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Freshmen study in Ireland

BY CHRISTIANNA LUY
NEWS EDITOR

London, Ireland, Hong Kong and Spain are just a few of the off-campus study abroad options available for students to participate in during their four year experience at Taylor. Immersion programs such as these provide a variety of opportunities to observe foreign cultures, experience unfamiliar living arrangements, take classes with international students and build new friendships.

This year, because of the work of the admissions office, the popular Irish studies program has expanded to allow first-semester freshmen the option of spending the semester in Ireland, taking various general education courses. Other courses also include Irish culture and history and Irish literature.

Before departing for Ireland the freshmen students came to campus for six days during which they had a welcome banquet, met the new president, completed required

testing and spent time with the Ireland faculty.

"The idea is to take a group of students who desire a Christian liberal arts education and allow them to broaden their concepts of education, faith and culture by immediately immersing them into this unique experience first," said Amy Barnett, admissions coordinator of communications.

Student academic growth, however, will not be limited to a classroom; instead students will travel the country, experiencing the Irish people, fine arts and natural wonders of Ireland.

"We got to experience the things we learned in the classroom with trips to a 5,000 year-old Neolithic passage tomb, Northern Ireland, the Skelligs (a monastic retreat perched on rocks several miles off the coast of Kerry) and a famine village on Achill Island. That's just scratching the surface," said senior Megan Elder.

Studying in Ireland also offers a break from normal everyday hectic activities.

"I loved how the program was set up to allow so much personal time. I didn't feel the stress of meetings or academics. Instead, I had the chance to really discover who I was. For the first time in three years of running around and being super-involved at Taylor, I had the chance to relax. In such an environment, I could connect with God in a fresh way," said Elder.

Every year a rigorous application process is conducted for students interested in the Irish Studies Program. Applicants are evaluated based upon a written application, personal interview, letters of recommendation and GPA.

"Ireland will definitely put you out of your comfort zone. That's what it's all about! You will come away from the semester as a more independent, mature and well-rounded individual. Chances are the experience will alter your worldview forever," said junior Jess Beck.



Photo by Jim Garringer

New freshmen gather on the Helena steps for a group photo in August, prior to departing for a semester in Ireland.



File photo by Katy Mann

Sophomore Lindsay Harkins paints playground equipment during Community Plunge 2004.

Students plunge into serving

BY CHRISTIANNA LUY
NEWS EDITOR

For the past 12 years "Sharing the gospel and love of Jesus Christ throughout the community" has been the mantra for the Community Outreach branch of the Taylor Student Organization. The Plunge has been going strong because the task of sharing the gospel of Christ weighs on the hearts of students campus-wide.

The first Community Plunge took place in 1993 as part of New Student Orientation. Over the years, the number of partici-

pating upperclassmen, faculty and staff has risen, causing the program to explode into a widely anticipated campus event.

Last year an astounding 600 people from Taylor were sent out into the community ready and willing to paint fire hydrants and curbs, wash fire trucks, garden, sort clothing at Helping Hands, pick up trash, visit the nursing home and much more.

This year Community Plunge will occur on September 1 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. To participate in the one day event, students can sign up for spe-

cific times and locations in the Dining Commons August 30-31. Orientation groups can sign up together. Participating in Community Plunge completes requirements New Student Orientation. Participants also receive a T-shirt.

More important than the T-shirt is the experience of serving according to Taylor World Outreach secretary Lisa Beneke.

"Working side by side with other freshmen and getting to know people in the community," said Beneke.

Advice before meeting advisers

BY CHRISTIANNA LUY
NEWS EDITOR

Registrar LaGatha Adkison and her team have worked all summer preparing schedules and doing graduation audits. According to Adkison, the registrar's expectations for advisers are three-fold.

1. Advisers cultivate personal relationships with students.

Every student is assigned an advisor within their particular department of study. Most advisers will teach their advisees at some point. Advisers are not only genuinely interested in their advisee's interests, goals and personal stories, but they are also great assets for student encouragement and advice.

They also describe how general education courses and faith and learning coincide.

