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2EW seizes Airband title

Second East Wengatz danced their way into first place with their musical rendition of *Newsies*' 'Seize the Day.'

Men of Second East Wengatz gather together for their final moment on stage. Second East clinched the title of Airband champion with their performance of "Seize the Day" from the movie, *Newsies*. They walked away with \$100 toward next year's Airband performance.

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Homecoming brings familiar faces

By ASHLEY SMITH
NEWS EDITOR

Alumni from across the country flock back to the place they once called home. Yes, once again, it is homecoming weekend.

With around 2000 people attending this year, the entire campus prepared for the event.

"It's a total campus effort from faculty who host department reunions to the athletic department getting ready for events," said Marty Songer, director of alumni relations. "I appreciate how everyone made the whole weekend come together."

The weekend kicked off today when Taylor graduate, Joel Sonnenberg '00, spoke in chapel. Sonnenberg recently published an autobiography entitled, *Joel*, that he will be selling and signing throughout the weekend.

Alumni and students can enjoy many events over the weekend.

"I feel that the Alumni department is doing a great job [getting preparations together]," said sophomore Brittany Davis.

This year, 600 people are expected to attend the annual alumni brunch on Saturday afternoon.

"It's the biggest single event of the weekend," Songer said.

The event commemorates TU

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alumni who have shown distinguished alumni achievement. This year Alberta Miller, administrative assistant to President Gyertson, Erin Carter '98, Jay Schort '80 and Bob Blume '62 will be honored with awards.

On Saturday at 1:30 p.m., the Taylor Trojans football will face the Quincy University Hawks in Taylor's annual

homecoming game.

"It's a special game that players look forward to to show the alums how we are doing," said sophomore football player, David Ricca. "It looks like we can win this year."

For the first time, the hall of fame inductions will take place during halftime. David Wang, '92, basketball player, Nelson Gould, '62, football player and Clark Hewitt, '84,

baseball player will be inducted this year based on their "outstanding career in athletics while at Taylor," Songer said.

Other special events include a chorale reunion and a 5K walk/run. This year's course will be the correct distance, unlike last year's.

"Interestingly enough, last year's course was not exactly 5K, but this year we have corrected this," Songer said. "The course has integrity this year."

The pinnacle of the weekend will be Saturday night's FFH concert.

"[FFH] uses their concerts as a ministry," Songer said. "We're hoping that through their music students and alumni will be blessed

and challenged."

The weekend will conclude on Sunday morning with a worship service led by Campus Pastor Randy Gruendyke.

All the preparations for homecoming weekend are organized by the homecoming cabinet. The cabinet consists of 26 students who have been planning this event since the first week of school.

"It's a good time to hang out," said freshman Evan Atkinson, cabinet member. "And you get a free T-shirt."

"This year's cabinet worked very hard with basically less than a month to plan," Songer said. "They've done a great job."

Kesler Center opens its doors today

By MIA WALES
CONTRIBUTOR

Approximately one year and five months since the ground breaking, Taylor is ready to fully open the Kesler Student Activities Center to the public.

A dedication ceremony for the Kesler Student Activities Center will be held this Friday at 4 p.m. A reception, tours and an open house will follow the service.

This \$12.1 million building is 87,500 square feet and features a 200-meter track, four multi-purpose courts, inter-collegiate athletic locker rooms, weight-training facilities, an aerobics room and a student commons.

The Well fitness center is 40 percent larger than the previous fitness center and was built for easier access by staff and students to better serve the Taylor community and

surrounding areas.

"This facility will greatly enhance Taylor's ability to train and develop her athletes as well as provide excellent opportunities for our entire student body," said president David Gyertson. "I continue to applaud the University's commitment to a vigorous whole-person education."

Sophomore Susie Hinkle prefers the new building over the previous facility.

"It's air-conditioned and [more] spacious," she said.

Sophomore Rachel Sutton appreciates the convenience of the fitness center.

"[It] is really nice. There is more equipment so you don't have to wait as long," Sutton said. "It will be really nice for intramurals during the winter."

The Kesler Center was named to

commemorate President Emeritus Jay Kesler and his wife Janie in appreciation for their years of service at Taylor University.

Dr. Kesler began his career at Taylor in 1954 as a student. In 1957 he married Janie Smith. During his time at Taylor, he served as a residence hall director, a youth conference speaker, university president from 1985 - 2000, chancellor and president emeritus. He currently pastors Upland Community Church.

"Kesler possessed unusual skills as a communicator and he worked through disciplined study and sensitivity to apply solid content in practical and engaging ways," said Dr. William Ringenberg, professor of history. "His reputation and visibility allowed Taylor to develop an enhanced national and international reputation."



Photo by Alisse Goldsmith

Students can now enjoy the entire Kesler facility along with the Well that opened at the start of the school year.

Alumni purchase Odle Gym facelift

By **ROB KOLUCH**
CONTRIBUTOR

Many changes occurred on campus over the summer, including renovation to Odle gymnasium.

The walkway leading into the gym received new bricks and new windows above the main entrance where the Student Health and Activities Center was formerly located.

These improvements were paid for by donations made by the classes of 1952 and 1953.

The alumni wanted to make the gymnasium's entrance more aesthetically appealing, said Nelson Rediger, associate director of the William Taylor Foundation.

"We wanted to make it attractive enough to be the new entrance to the Kessler Center," he says.

Current students noticed the changes.

"I think it makes the whole area with the Odle Gymnasium and the Kessler Center look a lot better," said junior Matt Murray. "It makes it look like the two buildings become one."

The bricking of the entrance to the Odle Gymnasium is the first of many improvements to the building hoped for by the administration. Among some of these improvements are complete renovation of the entrance, construction of a hall of fame, expansion of the lobby area and the addition of elevators.

Ron Sutherland, vice president for business and finance, said that the other improvements will be made when funding becomes available.

"There are many stages to what we want to do with the Odle Gymnasium," he says. "The bricking is just the first step."

Macaroni box causes controversy

By **CRYSTAL POLLOCK**
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The "Roni Boys" act did not make the cut for Airband.

Men who live or formerly lived on Broho choreographed an act to a Vanilla Ice remix and called themselves the "Roni Boys."

During their tryout, approximately fifty to eighty people came to watch, but were not permitted to because of tryout rules.

After the audition, ICC emailed the men telling them that their act was not chosen.

Student Body President Aaron Shapiro said that the denial was due to a misconception with ICC. The cabinet thought that the song's lyrics were inappropriate.

Andrew Hauser wrote an email responding to this letter, saying, "In no way did we construct a theme about a macaroni box in order to

hide some... innuendo. This would not be funny [and] it was not the intent."

The theme of the song was what is like to have a "roni" (a sweet girl). Broho used that theme to base the skit around a macaroni box.

Hauser also said that at first, the boys did not know the exact meaning of the term "Roni" used in part of the song. After they researched the term, they found that it was an Ebonic slang for a "sweet girl" according to an Ebonics Dictionary titled "Ebonic Werdz Dictionary" that they found on askjeeves.com.

