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I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

Psalm 139:14
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Made To Live

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I have been a member of the Taylor community for 28 years now. I married in my first year as a faculty member. My boys were born here and grew up around outstanding Taylor student role models. My sons were further shaped by Taylor’s college education and friendships. You, faculty and staff, have been my family’s community, especially this year when we needed you the most.

I am fragile as an individual. I am a moment away from breaking. All of us are. Life could completely change for any of us tomorrow. We should not let that certainty cause us to live our lives in apprehension of suffering or dying. The Bible says that we are but grass, and that death is our destiny. The smartest person on campus, the most successful athlete, the most talented musician, the healthiest body...all could be lost tomorrow.

On February 16, 2003, during my 27th year as a professor at Taylor, my fragile life entered death’s doorway when I suffered a large brain aneurysm. The thundering headache and hemorrhaging brain meant my life could be over, in minutes perhaps, or, the massive brain damage would leave me in a nursing home for the rest of my life. Within minutes of the burst aneurysm, the brain damage took its course and my mind slipped into a shallow level of consciousness. I was lost, and my poor family was lost in fear for me and themselves.

I am strong in the Taylor community. God’s gift to me during this time of crisis was the Taylor-Made community. My wife and sons were never alone during this time of crisis. I could not be there to help my family as I lay in intensive care hanging on to life. But, you were the prayers; you were the strength for this frightening time in my family’s life. As my dear wife Jo Ann sat alone in the emergency room waiting for the diagnosis, she was told to expect me to die, and to send for our grown sons. Almost immediately Taylor faculty, staff and students began to arrive to be with her and to help in so many ways. At Methodist Hospital my wife, sons, daughters-in-law, parents-in-law, and brother lived the week prior to surgery with me on the edge of death. But, they were not alone.

The Taylor-Made family was there also. Students, faculty, staff, Taylor graduates, Taylor parents, Taylor supporters - The larger Taylor community - you brought hugs, prayers and shared tears my family needed. You brought food, made airport runs, and many shared moments of love and laughter. You shoveled my drive way; you brought in the mail; you provided cash; and you showed the Lord’s calming presence. Most of all, you prayed for me and my family. And our God gave me life again. May I always be Christ to you, my Taylor-Made family, just as you were Christ to me and my family!

Dr.MarkCosgrove
Professor and Department Chair of Psychology

“For in him we live and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’”

Acts 17:28
There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under heaven...a time to laugh.

*Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4*
Made To Laugh
On Saturday morning freshman Matthew Hall and PROBE leader Tressa Ribaudo play "Giants, Wizards, and Dwarfs," one of the bonding activities that the freshmen participate in over the weekend.

When freshman Heather Fountain first set foot on Taylor's campus last fall, she was overwhelmed by a reception much warmer than she could have ever anticipated.

"I didn't expect to feel so welcomed," said Fountain, remembering her first moments on campus.

Fountain's roommate, freshman Laura Rodeheaver agreed. "I was overwhelmed by the sense of community and that so many activities and people were placed specifically to make me feel welcome," she said.

One of the favorites among those activities was the "Sweet Home Indiana" BBQ dinner and hoe-down. Students met with their PROBE (Providing Relevant Orientation For a Better Education) groups for the first time. They enjoyed an evening of fun, while accidentally stepping on toes and trying to keep up.

Another bonding activity was the Escape to Reality challenge course. Playing communication games, doing "trust falls" and solving problems together encouraged students to get to know their PROBE groups better.

After the lofts were finally up and most of the boxes and bags were unpacked, families had the difficult task of saying good-bye for what for many would be the longest separation from each other thus far.

"I was excited when I first got to my room and started meeting people," said Fountain. "Our PA's were so friendly, but saying good-bye to my dad was one of the hardest things I have ever done. We stood at the end of the sidewalk and hugged and cried. Then he had to fly back to California."

Every college or university has some sort of "Welcome Weekend" but Taylor's is unique. The covenant community that Taylor fosters is rare, and the heartfelt welcome that its new members receive it just as special.

MeaganSmigelsky
Far Left: Freshman David Dare helps fellow freshman Jon Brobst swing across an imaginary lava pit on the Escape to Reality course.

Left: Jennifer Chase and Ryan Powell square dance together at the hoe-down on Saturday night. Many upperclassmen who came back early also participated in this event.

Sophomore Anna Hampton and freshmen Sarah Beckett and Becky Hargrave huddle with others as they try to decide how to solve a puzzle on the Escape to Reality course.
COMMUNITY Plunge

After the awning at the Upland Police Station has been removed and sanded, freshmen Leslie Smit and Tom Ganz give it a new coat of paint. All freshmen are required to do community service hours as part of PROBE, and many of them use community plunge to fulfill this requirement.
Community Plunge shows the Upland community that Taylor University is here to serve them. September 4th marked the 10th year of this event.

Many freshmen participate in the event because it is the first opportunity they have to serve at Taylor.

"In serving, I really felt like we made a difference in the people's lives that we helped," freshmen Joshua Ahlgrim said.

"I think it is a great way to get to know the people in the surrounding community," added his roommate Tom Smillie.

Despite the fact that many of the participants in the event are freshmen, students from all classes participate.