2. Advisers offer career counseling and department information.

Advisers help acquaint students with their department of study. They keep students updated on general education and major course requirements, help students define their career aspirations and often suggest opportunities for involvement within the department. Since students should not expect their advisers to contact them for scheduling or dropping/adding classes, they should check in with them occasionally.

3. Advisers help prepare class schedules.

Advisers can aid in creating semester and J-term schedules that complete general education requirements in a timely manner. Advisers will also distribute curriculum guides so students can plan their schedules before meeting together. Although students must build a four year course plan, advisers still oversee course choices and course times so students can ideally graduate in four years.

Freshmen will meet Monday at 1 p.m. with advisers in their department of study. This time will provide students the opportunity to meet department faculty, understand the purposes of advising and learn more about their department.

Talking @ Taylor

BY CHRISTIANNA LUY
NEWS EDITOR

Taylor is notorious for acronyms. Students' sentences are usually peppered with short spoken versions of buildings, people, campus events and interest groups. Here are the most regularly used acronyms.

PA: Personnel Assistant. PAs plan special events and assist in creating a positive atmosphere on their wings/floors.

DA: Discipleship Assistant. DAs work closely with PAs and assist in creating a nurturing spiritual community on their wings.

DC: Dining Commons or Discipleship Coordinator. These coordinators help all the DAs in their dorm with spiritual growth in residence life.

Lighthouse: January (interterm) missions trips.

Hoe's: Ivanhoe's of course! It's also a great place to gain the freshman 15...

SAC: Student Activities Council. This TSO group plans the majority of our campus activities.

TSO: Taylor Student Organization. TSO encompasses many on-campus leadership groups.

TWO: Taylor World Outreach. TWO helps mobilize students for ministry in their communities, on campus and throughout the world.

ICC: Inter Class Council. ICC includes representatives from every class that comprise the student government.

The Loop: Vayhinger Circle; Better known as the one mile road around the campus.

Mu Kappa: Campus group for missionary and third culture students.

LTC: Life Together Covenant. A core university document establishing the foundation of our community. This is signed by all students and staff.

Airband: Lip sync and choreographed dance contest during homecoming week. It is one of the most popular activities for the student body.

ETC: Educational Technology Center. The ETC is located in the Reade Center.

WOW: World Opportunities Week. This one week event promotes global Christian ministry and service opportunities.

TDO: Taylor Disabilities Outreach. This TWO branch allows students to work with individuals with special needs.

If you're looking for a job...

Chapel Projectionist: Project sound lyrics and announcements with Power Point during chapel or events. Contact Patty Stigers at 85360.

Delivery Clerk: Get mail from Upland post office, sort packages, record information and deliver mail to the dorms. Two positions are available. Contact Bev Klepser at 85219.

Phonathon Caller: Call TU alumni Monday through Thursdays. Students choose desired work nights. Contact David Ritchie at 85397.

Dining Commons: Jobs are available at the salad bar, washing dishes and cleaning. Several positions are currently open. Contact Connie Magers at 84679.

Office Assistant: Secretary for campus pastor and counseling center director. Applications are available in the Campus Ministries Office. Contact Randy Gruendyke at 85360.

For more job opportunities, visit <http://online.tayloru.edu/Admin/JobOpportunities/>

Welcome weekend 2005 schedule at a glance

Friday

7:00 p.m.: Dedication Service (Rediger Auditorium)
A special time of commitment for both students and parents to enjoy together.

8:00 p.m.: Let's Get Acquainted

Please wear your nametags!
Freshmen - Odle Gym
Transfers - Meeting Room in the Student Union

Saturday

1:00-4:00 p.m.: Students' Orientation Activities
Students will meet by their Orientation groups and participate in outdoor group activities, including the Escape to Reality adventure course. Please dress appropriately.

5:00 - 9:00 p.m.: BBQ Dinner and Hoedown (Gym parking lot; Dining Commons in case of rain) Dress "Western style" and meet your orientation group at dinner. Prizes for the best costumes.

Sunday

10:00 a.m.: Morning Worship Service (Rediger Auditorium)

Afternoon and Evening: Faculty Home Visits
Orientation groups will visit in the homes of faculty and staff. These visits will take place at various times (in one hour blocks) throughout the afternoon. Check with your orientation group leader for times and locations.