"We used this fun song to produce an abstract theme that would be both crazy and fun. So we decided to make the meaning revolve around a macaroni box. As weird as this sounds, we thought it would be hilarious to have an entire Airband skit based on the concept of a mac-

aroni box," he wrote in the email to Metzger.

The boys met with Steve Austin, director of student programs and Aaron Shapiro, student body president, to clear up the misunderstanding.

"Steve handled the situation great," Hauser said.

"The most important thing to me was we realized that we made a mistake, and we needed to apologize," Austin said.

Austin apologized to the men at the meeting and told them ICC would meet again to review their decision about inclusion in Airband. ICC member Matt Hall said that the second decision was a touchy one, because they had already told other groups that they would not be accepted.

"It was a hard decision to make," he said. "We wanted to keep the

peace with Airband."

Shaps said that this situation was unique because most groups cannot appeal ICC rulings, but this appeal was because of a misunderstanding. Even though all ICC members were not at the weekly Thursday meeting, the cabinet had to make the decision that night in order to inform Broho of the decision and also adapt the Airband schedule and make other necessary changes.

The majority of ICC members were present for the vote, and Shaps said he believes the vote was fair.

Hall said that some of the ICC members were also disappointed that the "Roni Boys" did not perform Thursday, but they had to do what was best for everyone.

"We're glad Broho tried out and were involved in this," Shaps said. "They handled it well after the misunderstanding."

Studying students prove more of a distraction

By **LAUREN SIEFER**
CONTRIBUTOR

Three Ninjas played in one corner. My Boss's Daughter was on across the way, and yet a third movie rolled around the corner.

This wasn't the scene at a movie theater, or even a movie marathon in a dorm. These films were being watched in the library by athletes huddled around laptops at study tables.

All freshman athletes are now required to be in the library from 8-10 p.m. on Monday through Thursday nights. They also must log two additional hours each week in order to reach the required 10 hours.

Under last year's system, only two nights each week had required check-ins. The other hours were up to the athletes to come in on their own time.

This change was made after studying similar systems at larger universities, said Amber



Photo by Amy Wood

Freshmen athletes check into the second floor of the library for study times from 8-10 p.m. at night. Many students find the time hard to fill every night. Some students find the library distracting during these times.

McClure, student athlete academic support director.

"We take the phrase 'student athlete' very seriously," McClure said, who also serves as an assistant volleyball coach. "Student comes before athlete."

Students find it tempting to spend more time socializing with friends and goofing off than actually doing work when crowded together in the library.

"We're all up here together and I'm surrounded by my teammates and it's hard to get things done," said freshman Emilie York a volleyball player.

In addition, many freshmen have light workloads. Freshman soccer player Patrick Whitehead estimated

that he only studies five hours of the required 10 he spends in the library.

"I usually only have 15-minutes of work or so, and I have to be here for two hours," Whitehead said.

The combination of having a light workload and being surrounded by friends proves too much for some athletes. Whispering leads to talking, which sometimes becomes disruptive. Other students may have a hard time concentrating on their own work because the room can become loud.

In addition, students watch movies and instant message on laptops. According to McClure, these practices are not allowed. She checks approximately every half hour against these things, but at least one

day this week the system was lax.

Some upperclassmen must also log hours in the library depending on their GPA and standards set by individual coaches. Sophomore basketball player Kevin Wright works during most of the time he spends at the study tables.

"It's up to the [athlete] how much work gets done," Wright said. "You have to want to do work."

Student Body President Aaron Shapiro feels the program is good in intention, but still needs some work.

"I know that this is something new they are trying, so I have faith that whoever is in charge of the program will continue to evaluate it and will work out the kinks in the system," Shapiro said.

Wal-mart exec speaks at TABS

By **TAMARA SHAYA**
CONTRIBUTOR

Today at 3 p.m., Wal-mart's executive vice president of logistics, will make a visit to Taylor.

Robin Ford, a 1984 Taylor graduate, will share his professional expertise in the Recital Hall in the Smith-Hermanson Music Center.

Taylor Association of Business Students sponsors the event in hopes of connecting students to the corporate world.

"The main focus of TABS is to be a service to Taylor Business majors or minors," said junior Greg Matney, TABS director of public relations.

TABS encourages students to network and get plugged into the business community. All students can benefit from TABS by attending today's meeting, said senior Rashed Cary, TABS president.

"Every major can benefit from this," Cary said. "Ford is an inspiration in that he integrates Christian commitment in the corporate world."

Ford joined Wal-Mart in 1983 and, over time, worked his way up to vice president status.

"His impact on Wal-Mart has allowed the company to generate more profit than most countries do," Matney said.

Ford's operation responsibilities include overseeing all general merchandise, grocery, SAM'S, fashion, imports, specialty distribution centers and all domestic transportation and supply chains.

As a board member of Taylor's National Business Alumni Council,

Ford is giving back to the Taylor community by inspiring others to integrate Christianity and business in the corporate world.

"The education and foundation I got at Taylor prepared me professionally, personally and spiritually," Ford said. "I owe a lot to the Taylor experience and the staff who mentored and coached me. It has and will continue to make a big difference in my life."

Both Cary and Matney are hoping students will start thinking about where they will intern this summer because of Ford's words. TABS has connections through Taylor alumni for business internships and practicums from New York to Arkansas.

Ford's talk will include tips on how to climb the corporate ladder, as well as how he was affected by Taylor's commitment to servant leadership, Matney said.

"There are over 1.5 million workers at Wal-Mart and Ford serves them all," Matney said. "The meeting is open up to the public, but not the press, so this just exemplifies how big of an opportunity this is," Cary said. "It will be a blessing and encouragement to all of us to hear what he has done."

Cary anticipates that many students will want to be involved in TABS after this event. If you are a declared business major or minor, you can apply for a membership with TABS and receive access to business related information.

For more information on becoming a TABS member, contact Greg Matney at greg_matney@tayloru.edu.

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Mentoring groups gain popularity

BY LAURA LAWSON
STAFF WRITER

Finding a mentor has not been easy for Christine Pederson. Pederson, a senior, has been looking for a mentor for the past year. Finally, an opportunity practically landed on her doorstep.

The opportunity came when new social work professor, Rukshan Fernando, began class one day by asking students if anyone would like to get involved in a small group with his wife, Jody.

"I've been looking for about a year, and it's cool that now that I'm at an important stage in my life, I have someone that I can talk to," Pederson said. "[Jody's] really cool, and it's good that she can relate to us so well, since we're seniors, and we appreciate her insight."

Jennie Nicodem, also a senior and a member of the group, appreciates the chance for older students to be mentored by Christian adults.

"It seems like there are opportunities for younger students to be mentored by older students, but there are not many for the juniors and seniors," she said.

Both Pederson and Nicodem are in a group with five other girls, all senior social work majors. They said the group is actually more of a small group than a mentorship. The group has only met a few times this semester, but both girls hope the group will meet throughout the rest of the year.

The group chose to use a book, *Living a Purpose-Full Life*, by Jan Johnson to aid their discussions.

"So far, we've been discussing current issues," Nicodem said. "It's a really good book."

Senior Andrew Slate didn't have to look far to find someone he can look up to. Slate and seven other men from Wengatz Hall and Samuel Morris Hall meet with President Emeritus Jay Kesler once a week.

