUAD



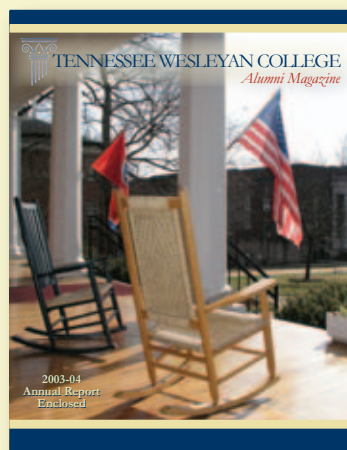
Nathan Presswood
Admissions Counselor

Within the last couple of weeks, the Office of Admissions recently added a new counselor, **Nathan Presswood**. He graduated from the College in May with degree in church vocations with an emphasis in church camps and recreation. Nathan is the lead singer in the Christian rock band “ahundredfold” and also plays guitar and bass guitar. He and his wife of nearly three years Melissa, who also graduated from Tennessee Wesleyan in May with a degree in psychology, live in Athens. She is currently working on her master’s degree in school counseling at Lee University. So far Nathan enjoys being an admissions counselor. With the slow economy and current job market, Nathan said he “was really afraid that I was going to end up working in a factory or in retail or something I really hated, so I was glad to get to do something that involves helping people.”

OTHER NEWS

USA TODAY ALL-USA COLLEGE ACADEMIC TEAM

USA TODAY is currently accepting nominations for its First, Second and Third Teams of the All-USA College Academic Team. The selected students will be featured in a two-page, color spread in the newspaper in February 2005, and the 20 members of the First Team will be awarded \$2,500 each. If you would like to nominate a student who is at least a sophomore and who not only excels in scholarship but also in leadership roles on- and off-campus, please contact Gina Bever at 746.5311 or gbever@twcnet.edu for a nomination form. All nominations must be postmarked by Nov., 30, 2004.



If you haven't received the 2004 Summer issue of the *Alumni Magazine*, including the *2003-04 Annual Report* or the 2004 Homecoming Brochure, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations.



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