Listen to your elders

BY NATE BAGGETT
FEATURES EDITOR

Your tires role to a stop on the hot pavement outside a Taylor dorm; the clock strikes 9 a.m. on one of the biggest days of your young adult life. A streak of green blurs your vision as you step out of your mom and dad's SUV. Just like that all your belongings are moved, to your new home for the next nine months.

Welcome to college. Taylor is more than one of the highest rated institutions in the Mid-

west. It is an experience that, as a freshman, you are yet to understand

The green blur and fast-paced day of which new students move in is part of a larger experience known as Welcome Weekend. Everyone goes through it, and everyone has something to say about it.

Four different campus leaders with four different experiences, and four different perspectives offer valuable wisdom on how to enjoy these very first weeks of school.

Sophomore Ryan Anderson reminisced about move-in day

and said, "Be yourself. I'm reminded of a country song that says, it's 'better to be hated for who you are, than to be loved for who you're not.'" While first impressions can be key, don't put pressure on yourself to impress everyone. Instead, just be real and you'll be respected more for it in the long run."

Junior Sarah Poelstra said, "I remember feeling so busy, but it was good because it didn't give me time to miss home so much."

Orientation leader Erin Hinnen agreed, saying that no freshmen should be nervous because

everyone is nervous, and all new students are in the same boat.

Hinnen thought back to her days as a freshman during Welcome Weekend, remembering impromptu slip n' slides and the chance to interact with her fellow freshmen. One of her favorite events was the hallowed Taylor tradition known as the Saturday night hoedown.

"Don't feel self-conscious, dress up. It's a fun event where everyone gets together," Hinnen said. Just as quickly as it starts Welcome Weekend ends.

NSO immerses freshmen

BY NATE BAGGETT
FEATURES EDITOR

The New Student Orientation program was created to aid new students as they integrate into college life by addressing their needs, concerns and interests. The program also assists students in better understanding themselves by examining their relationships with God, family and friends. It also develops students' small group communication skills.

One of the most crucial elements of New Student Orientation is an annual event known as Welcome Weekend. This year Welcome Weekend will involve approximately 80 Orientation leaders under the new leadership of Shawnda Freer.

Freer is a 1991 graduate of Taylor and is excited to take over the traditions of Welcome Weekend and help parents adjust to letting their kids live away from home for the first time.

"Welcome Weekend is just what it sounds like; it's a way to welcome freshmen and have

them feel immediately embraced by the Taylor community," Freer said.

Freer is also excited to extend that feeling into the first seven weeks of the orientation class. Through this she hopes that the freshmen will learn valuable information from faculty and administration.

Most importantly Freer stressed that freshmen need to participate during the weekend.

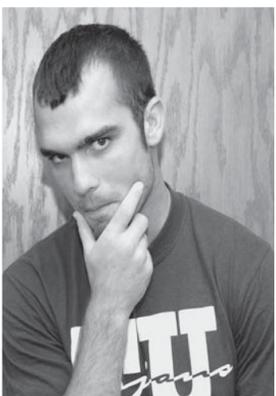
"Participate in Welcome Weekend as much as you can," Freer said.

O-Leaders agree that Welcome Weekend introduces the Taylor culture. Sophomore Leighanne Butcher, however, is excited about more than the Taylor immersion.

"I'm excited to just connect with people," Butcher said.

Butcher's favorite part of Welcome Weekend is the hoedown. Sophomore O-Leader Amy Handy agrees.

"Have fun and be yourself; everyone is just as nervous as you are," Handy said.



Ryan Anderson is the PA on Third West Wengatz.



Yumi Kim is the SAC VP living on Third floor Berg.



Sarah Poelstra is the DA on First East Olson.



Erin Hinnen is an O-Leader on First North English.

Upperclassmen offer words of wisdom to freshmen

BY NATE BAGGETT
FEATURES EDITOR

Floor bonding experiences introduce freshmen to upperclassmen and new friends your floor becomes your family.

SAC VP Yumi Kim is very grateful for her floor.