Matt Hirsch, a senior member of the small group, remembers how the group began in the fall of 2003.

"We knew we wanted a mentor, so we all came together to see what we were looking for, and Jay was at the top of all of our lists," he said.

Slate agreed Kesler was the obvious person to ask.

"Jay knows everything about everything," he said. "He's the kind of guy that you want to go to if you have questions."

"It's just guys getting to know each other, and it's a great way to integrate," Slate said.

The group meets every Monday night, and includes four men from Wengatz and four men from Morris.

During the fall of 2003, the group didn't have a structured discussion, but last spring they studied the early history of the church. The group even accompa-

"The point is that students are initiating relationships with others and growing in their relationships with Christ."

Bryan Childs

nied Kesler to the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C.

While some mentoring groups are already established, there are many more forming.

Bryan Childs, another senior in Kesler's small group, is heading up a new mentoring system here at Taylor.

Childs, who transferred from University of Illinois almost two years ago, was part of a mentoring program run there by Campus Crusade.

"I had two really great mentors, and that's how I became a Christian," he said. "I know it's a means to change, and that's why I'm very passionate about this program. This program is wildly effective but the point is not for the program to be successful. The point is that students are initiating relationships with others and growing in their relationships with Christ."

The new mentoring model is part of Community Life, and Childs and sophomore Kelley Hoover are taking charge. Childs is in charge of the men's program, and Hoover oversees the women's groups.

One of the reasons students have a hard time getting involved in any type of mentoring relationship is a lack of initiative and a fear of both rejection and commitment, according to Childs.

The structure of the program is a little bit different because the mentor does not function as the small group leader. Ideally, the group is made up of a few upperclassmen and a few underclassmen. The mentor meets with the upperclassmen one-on-one, and they in turn meet with the underclassmen. One of the upperclassmen is usually the small group leader.

"It seems to be the most logical way: The mentor commits the smallest amount of time with the greatest amount of benefits," Childs said.

The program is designed to last over time. Childs hopes small groups, although losing and gaining members each year, will continue to meet with the same mentor throughout the years at Taylor.

Childs encourages students who are currently part of small groups to consider adding a mentor.

"We're willing to work with people, and we want to help them figure it out," he said.

Flashback to 1954

For the Class of '54, Taylor University has undergone a lot of changes, but it still remains essentially the same.

BY LYNN HOHENSTEIN
CONTRIBUTOR

Imagine the Taylor University of 1954. You are one of 80 graduating seniors. Your tuition payments are approximately \$375 per semester. There are 10 buildings on campus. One of them is the Ayres-Alumni Memorial Library, which opened your freshmen year, 1950. Another is the Prayer Chapel, also new in the fall of 1950.

Now compare that to the Taylor University of 2004. Last year, 403 seniors graduated. Tuition payments hover above \$20,000 per year. Sixteen buildings have been added to campus since 1965.

This Homecoming weekend, members of Taylor's class of 1954 will gather for their fiftieth class reunion. They will still see their "new" Ayres Library, Prayer Chapel and the timeless Swallow Robin Hall. But the similarities in campus appearance stop there.

The class of 1954 lived either in Swallow Robin or where the Mitchell Theater now stands. Magee-Campbell-Wisconsin Dormitory was a four-story, "H" shaped building. It held 170 rooms and contained the campus dining room in its basement. It was a co-ed building, with male students lived in the Wisconsin half of the "H" and female students lived in the Magee-Campbell portion.

Campus life included participation in any number of clubs and societies, including Philalethean, Thalonian, Pi Eta Chi Kappa and Gamma Delta Beta. These societies organized a "rush week" to gain membership and sponsored events on campus. Each society had a specific purpose; for example, Philalethean was a literary society.

Although each of these societies had a main focus, "the societies were essentially social groups," said Dick Steiner, a '54 graduate and Philalethean member.

"The class of 1954 can claim



Photos provided by Archives

Scenes from 1954: Forrest Jackson was one of the stars of the basketball team. He scored more than 2000 points in his career; Dorm life was quite different from the 21st century, but students still made time for some rowdy fun; Many of the students lived in Magee-Campbell-Wisconsin, a co-ed dorm; The Class of '54 was strongly involved in the creation of Venture for Victory, a sports evangelism program that traveled throughout Asia.

some of the best athletes that have emerged from the halls of Taylor University," said the May 25, 1954 *Echo*.

Coach Don Odle's basketball team held the title of Hoosier College Conference Basketball champions in '52 and '53, and finished in a three-way tie for second place in '54. Senior co-captains Howard Habegger and Forrest Jackson, each unanimously named All-Conference, led the team. Jackson was also selected to the All-American team in '53 and '54. In his senior year, he scored more than 2000 points.

"[Jackson] entered the exclusive circle of 20 men in collegiate basketball history who have ever scored 2000 points in a college career," said a '54 *Echo*. He eventually became the 12th highest scorer in American Collegiate Basketball history.

The class of '54 also began the legacy of Venture for Victory. Venture for Victory was the

brainchild of Coach Odle. In 1952 and 1953, he and six Taylor athletes traveled throughout Asia playing basketball and preaching at halftime.

John Wheeler, a '54 graduate, explained that Venture for Victory was truly a unique program.

"All sports evangelism programs [since then] stem from or imitate Odle's Venture for Victory," Wheeler said.

The February 2, 1954 *Echo* said that, "Odle and his six basketballers brought Christianity to 300,000 people in the Philippines, Formosa, Hong Kong, Korea and Japan."

"The outstanding group of young men played 87 basketball games—winning 86—conducted 169 religious services and accepted 10,000 converts to Christianity," the article said.

The class of '54 helped promote another long-standing Taylor tradition: Youth Conference. Although the university's living capacity at the time was a little more than 400

students, Youth Conference brought in over 1,000 youth each spring.

Wheeler was involved in the leadership of Y.C. for three years and was co-chairperson his senior year. He remembers driving around local townships and picking up available mattresses for the high school students who arrived for the festivities. The students held the event in the Maytag Gymnasium and filled it to capacity. Continuing the tradition, the event is still held in the Maytag Gym, now Rediger Chapel, and still packs it full.

Although Taylor's campus and student body may have changed quite a bit in the past 50 years but its mission stays the same.

The class of 1954 had a large influence on how life would be lived at Taylor in the 21st century. And so, to the class of '54, we say, welcome back. Enjoy your time at Taylor and thank you for your role in its unique heritage.

Eye on Alumni

Manganello experiences life in the Secret Service

BY ELIZABETH DIFFIN
FEATURES EDITOR

There's more to being a Secret Service agent than wearing dark suits, cool shades and protecting the president. Taylor alumnus Tony Manganello ('99) knows that from experience.

When Manganello was a student at Taylor, joining the Secret Service was not in the plan.

"Quite honestly, I had no idea," Manganello said. "I thought about a lot of different things."

After graduation, he still had little direction about what he wanted to do with his life. On a trip overseas, he met and talked to some Secret Service agents in Israel. They were traveling with a government protectee.