"I've met some of my best friends from my floor, and I really can't imagine my college experience without them," Kim said.

Both Kim and junior Sarah Poelstra believe in early floor bonding.

"I think the biggest bonding experiences that come to mind are prank stories. (Sorry, I cannot reveal any more information because of anonymity.) Other big bonding experiences came from wing retreats, shaving cream fights with the brothers, wing dinners, Handy Andy runs,

talks with girls while brushing our teeth, and Airband. This is why getting involved with the floor is important; it's hard to bond with people when you don't go to any of the events," Poelstra said.

Kim agreed about the importance of floor activities.

"I encourage you to attend all (or most) events that your PA's plan even if they seem silly or something you wouldn't normally do. If you get out of your comfort zone and keep an open mind, you'll be surprised with how many lasting friendships you'll form," Kim said.

Anderson remembers one of the first Taylor outings in which he began to connect with his floor.

"One of my first memories of my freshman year was the drive-in movie. Spooning with the brothers on my wing during

"The Village" was a tremendous bonding experience. It broke a lot of barriers," said Anderson.

Some of the biggest events that Taylor wings' host, however, are pick-a-dates. Pick-a-dates are floor dates; some offer various themes while some can be announced 30 minutes before beginning

"Don't worry about pick-a-dates; they are just a fun thing," said Hinnen

Poelstra agrees "Seriously, pick-a-dates equal no pressure. One of my favorite pick-a-dates was the Third West Wengatz Octoberfest pick-a-date where we had a pumpkin carving contest and then shot the pumpkins (it's a Third West thing)."

Whatever the activity Anderson wants freshman to just remember one thing "While there is fantastic value in developing the relationships on your wing,

don't let your wing be your only relationships. Get to know guys in other wings, floors, and dorms. Talk to people in your classes. This is something I wish I had done more earlier on last year. When I did towards the end of last year, I found out there are actually some studs in Sammy."

Poelstra thinks that above all the dorm life is where its at.

"I do feel it is crucial to get involved with your wing/floor/whatever. It is okay not to go to every single event planned, I mean, we're in college, we're busy people. But it is important to get to know the people who you live with. We are given such a unique opportunity to live and bond with 30 other people, so make the most of it!" Poelstra said



Photo by Alisse Goldsmith

Orientation Director Shawnda Freer briefs her orientation leaders in the Stuart Room as the leaders prepare for the freshman arrival Friday. About 80 students will greet them as they move in.

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Welcome to Taylor



By **MATT MANCINELLI**
GUEST COLUMNIST

On behalf of a few hundred leaders back to TU early this year, we've been anxiously awaiting your arrival and are glad you're here. As this year's Student Body President, I thought I'd pass along a bit of what's happening this year and try to give you some advice.

As you've all heard, we're joined this fall by a new President, Dr. Eugene Habecker, and his wife Marylou. Each time I get to enjoy their company I am more and more impressed. I know that it will be an incredible year to be at TU! They want to get to know a lot of students and plan to have 1000 students in their home this year. Take advantage of this great opportunity; spend some time with them and get to know them.

The strength of Taylor is its professors. I've already stopped by the homes of a few of my favorites since being back to school; they've been so welcoming and glad to have me. Meet your professors on the first day of class. Spend some out of class time with them to learn all you can.

Some of my best friendships and memories come from my time here at Taylor. Three friends and I set aside Wednesday nights last year, and every single Wednesday we camped out together or slept at someone's house if it was too cold. These guys have become some of my very best friends. Use your time here to build these friendships. I've had many great adventures with the guys on my floor, the Brotherhood. We've taken camping trips and retreats, late night runs to Taco Bell and an incredible mission trip. One of my good friends and I hitchhiked to Florida for spring break last year. Do some really fun, crazy stuff while you're here.

Finally, completely give your life to Christ now; don't wait until you graduate. There are tons of opportunities to serve here at Taylor; get involved in something that you're passionate about and live the way Christ commanded you. One thing I'm really excited about this year is to see Taylor students and faculty give \$1,000,000 towards fighting the global AIDS crisis. I took a trip this summer to South Africa, India, and Thailand to explore some AIDS projects we could partner with...now it's up to you to give sacrificially and be part of what God's doing around the globe!

In the midst of all that, don't forget to get some homework done too. With a little discipline, you can have all kinds of fun while learning and getting a good education. I'm excited to meet some of you guys soon! Give me a call or send me an email if you want.

Matt Mancinelli is the Student Body President. He's also a cool guy.

Tips for freshmen

By **RACHAEL CUSACK**
GUEST COLUMNIST

Freshman year is the ultimate restart option in your life. You come here and nobody knows you failed math, went out with the wrong kid in 10th grade and never seemed to make it to class on time. Now you can make whatever New Years-style resolutions you want, follow through on them and everyone will think that's how you've always been. Quite the opportunity.

The other side of this opportunity is that you haven't the slightest idea what you're supposed to be doing and it seems like everyone else does. The reality is that everyone is still figuring things out, and they will be until just before they graduate, when they will figure it out just in time to leave. Still, there are a couple things I can recommend.

1. Go to events but don't feel like you have to go to everything. Recognize that Taylor does a great job of having things

going on and that mostly everything is fun. Do go to class. Take a glance at how much each class is costing you and you probably won't want to skip again.

2. Some of your classes require you to do stuff in the library. Wander around a little bit and figure out where everything is, including fun stuff like the movies and the magazines. Part of your tuition goes to paying for the search engines that access stuff you can only get to while you're here, as well as the writing help center. Use them.

3. Unlike the colleges your friends went to, there are upperclassmen on your wings. Take advantage of this and ask them questions about everything you don't understand. They remember what it is like to be a freshman and probably have opinions on just about everything.

4. At the end of this year, seniors will tell you that they wished they had "seized the day" and "lived in the moment" and other statements that are designed to keep you grateful that

you're at a university like Taylor. There will be days you'd do anything to go back home, but stick it out. You'll be rewarded.

5. Download iTunes and share your music. College is one of the few times you are on the same network as hundreds of other interesting and diverse people and you can easily access their music. (iTunes can be downloaded from apple.com and the share option is under Preferences.)

By the way, you'll be fine. Your computer will eventually work and be connected to the internet, it will be easy to find all of your classes and you will remember what all of the acronyms mean.

Rachael is a junior, but she knows all this stuff because she was a freshman once too.

A note from your friendly opinions editor



By **JOE RINGENBERG**
OPINIONS EDITOR

Greetings, freshmen! My name is Joe Ringenberg, and I'll be your opinions editor for this coming year.

If you'll glance slightly to your left and then also down a few inches, and then everywhere else on this page, you'll see that this edition of the opinions page is full of advice for you freshmen as you begin the exciting adventure that is your four, or maybe five, years at Taylor University.

Never one to miss out on a

trend, I'd like to add a word of advice myself. Namely: write opinions articles!

You're sure to learn a lot from teachers and lectures, but the most meaningful personal and intellectual development you'll have will come from pondering and discussing new ideas and issues with your peers.

By reading and writing for the opinions page, you're not only helping yourself by working through your positions and developing them for print, but you're also helping expand the minds of everyone else who reads the article.

Whether it's a political rant, a reflection on current events or a comment on something right here on campus, send it to echo@tayloru.edu, and let the world know what you think.

Taking you to the next level



By **DR. WIN CORDUAN**
GUEST COLUMNIST

As a new school year starts, first-time and returning students may find themselves struggling with some of the language and conventions of college life. I wish to thank Joe Ringenberg for the opportunity to clarify a few of the items about which some students may be confused.

For example, these days we hear a lot about getting to the next level. Even faculty members have stopped me in the hall and confessed to me that they are not sure what exactly the next level is. Well, the best way of clarifying this matter would be by visiting a hardware store. There you will find the traditional spirit levels, which work by centering an air bubble. Levels with laser beams, however, have recently become quite popular. Such a tool would then be the next level.