"It sounded like a cool job," he said. "I applied on a whim."

The application process took about six months and included interviews, a background investigation and various tests, including an aptitude test, a polygraph and a physical.

Once they hired Manganello, they stationed him in Los Angeles



Photo provided by the Alumni Office

Tony Manganello is a '99 graduate of Taylor. He currently works for the Secret Service doing investigations and protection.

where he worked for four years. He now works in Indianapolis.

There are two major aspects of working in the Secret Service. All agents are criminal investigators, whose job is to conduct investigations on various crimes, especially financial crimes.

The second part of the

job is protection. The agents travel with and protect the president, vice president or various foreign dignitaries.

"In protection, failure is not an option," Manganello said. "Somebody's life is on the line."

He appreciates both of these aspects of the job.

"The best part is the variety of experiences," he said. "When I was in L.A. ... one day I would be in a movie star's home on a protection visit, and the next day I would be breaking down a door looking for counterfeiters."

He also enjoys using problem-solving skills in investigations and employing teamwork while doing protection.

Perhaps the best part of the job for Manganello is the travel involved. He has been to several continents, including Asia and Africa.

"I was initially attracted [to the Secret Service] by the travel," he said. "It was the chance to see a lot of places and do things a lot of people don't get to do."

But as in any job, there are the parts that Manganello does not particularly love.

"The government is notorious for having tedious paperwork requirements," he said. "Our job is no different."

The agents must be very thorough when writing reports and make sure that everything they say is completely accurate.

When most people think of the Secret Service, they think of danger. But Manganello explains that that is not all the job is about. The agents are usually in the most danger when they are on the streets, especially serving arrest warrants.

"It is dangerous inherently because of what we do, but it's not like in the movies," he said. "A lot of it is boring."

While Manganello sees his time at Taylor as the best four years of his life, he also recognizes the role his education plays in his job. He was a communications studies major while at Taylor, and believes the broad nature of the major was an advantage to him.

His time at Taylor especially prepared him for the relational aspects of his career through various social events and Taylor's "intentional community."

"People skills are what this job is all about," he said. "Communication is huge - you have to be able to articulate what you're doing and why."

Manganello also sees his time at Taylor as an essential time to grow spiritually. Chapels, Bible studies and prayer meetings gave him the solid moral grounding he uses everyday on the job. It also gave him something to cling to in a secular environment where he has to investigate problems like terrorism and fraud.

"I'm confronted with a lot of really tough issues," Manganello said. "It kind of shakes you when you see so many things up close. My faith keeps me grounded and keeps my perspective."

Although Manganello is unsure of how long he will stay with the Secret Service, he does realize his life is different from many other Taylor graduates.

"I've done a lot of interesting things and had a lot of life experiences," he said. "I've learned a lot about a lot of things."



Photo by Alisse Goldsmith

Seniors Kristi Vibber, Andrea Atkinson, Christine Pederson and Jennie Nicodem meet with their mentor, Jody Fernando (and daughter Maia). The girls are part of a group of social work majors that meets weekly for a book study.

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Newsies Deliver

By **CRYSTAL POLLOCK**
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The men of Second East delivered more than "papes" last night.

Tension mounted as ICC vice president Laura Metzger and member Jamie Heth, announced the winners of this year's Airband.

Cheers erupted from the crowd, as Newsies began to perform.

"The best part was the cheers from the crowd before we were even on stage," said sophomore Andrew Smiley.

All of the second east performers smiled widely as they sang the words "Seize the day," knowing they had done just that.

"It feels unreal," Smiley said.

"This is great," said sophomore Steven Leman. "The guys all worked really hard."

"I can't think, I'm too excited," said sophomore Alex Frank after the show.

The seniors took second place by performing a 90's medley including songs by the Spice Girls, Backstreet Boys, Boys II Men and TLC.

Mu Kappa placed third with "Maahi Ve" from the foreign film Kal Ho Naa Ho. This was the group's first Airband performance.

"We wanted to bring something different to Airband," said freshman Amy Wood.

The men of Second East practiced every night for almost two weeks before the big night.

Last year they did not perform, but the guys had a few ideas rolled up their sleeves. After discussing ideas and listening to soundtracks, they decided to do "Seize the Day" from the Disney movie Newsies.

Junior Eric Miller lived on the floor two years ago when the guys tried out with medley of boy band songs but didn't make the cut.

"This year is better by far," he said before Thursday. "I am looking forward to it because these guys want to be here and do a good job."

Miller said that Second East's goals were to have fun and help the audience have fun as well.

"This really brought our wing together and it's great to see everyone get excited," he said.

After their performance on Thursday, other men agreed.

"The best part was getting to know the guys," Leman said.

"We definitely want to do it again next year," Frank and Smiley said.

Preparations for Airband began way before opening night.

ICC has been working on different Airband projects including decorations, editing video segments, running tryouts and organizing snacks for the contestants.

Because Airband is earlier than usual this year, ICC member Chad Cowgill said they began planning the event during the first week of classes.

The group bounced ideas off of each other until they decided on this year's "What If" theme. Commercials complemented the theme with questions like "What if...Resnet worked?"

"The time commitment was probably the hardest part," ICC member Chad Cowgill said as he collected ticket money in the DC. "We've been working around five hours a night, but it's a lot of fun to work with these people."

Laura Metzger was in charge of this year's production.

"I've heard that this is one of the best shows we've had in years," she said. "All the acts are very good."

Metzger also said she was excited and looking forward to the audience's reactions seeing the performances for the first time.

Besides the usual \$3 fee for attending Airband, this year students also had the option of donating \$1 to the hurricane relief fund that will go to Warner Southern College in Florida and to Taylor students who will go to Florida during fall break to aid relief effort.

"They have a real need for donations," Metzger said.



Photo by Matt Wissman

(Left) The grand finale. Seniors strike a pose at the end of their '90s medley. They performed nostalgic hits including songs from Boys II Men, Backstreet Boys, New Kids on the Block and TLC.

(Below) Seize the day. Junior Joe Ringenberg dances with his fellow Second East residents to deliver the winning Airband act with "Seize the Day" from *Newsies*. The seniors took second with their boy band 90's medley and MuKappa took third place with "Maahi Ve" in their first appearance in Airband.



Photo by Matt Wissman

Lining up is half the fun. Michael Moore waits patiently at 4:30 p.m. for Airband to begin, equipped for the wait with camp chair and reading material. Students began waiting in line hours before Airband began. Moore was one of the first to arrive. Doors opened to students at 8. Others waiting in line passed the time by studying, playing games and listening to The Seed's live remote broadcast across the street.



Photo by Matt Wissman

(Right) Saris back in style.

Mu Kappa members Abby Treese and Sky Siu help Sarah Kim put her costume together before their performance. All performing groups had to arrive at least one hour early to apply make-up and costumes. Mu Kappa's costumes were a variety of colors, adding vibrance to their Hindi song about a couple's engagement party.

(Far Right) MuKappa brings culture to Airband. Sky Siu and other ladies of Mu Kappa complete a dance segment before the men take center stage. A colorful backdrop added another dimension to the group's performance.