Many students do not understand why a professor may not give them the one extra point they might need to bring up their grade. Here's the inside scoop. At the beginning of the year all faculty members are allocated so many points by the administration, based on class numbers and sizes. It is up to the profes-

sors to give out these points to the students or to keep them to themselves. Teachers need to be very careful in how they handle this matter. If they do not give students sufficient points, they may get poor evaluations and be denied tenure. On the other hand, at the end of the year, professors can trade in whatever points they have not given out at the bookstore for sweatshirts and coffee mugs.

Another item which confuses a lot of students is the question of how long they must stay in the classroom if the professor does not show up. There are many theories floating around based on distinctions of ranks and doctorates. None of them are actually in any rule book. I would suggest that we lay this issue to rest simply by asking ourselves, what would have become of Alexander the Great had he walked out of Aristotle's lectures at every opportunity?

I hope that these tips will become helpful as you adjust or readjust to the academic environment. Seriously, though, let me suggest that you pursue the following strategy on any point of academics on which you need clarification: Ask your professor directly, and you might just get a friendly, clear answer. At Taylor that's what we're all about.

The wise Dr. Corduan professes wisdom as a professor of Philosophy and Religion.

Pointers to ponder

By **DACI HERMANN**
GUEST COLUMNIST

To all of the freshmen and incoming transfer students on Taylor's campus—welcome to Taylor! Everyone here is so excited to meet you and learn about you! I hope you're really looking forward to your time here at Taylor. Though it may be a little confusing at first, life at Taylor is fairly predictable. Let me give you a few pointers so you don't miss any of the important stuff:

1. This Saturday night is the hoedown. For all of you who don't think square dancing sounds like your thing—give it a chance. Don't try to be too cool for square dancing. It really is a fun time, and if you try to get out of it, you'll be sorry later.

2. In the next two to three weeks, you'll be asked the same questions approximately ten thousand times. Just keep answering. Eventually you'll

make some friends and have real conversations.

3. Do things with your wing, even when you don't feel like it. When you become comfortable with the people you're living with, it's easier to enjoy other aspects of Taylor life.

4. There are so many things you can be involved in here! Make sure you don't overload yourself with things to do, but find out about what's going on. There is probably some kind of club, group or leadership role that has to do with something you're interested in. Go be a part of it!

5. Community Plunge is coming up soon. While it might not sound ideal to go out and work in the community on your day off, it is such a great thing to do! The community really appreciates all of the work we do for them on this day, and it's worth just a few hours of your time. Besides, the whole campus is involved. You might as well be too.

6. For all of you type A personalities out there, don't freak out about where your classes are going to be and when you're going to buy your books. I'm sure there's an upper classman on your wing who would be glad to help you out with this. Buying your books is easy, and the campus is small enough that you'll know where everything is after one day.

Those are some of the big things that you'll deal with right away here. After the first week everything will be easier—I promise. If you have any questions about things, don't hesitate to ask. There are plenty of people here willing to help you. If nothing else, ask your O group leader. I hope you enjoy Taylor and make the most of your time here!

Daci Hermann doesn't normally write for the Echo, but was compelled by compassion for freshmen/the editor.

More than corn grows in Indiana

By **CHRISTIANNA LUY**
COLUMNIST

Welcome to Upland! Home of big open corn fields, famous pink barns, great people, enormous blue skies, oh, and did I mention open fields?

Now that you're here, you might be wondering why, on your campus visit, you failed to notice that Taylor was in a field slightly far away from civilization. "What can people do for fun around here anyway?" went through my mind once or twice. I investigated that question for myself throughout the past year, and although Upland is not a thriving metropolis of entertainment, I did discover some

very out of the ordinary things in Upland as well as in greater Indiana.

As many of you already know, one of Upland's main attractions is Ivanhoe's. This little hole-in-the-wall restaurant houses 100 varieties of shakes and 100 varieties of sundaes. Invariably, every year some Taylor student will eat their way through all 100 types and win a free T-shirt that could have been bought for less. Halfway through last year, my mom gave me a moral support gift card to Ivanhoe's. I eventually learned that the more ice cream I ate, the easier it was to live in a wilderness of corn and snow. Ivanhoe's also gar-

ners people from all over the U.S. so next time you go, look for license plates from far off places.

On one occasion I was driving back from church on a hilly road. As I rounded the top of the last hill, a horse stepped out in front of my car. Thankfully I was going slowly, but just remember that contrary to urban thinking, horses have the right of way here.

Not all Taylor student fun dwells off campus. During the fall months girls intramural football gets slightly vicious. While the girls tear up the field, the fine men of campus pass away the time climbing trees with state of the art equipment (i.e. white laundry baskets) in pursuit of Taylor's infamous black squirrels. Let's just agree that wing traditions on campus will be in full swing this semester.

As you enter our community I encourage you to get out and explore! I have found plenty of beautiful lakes, seen creepy trailers, enjoyed picturesque houses, read funny church signs, and enjoyed wacky Taylor student traditions. By next year, I bet all of you will have crazy stories of your own.

Christianna is a sophomore Mass Communications and Spanish double major. At Ivanhoe's she recommends the strawberry flip shake, her personal favorite.

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New Trojans Gearing Up

Twenty off-season additions to provide team with much needed spark



Photos by Alisse Goldsmith

Freshman wide receiver Ian Brown (above) and transfer linebacker Drew Tomasik (right) participate in run throughs at the Trojan's preseason camp. Both players are expected to make an immediate impact at their positions.

BY TREVOR KIGHT
SPORTS EDITOR

After a disappointing season in 2004 in which the Trojans managed just two wins in 10 games, a crop of new names appear on this year's roster — and they are ready to get things straightened out.

Head Coach Steve Wilt and his staff spent the off season attempting to fill the void left by graduation and found the depth they needed on both sides of the ball.

Coaches are looking to freshman Ian Brown to make an immediate impact.

"Our whole team is really looking explosive," said the coach from Naples, Florida. "I think we are going to come out and really make a statement this year."

Student coach Tyler Sellhorn also had high praise for the incoming class.

"At least half of the new players are ready to make an immediate impact," he said. "Add that to the fact that we have a bunch of starters returning, and we have a much better chance to compete this year."

Drew Tomasik is another player looking to jump right into the starting lineup and help out the defensive unit.

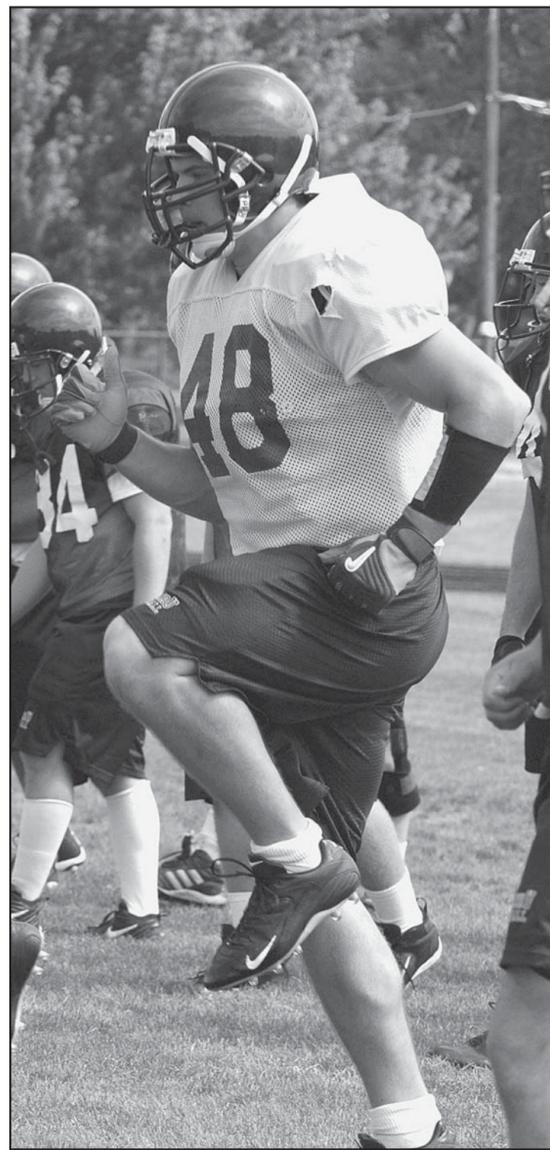
"He hits hard," said Sellhorn. "He just hits so hard."