Photo by Matt Wissman



Photo by Matt Wissman



Photo by Alisse Goldsmith

Dance to 'get through. Junior Vanessa Wright shuns junior Eric Miller's advances in Second West Olson's presentation of "Gotta Get Through This." The ladies of Second West danced in sync as Miller tried to woo Wright to no avail. At one point, they even created a wall between the two.



Photo by Matt Wissman

Broadway meets lip sync. Alyssa Cornett sings to the audience as Third West Olson ladies danced together in a chorus line for "A Bushel and a Peck." The ladies linked arms and did the can-can before picking up their matching black hats for the final moments of the song. Psychology professor Dr. Vance Maloney joined the girls on stage for a brief cameo.



Photo by Matt Wissman

3WW remakes internet video. Senior Jeff Courter and the other men of Third West follow in the footsteps of Gellieman in their rendition of "Aicha," a famed internet webcam video. The men performed the song using many of the video's moves while adding some of their own personal touches. They duplicated the video in everything from their clothing to the bed sheets.

"I love Airband. It's a great time for everyone on campus to come together in one place."

-- Senior Sherif Mansour

"I've never had a humble opinion. If you've got an opinion, why be humble about it."

Joan Baez

Letters to the Editor

Group LTC signing better for community

It seems like there is always something that people want changed in the LTC. There are things that could be changed to improve it but I have one simple request.

A few years ago during the first chapel of the year (the one in the gym), everyone would sign the LTC together. Faculty, housekeepers, maintenance men, administrators and students all signed the LTC together.

Now how do students sign it? We click a button that says we agree to the LTC when we register for classes.

Let's face it, how many of us read all of everything we are forced to agree to when we install software or read agreements on Web sites? Not many of us do. With the LTC being just another "click through," it won't be read or taken seriously.

With the old way of signing the LTC there was a very tangible, communal way committing ourselves to the LTC. My request is to go back to the old way of signing the LTC. It may be harder for Student Development to process paper LTCs, but it will better for the community.

By Matthew Wissman

Taylor buildings mismatched

Upon studying the campus of Taylor University, I have noticed something unusual and almost disturbing about the buildings on campus: none of the brick matches.

Not only does the brick of separate buildings not match, but even the brick within some of the same buildings does not match such as the addition of Metcalf onto Rupp, and most recently, the addition that is currently being built onto the DC.

That the brick doesn't match does not bother me as much as not knowing why the brick doesn't match. Do the brick manufacturers not sell the original brick used for the older buildings? Is the new, different color of brick cheaper?

Maybe I pay too much attention to unnecessary details and analyze things too much, but from my first day at Taylor one question have I pondered, why doesn't the brick match.

By Abby Martin

Be a witness on the road

Road rage and offensive driving are very public, and so are the Christian bumper stickers and Taylor seals on all our cars. The way you drive can be a witness.

Consideration, calmness, and concern for the safety of yourself and others in driving follows from biblical principles of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness and self-control. And while the average driver may not always notice when a fellow motorist kindly lets him in or does not respond negatively and aggressively from being cut off, he will notice a "hypocritical" Christian who represents one kind of Christ-centered institution and world view on his car but uses that same vehicle for selfish and self-centered motives.

As Americans, we drive everywhere. It's one of those things that is an essential part of every day, taken for granted, overlooked. But why not take advantage of that everyday opportunity to showcase Christ instead of our own sinful flesh?

And just think, concentrating on how to glorify Jesus while driving just might help you overcome your frustration with that idiot driver who doesn't know how to use his left-turn signal — but who is, after all, a beloved creation of God.

By Melissa Munn



By Emily Kieffer

'Born-again Christian' doesn't always mean 'Republican'

Voters' choices depend on more than the candidates' political parties



By Tara Bender and Brittany Harty
Guest Columnists

Okay, so the truth is, VH1 owns us. It all started a couple of years ago with the original "I Love the '80s," and we are now diligent viewers of its latest greatest, "Best Week Ever."

Last week's episode featured a family feud, of sorts, between brothers Alec (*State and Main*) and Stephen (*The Usual Suspects*) Baldwin. Apparently the siblings are at odds about who to vote for in the upcoming presidential election. Alec Baldwin, a liberal, supports John Kerry. The show described Stephen, however, as a Republican on the basis that he is a "born-again Christian."

A problem exists on this campus that is causing the world to perceive us as people who support a political party based solely on the fact that we are "born-again Christians." When did calling yourself a Christian become equivalent to supporting the Republican Party?

Who told you that Republicans love Jesus more than Democrats do? Why do so many Christians

think it's okay to vote without examining the evidence, as long as they vote "conservatively" or "as Jesus would?" When it comes to running our country, who knows that the "designated Christian" politician will do the best job?

Yes, we would love to see a president who honors God in the way he leads, but which of us has the right to say one candidate's spiritual life is better or worse than the other based on his political party? The problem exists in the idea that only a Republican president could ever be spiritual or godly.

I've heard the jokes made at the register-to-vote tables in our local churches: "Should we only sign up the Republicans?" Then there are those who put the weight of an entire election on a single issue: "You're a Democrat? You believe in abortion!"

At times I have had to endure judgment from other Christians because I have chosen not to sign petitions supporting "100 percent Republican" issues or

accept "W '04" bumper stickers. Hey, if I don't want your bumper sticker, it doesn't mean I hate George Bush. It also doesn't mean that I support Kerry. I just don't want to support any political agenda without knowing all the facts. It's just a bumper sticker, people.

We're tired of people advocating ideas they don't understand. We're sick of listening to our peers regurgitate what they heard their parents say, not taking the time to consider the underlying seriousness of comments made on shows even as comical as "Best Week Ever."

This is not an attack on any group, political or otherwise. This is a call to do your own research. Find out which candidates share your views on important issues (cnn.com), and then do something to make sure those opinions are heard: vote.

Don't use the "I'm a Christian, so I must be a Republican" way out. You can do better than that. This is about taking pride in our God, and honoring him by striving for excellence at all times — including the way we treat people who disagree with us on political matters.

So vote intelligently, watch "I Love the '80s," and don't assume we want your bumper stickers or other political propaganda just because we shared a hymnal with you at church.

Letter to the Editor

Food waste shows ungratefulness

I would like to introduce you to a friend of mine. Lizandro is one of the many guys and girls I had the opportunity to hang out with last semester in Lima, Peru. He lives on the streets of downtown Lima with other "street kids."

They are on the streets for any number of reasons: they may have been kicked out of their homes; they may have fled abuse, or they may have needed to go to the streets to make money to feed their families. At any rate, the street is now their home.

Some nights a group may combine their day's earnings and get a room for the night; and other nights they will sleep on the urine-covered sidewalks and streets, huddling together for protection and warmth.

I remember Lizandro telling us one night about his faith in God. He is trying to get off the streets, and had decided he wasn't going to steal anymore. So, he waited on the Lord to provide him with the food he needed to survive. Every time he was so hungry to the point of getting ready to steal something in order to eat, a friend gave him something to eat.

People like Lizandro have experienced real hunger, and they've experienced faith in God's provision. However, not all the kids on the street possess this same faith. Instead, when they have no food, they sniff glue because it makes

them forget their hunger and satisfies them longer than food would.

Obviously, it doesn't really satisfy them, but it at least helps to numb the pain of an aching, hungry stomach along with the emotional trauma they face when society torments them every day for being a "street kid."

After coming back to Taylor, I must admit I have been discouraged as I have observed various situations. I've observed people tapping their feet and complaining about standing in line for 10 minutes at the DC, only to go down the stairs and find any number of things to eat. I've observed people grumbling and complaining about the choices of food, and leaving whole plates of food to be thrown away. I've observed people taking food out of the DC only to throw it into the swampy/sewer area.

My friends, this should not be! As stewards of the blessings God has given us, we need

As stewards of the blessings God has given us, we need to be grateful for what we do have, and not waste what others would give anything for.

to be grateful for what we do have, and not waste what others would give anything for. We need to be aware of our spiritually and physically hungry neighbors, and live accordingly in light of their plight.

I say this not to condemn, but simply to challenge ourselves to be accountable to Christ's calling. The next time you find yourself wanting to throw food away or complain, please think of Lizandro roaming the streets of Lima looking for food to survive, and maybe you'll reconsider!

By Melissa Cairns

VOTER REGISTRATION

Don't forget to register to vote and request absentee ballots for the Nov. 2 election! Absentee ballot registration for most states ends Oct. 2. See your state's Web site for more information.

Elections 101

The how, when, and what of the November election process



By Mekael Teshome
Guest Columnist

How many of you simply don't understand what all of the CNN and Fox News talk is about? And how many times have you felt too embarrassed to ask someone a question about politics? After all, shouldn't everyone know how many electoral votes their state has and how the Electoral College works?

If you feel lost, don't worry. You are not alone and you don't have to be a political scientist to have a basic understanding of the election process.

My goal over the next couple of weeks is to explain to those of you who feel lost, as simply as possible, how the president is elected.

Here are the basic steps of a presidential election:

1. A person announces their plan to run for office (i.e. they start going to church regularly and kissing babies for photo ops).
2. The candidate campaigns to win delegate support and to persuade potential voters in general.
3. State caucuses and primary elections are held.
4. National party conventions are held to adopt a party platform and to formally nominate the party's presidential and vice-presidential candidates.
5. The campaign continues with lots of mud-slinging and name-calling.
6. The General Election is held and citizens cast their votes. This year it's on **Nov. 2, 2004**.
7. The Electoral College casts its votes.
8. After tallying the electoral votes, the winner is announced and the president is inaugurated on Jan. 20.

Registering to vote
Before I continue, I must emphasize the importance of voter registration. *If you do not register you cannot vote in the general election.*

Deadlines for each state are different but they are all fast approaching. Many states are closing registration as early as this Saturday. Go to www.fec.gov to find out when your state's registration deadline is.

To register, all you need to do is:
1. Get a mail-in voter registration form by downloading the Registration Form from the Federal Election Commission. <http://www.fec.gov/votregis/pdf/nvra.pdf>

2. Complete the form according to the easy-to-follow instructions.
3. Mail the form to the address provided in the instructions.

Primaries and caucuses
Every party must select one candidate who will represent it at the general elections. At the beginning of a presidential campaign, each candidate competes with other candidates of their same party to receive their party's nomination.

During this stage of the campaign, the candidate is working to win delegates — representatives who pledge to support the candidate's nomination at the national party convention.

Candidate nominations are not held the same way in every state. Some have primary elections and others have caucuses.

In caucuses, local party members gather to nominate a candidate for their respective party.

In primaries, voters cast their votes for a presidential candidate. These primaries may be either open to all eligible voters or closed only to registered party members.

After the primaries and the caucuses, each party will hold a national convention to adopt a party platform and to officially select a presidential nominee.

Well folks, this is all the space I have for this week. Coming up next week: Elections 102: National Conventions and the Electoral College.

Letter to the Editor

Voters: get out of comfort zone

In this election year our nation has once again directed its focus toward the last leg of this incredibly close race for the White House. As so many people worldwide have focused on the two major candidates remaining in this election, it comes to me as a great surprise how little students at Taylor truly care to examine both Senator John Kerry and President George W. Bush with due fairness.

In today's society with the media's ability to regulate what its audience is exposed to it is very difficult to separate the propaganda from the truth.

Programs on Fox News such as "The O'Reilly Factor" are extremely right wing conservative and as a result most of its viewers become subject to the network's portrayal of the news.

CNN's "CNN Crossfire" can be similarly compared. We must be aware of what is being fed to us and seek out the truth on the issues through other less-biased sources. This allows us to take initiative in politics and religion.

The belief that politics and religion are one and the same is far from being a ground-breaking argument. Very often we as believers view the conserva-

tive, Republican Party as being nearer to our comfort zone.

However, just as we must allow our faith to become our own, so must we gain independence from conformities and establish our own political views in the process.

Too often we get caught up in our childhood legalism. As a result the ethical standards that are in place keep us from making our own decisions.

We as a community at Taylor do not step outside in an attempt to discover what we truly agree with. We vote as our parents did. We choose as our pastor dictates we should.

Even if you were to arrive at the same conclusion as your parents and your pastor, do so by utilizing your freedom of thought.

In the time left before the elections, seek out the platforms of both Senator John Kerry and President George W. Bush. Be prepared and discuss these issues with your peers and professors. Discover the reality about those that you choose to represent you. Along with the ability to vote comes great responsibility. Choose wisely.

By John Ames

Letters to the Editor

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"I say that good painters imitated nature but that bad ones vomited it."
- Miguel de Cervantes



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FFH pose above for last year's *Ready to Fly* released by Essential. Below, they are led in song by Deibler on piano.



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Christian chart-toppers to flavor Homecoming

FFH to perform in Rediger Chapel

BY JOE DARLING
A&E EDITOR

"I'm ready to fly, I'm ready to soar" proclaim FFH in an Isaiah 40 inspired lyric from their 2003 release *Ready to Fly*. To stretch the biblical metaphor even further, Taylor's Rediger Chapel will soar in like fashion on Saturday night at 8 p.m. as they invite widely renowned Christian pop stars, FFH, to perform.

While the strength of phrases such as, "Like an eagle on the wind I can glide upon Your love" may be subjective, FFH's success is not.

To date, FFH has landed seven #1 radio hits, won two Inspirational Life Awards, been nominated for seven Dove Awards and been fea-

ured in many national Christian publications. Whether you like it or not, their records are selling. Over a million have sold over the course of their blossoming career in the music industry. Their success stems from their dedication to candidly delivering a devout Christian message. "People are listening to this music for its message," said Brian Smith, FFH bass player and vocalist. "On our album, we didn't say 'Jesus' a lot. We said 'Lord,' and used other names like 'Father.' But people responded and wanted to hear us call Jesus by name."