This is a trait that he hopes the whole defense will have, after allowing an average of 32 points per game last season. Joining Tomasik on the defense is lineman Cameron Heasley, who is also expected to have a

quick impact.

A few other players appear ready to hit the field on week one, including linemen Jeff DeMarco and Matt Navarre,

(both transfers from Tiffin University) linebacker Jeremy Prudhomme, wide receiver Mark Kelly, and offensive lineman Martin Magers.



Photos by Alisse Goldsmith

Above: Freshman offensive lineman Martin Magers (71) runs through drills with his teammates during the first of two practices for the day. Magers is from Wakarusa, Indiana where he played at Northwood H.S.



Taylor sports: an overview

Answering your questions about Trojan athletics

BY TREVOR KIGHT
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Here are a few of the frequently asked questions concerning athletics here at Taylor:

What varsity sports does Taylor compete in?

Fall sports: men's and women's cross country, football, men's and women's soccer, volleyball.

Winter Sports: men's and women's basketball.

Spring sports: baseball, men's

and women's track and field, men's golf, men's and women's tennis, softball.

Is Taylor a part of the NCAA?

No. Taylor is a member of the Nation Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, or NAIA. The difference between the NCAA and NAIA is size, with the number of schools, and their populations being significantly smaller.

What conference is Taylor a member of?

The Trojans compete as a member of the Mid-Central College Conference, known as the MCC. The conference encompasses nine schools from all over Indiana and Michigan.

Most other schools in the MCC don't have football teams. Is Taylor's football program is a member of a different conference?

It's true that most MCC schools (with the exception of Saint

Francis) do not have football programs. This means that member schools with football teams must find another conference to with which to affiliate in order to compete. Taylor is part of the Mid-States Football Association, a 17-team league composed of schools from all over the Midwest.

The list on the right shows both conferences and their member schools. Taylor's result when playing against these schools is their "conference record."

Mid-Central College Conference

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| Bethel College | Marian College |
| Goshen College | University of Saint Francis (Ind.) |
| Grace College | Spring Arbor University |
| Huntington College | Taylor University |
| Indiana Wesleyan University | |

Mid-States Football Association

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| Geneva College | Taylor University |
| Iowa Wesleyan College | Trinity International University |
| Malone College | Seton Hill University |
| McKendree College | University of St. Francis (Illinois) |
| Ohio Dominican University | University of St. Francis (Indiana) |
| Olivet Nazarene University | Urbana University |
| Quincy University | Walsh University |
| St. Xavier University | William Penn University |
| St. Ambrose University | |

Kicking off the intramural season

Dodgeball craze returns for its second year in 2006



Photo by Matt Wissman

Kevin Middlesworth prepares to fire a dodgeball while competing for First West Wengatz who went on to win the championship later in the year.

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Interested in playing an intramurals this year? Here is a (very) brief overview of each sport coming up in the fall:

Football: Perhaps Taylor's most popular intramural sport, flag football has become a fall staple on campus. Teams consisting of about 10 players compete in games complete with playbooks, uniforms, fans, referees, trick plays, and end zone celebrations. Teams that compile the best records advance to the playoffs. The eventual champion takes on Indiana Wesleyan University's top intramural team with the school's reputation on the line. Last year's football champions were First West Wengatz and First West Olson.

Soccer: Soccer is another fall sport with plenty to get excited about. There are always good teams, making for great competition. The structure works the same as football, with the best teams advancing to the playoffs, which can result in wild shootouts. Last year's soccer champions: Third West Wengatz and First East Olson.

Dodgeball: Taylor's newest intramural became a must for most wings in its first year. Inspired by the movie "Dodgeball," the sport gained popularity quickly, and it should be around for years to come. Last year First West Wengatz won the dodgeball championship and decided to enter in a tournament in Michigan. The Off-Campus women took home the title as well.

Fall:
Football
Soccer
Dodgeball

Winter:
Basketball
Volleyball

Spring:
Softball
Football
Tennis

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