True to his word, *Ready to Fly* contains an undeniable focus. The album is centered on Jesus. Jeromy, Michael and Brian are responsible for the

majority of the song writing. Now, just over a year and a half after the release of *Ready to Fly*, FFH is on the road in support of a brand new LP titled *Still the Cross*, an album they claim is their most creatively produced endeavor to reach the public yet. "We've had more creative input and control over this project, than any album to date," said FFH frontman Jeromy Deibler. *Still the Cross*, their fifth studio album, was released nationally last week by Essential Records. Complementary tour dates are being scheduled by FFH's new booking agent in Nashville. Expect to see them travelling all across the nation in the coming months. FFH is currently one of the most reputable groups in the Christian music market. "So what's all the buzz about," you ask? Find out Saturday night in Rediger Chapel. Give them a try. They may be a pleasant surprise.

IFC and Super Size Me are lovin' it



BY NATE SHORB
A&E COLUMNIST

WHAT: IFC Presents *Super Size Me*

WHEN: Tuesday, October 5, 8:00 p.m.

WHERE: Modelle-Metcalf 002

Snacks will be provided and free McDonald's will be awarded for the best Ronald McDonald outfit.

When I was in middle school, I was a bit chubby. Feeling insecure with myself, I did what came most naturally: I acted proud. I joined with my also somewhat chubby friend Matt, and we started the Belly Brothers. We had an official handshake (which included shaking and poking our stomachs), an official anthem, and even official nicknames (I was Gut, he was Flubbo). At that time, McDonalds was serving the Double Big Mac. It was the same sandwich we've all come to know and love, but instead of "two all beef patties," this was four. Flubbo and I quickly named the Double Big Mac value meal our official meal. (This was all done for the sake of attention.) Eventually, much to our dismay, McDonalds fazed out the Double Big Mac. But now, it's seven years later, and Morgan Spurlock thinks there are still a few things McDonalds - and the fast-food industry at large - needs to change. In the documentary *Super Size Me*, director Morgan Spurlock embarks on what he proudly calls "every 8-year-old's dream." He subjects himself to a month

long McDonalds diet, eating three meals a day consisting only of items on the menu at the popular fast-food joint. We see his weight and cholesterol levels increase rapidly, along with many other startling side effects. The film, in many ways, resembles a popular MTV show starring Johnny Knoxville and Steve-O. Spurlock is intentionally hurting himself, and for some reason, it's hilarious. When he buys his first value meal, he too snickers mischievously just like Johnny Knoxville would during one of his stunts. At first, it seems like a great idea. It always does. Despite the slight similarities to productions some might label "immature," Spurlock does indeed have a point to prove. He sets out to answer a very important question: "Where does personal responsibility stop and corporate responsibility begin?"

industry really doing all they should? Are they supplying us with the information we need in order to make our decisions intelligently? Sure, *Super Size Me* is not without its fair share of shameless propaganda. Countless shots of severely obese people, repulsive details concerning the making of chicken nuggets (complete with a graphic animation sequence), and a close-up look at gastric bypass surgery that lasts much too long all come to mind. But, to his credit, Spurlock also gives his fair share of valid statistics and valid questions throughout the movie, leaving us with quite a bit to think about. The billions of dollars spent on advertising is appalling. The in-depth look at school programs, including meal services and the slowly-disappearing physical education and health classes is startling. And the apparent shift in our culture's mindset is saddening. In the end, Spurlock's look at obesity and the role of the food industry presents a fair argument that will keep you laughing and thinking at the same time. You will no doubt be repulsed by the food itself, and maybe you'll be repulsed by the food industry as well. Don't worry, the feeling of never wanting to touch fast food again will eventually wear off...but should it?



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To prove a point, Morgan Spurlock munches on a burger in this year's documentary on the fast food industry, *Super Size Me*.

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Task force moving toward changes for inter-collegiate athletic programs

By WYNN LEMBRIGHT
VP FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS

The Taylor University Intercollegiate Athletic program has long been a significant part of the Taylor Community. We have enjoyed a long tradition of fielding competitive intercollegiate athletic teams that have complemented the school's mission and have enriched the campus community. Over the years each of the teams has enjoyed a level of success ranging from challenging for the conference championship to competing at the national level. However, in the last seven or eight years we have experienced a steady erosion in our ability to be competitive in several of our sports, most visibly football.

Such has prompted us to do an internal review of all of our programs, including football, and not surprisingly we learned that we have fallen well behind most other conference schools in several areas. How competitive or successful a team is on a long term basis is dependant on four factors: ability to recruit required talent, quality of coaching, program support (i.e. equipment, fields, support staff, travel, administrators' support, etc.) and schedule. Each of these factors is being evaluated by both a Board of Trustees' Task Force on Intercollegiate Athletics and senior administration.

Schools have increasingly realized the value of a quality intercollegiate athletic program and have resourced the sports to accommodate those expectations. David Watson, in his September 24th Echo article, is right by saying "we can't afford to sit on this predicament". And we are not.

Last November, the administration began a process of developing a strategy for addressing the situation. In January 2004, the Board of Trustees formed the Intercollegiate Athletic Task Force. This Task Force has developed guidelines for moving this study forward. It is within these guidelines that the administration has developed a draft of a plan for resourcing an intercollegiate athletic program that is quality, competitive and supports the mission and vision of Taylor University. This plan will be reviewed by the Trustee Task Force during its September 29 through October 1 Board Meeting. It is our expectation that final approval of this plan will take place at the January meeting of the Board of Trustees.

We recognize the complimentary role that intercollegiate athletics plays in the enhancement of an upbeat campus environment and in the educational opportunities that are imbedded within an intercollegiate athletic program. We understand the concerns that are voiced and they are legitimate. Know that we are taking the appropriate and aggressive steps that are available to us, providing this campus with a quality intercollegiate athletic program that is fiscally responsible, is supportive of our mission and represents our student body in the most positive way.

19th-ranked Lady Trojans improve to 3-0 in Mid-Central Conference

Three-game win over Huntington puts Taylor in the driver's seat in conference

By JUSTIN POTTS
SPORTS EDITOR

The Taylor volleyball team is back to where it began the season in the national rankings, hoping to improve the rest of the way.

The team entered the week ranked 19th in the NAIA Poll, the same ranking it had in the preseason poll. After the first week of the season, it fell to 24th, but has been slowly climbing ever since.

The Lady Trojans, now 13-4, beat Huntington in three games on Wednesday night to improve to 3-0 in the Mid-Central Conference.

Taylor beat the Forresters 30-27, 30-25 and 30-18.

Last weekend, Taylor traveled to Kentucky and split a pair of games against solid bluegrass competition.

Friday's game featured two of the NAIA's top 20 teams, in 19th-ranked Taylor and 11th-ranked Georgetown College.

The Lady Trojans were over-matched, dropping three straight games in the defeat.

Errors doomed the Lady Trojans, who made 20 and only 33 kills in the 30-21, 30-20 and 30-24 defeat.

Christine Amony and Linsey Taatjes led Taylor with 11 and 10 kills, respectively, while Rachel Malinsky had 21 digs.

In Saturday's game, Taylor bounced back to down the Blue Raiders from Lindsey Wilson College in four games, 32-30, 30-28, 28-30 and 30-21.

Amony was the team leader in kills for the second straight night, this time racking up 21. Taatjes added 15 of her own to go along with five block assists. Malinsky had 17 kills and 21 digs.

In addition to being ranked 19th in the nation, Taylor is ranked third in its region, NAIA Region VIII. Only Cornerstone University and Madonna University rank ahead of the Lady Trojans.

The Lady Trojans travel to Bourbonnais, Ill., this weekend for the Olivet Nazarene Tournament. Taylor plays Evangel (Mo.) at 4 p.m. and St. Thomas (Fla.) at 8 p.m. on Fri.



Photo by Matt Wissman

Seniors Lindsay Diehm and Erin Ling go for the block in last week's match with Spring Arbor, which the Lady Trojans won in three games. The 19th-ranked Lady Trojans are 12-4.

Trojans can't stop Bees' high-powered offense

Trojans fall to seventh-ranked St. Ambrose; look for revenge against Quincy tomorrow

By JUSTIN POTTS
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After the first quarter of last Saturday's game with St. Ambrose, the nation's seventh best team, it seemed as if an upset was in the making.

However, in a span of 12 minutes, the Fighting Bees opened up a 31-0 lead and the rout was on.

At the beginning of the second quarter, with the game still scoreless, Taylor began a drive on its own 40 yard line.

After incompletions on first and second down, quarterback Wes Krider gave the ball to freshman tailback Anthony Lee. Lee carried the ball to the 49, but a hit by St. Ambrose's Mikey Novak jarred the ball loose and the Bees recovered.

St. Ambrose took just six plays to cover 49 yards for the first score of the game.

Two possessions later, the Bees went ahead 14-0 on a 15-yard touchdown run by halfback Larry Williams.

Taylor then went three-and-out and St. Ambrose scored again on its second play of the drive, a 53-yard touchdown pass from J.T. Bucy to receiver Andy Ford.

On the ensuing possession, Krider was intercepted by St. Ambrose's Ryne Foster. Three plays later, SAU quarterback Jeff Keitzman hooked up with Chris Burhans for a 15-yard touchdown to go ahead 28-0.

St. Ambrose ended the half with a 42-yard field goal, to head into the locker room ahead 31-0.

The second half was much of the same. Taylor's offense couldn't find its rhythm, going three-and-out on its first pos-

session and St. Ambrose scored a 4-yard touchdown run on its first possession of the half.

Two minutes later SAU's Williams scored from 48 yards out. SAU's Matt Webster kicked his second field goal of the game just before the third quarter ended.

Taylor's lone score came with 2:10 remaining, a 52-yard touchdown pass from backup quarterback Trennon Kidder to Mike Simon.

The Trojan defense held SAU to just 144 yards passing, but couldn't stop the running game,

as the Bees piled up 332 yards on the ground.

Defensively, Adam Foote led Taylor with nine tackles.

Taylor (0-3) hosts Quincy University tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. Quincy (2-2). Quincy beat Taylor 77-21 in Quincy, Ill. a year ago.

The Hawks are led by quarterback Dan Riley who is seventh in the Mid-States Football Association in rushing with 82.2 yards per game and 10th in passing with 115.2 yards per game. Last week he was named offensive player of the week.



Photo by Matt Wissman

Sophomore transfer Josh Brennen eludes a defender in Saturday's game against St. Ambrose. Taylor hosts Quincy at 1:30 tomorrow.

SCOUTING REPORT...

TU Scoring Offense	8.7 ppg.
QU Scoring Offense	21.8 ppg.
TU Scoring Defense	35 ppg.
QU Scoring Defense	22.5 ppg.
TU Pass Offense	118.7 ypg.
QU Pass Offense	152 ypg.
TU Pass Defense	186.3 ypg.
QU Pass Defense	178.2 ypg.
TU Rush Offense	80 ypg.
QU Rush Offense	162.5 ypg.
TU Rush Defense	205.7 ypg.
QU Rush Defense	187.5 ypg.
TU Total Offense	198.7 ypg.
QU Total Offense	314.5 ypg.



HOMECOMING

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Photo by Katy Mann

Junior Jake Edgerton attempts to play the ball past two Goshen players. The men's soccer team has already won twice as many games as it did all last season with seven left to play.

Men's soccer knocks off Grace, won 3-of-4

By JUSTIN POTTS
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The men's soccer team upped its record to 6-5 on Wednesday, beating Grace College for the first time in five years.

Junior Jeff Brook knocked in a Tim Howard cross 10 minutes into the game to give Taylor an early 1-0 lead.

Just into the second half, Grace scored to even it up when Joe Kateule scored on a breakaway.

Senior midfielder Andy Howard gave the Trojans the win, scoring with nine minutes remaining.

Grace out-shot the Trojans 14-8, but freshman keeper Benj Petroleje and sophomore Paul Holliday played steller in goal for the Trojans, recording six and five saves, respectively.

Last Saturday Taylor dropped a hard-fought 1-0 match to MCC leader Goshen College.

Goshen's Nick Yoder scored 17 minutes into the game, and the Trojan offense was unable to find the net.

The game prior, Taylor defeated Earlham College 2-1.

In the first half, the teams combined for just four shots and no goals.

Jake Edgerton opened things up just eight minutes into the second half with a goal off a Brook assist.

However, just a minute later, Earlham found the back of the net to even the score at one.

With just 11 minutes remaining, Andy Howard scored the game-winner.

Taylor, now 6-5 (1-1 MCC), travels to Huntington (4-4, 0-1) tomorrow, before returning home to face rival Indiana Wesleyan on Tuesday.

Taylor has now won three of its last four games and doubled its win total from last season.

Sport Shorts...

Lady Trojan tennis remains undefeated

The Lady Trojan tennis team remained one of Taylor's best team's of the fall season after it beat Mid-Central Conference foe Bethel College on Tuesday.

The team achieved one of its goals for the season last week when it knocked off Goshen College 6-3. Katie Clark, Leslie Davis, Kelly Pence and Kristine Bollinger were the singles winners, while teams of Davis and Pence and Lindsey Davis and Jennifer Hoyt won in doubles matches.

The team faces its toughest challenge of the season tomorrow at Indiana Wesleyan University. IWU has won the MCC the past 12 years, but Davis is sure the team is up to the task.

"We have been working hard for a long time to prepare and we are all ready to play at our top level," Davis said. "The team knows there's only one way to play- putting everything we have into every point of the match for God's glory alone."

Vanderberg paces Trojan X-Country

Junior Lance Vanderberg captured first in the Bethel Invitational last Friday as the Trojan cross-country team beat eight other teams, including Mid-Central Conference rivals Bethel and Goshen.

Michael Short took 10th place in the meet, followed by Lotery Heath in 13th, Kyle Mangum in 14th, Josh Edgerton in 17th and David Nees 50th.

The week before, Taylor finished seventh out of 19 teams at the Indiana Intercollegiate meet at Purdue University in the Little State division.

Vanderberg won the Little State, which was comprised of 19 non-Div. I schools. He was ninth of 206 runners overall.

Mangum finished 76th overall, with Short finishing 86th, Heath 91st, Edgerton 118th and Nees 170th.

The squad is off this weekend and travels across the county to the Indiana Wesleyan Invitational next Saturday for a 10 a.m. meet.