"Even though I'm a sophomore, I still feel that community outreach is important and a great way to show the Upland community our support," Matthew Voss said.

This year over 400 students participated in a variety of tasks aimed at helping the community of Upland. Students helped out with necessary upkeep at some of the homes in the community, cleaned litter from streets, and painted park benches and playground equipment.

"It was really encouraging to see some of the older students have the desire to get involved, and I believe that the community really appreciated the work that we did," said Kelly Peters, co-director of Community Plunge. "I thought overall that God used the event to benefit the community."

Right: Freshman Laci Ligget touches up the paint at the playground at Upland Elementary School.

Below Left: Seniors Loralee Songer and Drew Rundus represent the upperclassmen as they help repaint playground equipment in Upland park.

Below: Freshman Adam Hughes sands the awning at the Upland Police Station, preparing it for a new coat of paint.
I thought the week of September 15 would be like any other, but I was wrong. Dr. Erik Thoennes from Biola University came to Taylor to speak during our annual fall Spiritual Renewal week. I entered the chapel service Monday morning expecting to get nothing from it.

This past summer I experienced more pain, heartaches, betrayals, trials and tribulations than I have in my entire life. Amazingly, I came out stronger and even closer to God. I knew this summer served as a test, which I passed.

By the time summer ended I could already see how God was working through these moments of despair. I thought I was on a spiritual high because I accepted what happened and appreciated the hard times God had allowed. I soon learned, however, that God wanted more from me.

Thoennes used the book of Exodus for his messages. I enjoyed what he had to say and found it very enlightening, but Wednesday's evening service convicted me and changed my heart.

He explained that we go through hard times because God has a purpose for our lives. He hit my lesson from the summer right on the nose. However, his next statement caught me off guard. "We should love the hard times because it enables God to show his glory," he said.

I thought he was crazy. He wants me to love the hard times? He thinks I should love the times of despair when I feel all hope is gone and I have nothing left? The answer was yes.

My heart felt burdened and heavy. God had two lessons for me to learn this summer, but I only walked away knowing one. Without the hard times I wouldn't appreciate the good times. I wouldn't understand God's glory. I would never know Him the way He wanted.

Spiritual Renewal week's purpose for me was to finish the lesson started last summer. I don't remember everything Thoennes taught, but his statement about loving the hard times will forever be in my mind. The week's goal was to renew the spirituality of the student body, and it definitely did that for me.

Trista Hartman
At the beginning of Spiritual Renewal week Rev. Randy Gruendyke introduces Dr. Thoennes from Biola University to the Taylor community. Thoennes led sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday designed to bring the Taylor community into a time of worshiping God.
The audience stumps and cheers as Chris Pegg, Justin Joyner, and Jeremy Jones form their final pose in First East Wengatz's "Step in Time." Jeremy Jones, posing as Mary Poppins, flew in at the beginning of the performance, giving the audience a taste of the entertainment coming its way. First East Wengatz won the top prize at Airband 2003.
Taylor's annual Airband competition is undoubtedly one of the biggest and most anticipated events on campus. Most groups spend several weeks working on their act for the annual lip sync competition, which usually includes choreography, crazy costumes and elaborate sets. The night before the big show, some individuals camp outside the front doors of the chapel to be at the front of the line when the doors open.

So what makes Airband such a big deal?

"Airband is not necessarily all about that night; it's about the weeks leading up to it... the team-building, community and hard work that builds character and relationships," said senior Courtney Kennedy, vice president of ICC.

This year's Airband experience on Oct. 9 was no different. The theme was "Gotcha," and the skits and decorations were based on humorous pranks.

First East Wengatz took first place with "Step in Time" from "Mary Poppins," and stole the title of Airband champs from Gerig Hall, who had held it for the past two years. Chimney sweeps danced, tumbled and used set pieces as balancing beams and spinning platforms. Senior Leroy Timblin helped the group choreograph the show and build the elaborate sets. "We had a lot to do in a short amount of time, but the guys really came together and did a great job," he said.

Second place went to the senior's hilarious "Scramble" routine. Over 60 seniors performed to a medley of "Going to the Chapel," "Wishin' and Hopin'" and "Another One Bites the Dust."

"We all had a great time preparing the act," said Brit Jenson, one of the leaders of the group. "Single and engaged alike... we all laughed, realizing how accurately we portrayed love lives at Taylor," Jenson said.

Second East Olson took third place with their rendition of Kirk Franklin's "Unconditional." Sophomore Joe Lucero acted as Franklin, while he, five guys, 34 girls and five of the Ortega children from the Real Life Ministry performed an energetic routine choreographed by one of the group's leaders, Jessica Howard.

"There was no doubt about it, the kids stole the show... and in the process they stole our hearts," said Howard.

Six acts did not place, but they succeeded in entertaining the audience. Second West Olson's DC Talk medley opened the show and included a giant trust fall stunt. Gerig's version of "Friend Like Me" from "Aladdin" had numerous dancing matraders. Third East Olson's medley from "Oh Brother Where Art Thou" had acting, lyrical dancers and humorous partner dancing. In Third Center Olson's version of "Hard Knock Life" from and girls in ragged clothing acted and danced with props. Third West Olson's and Third East Wengatz's oldies medley of "Great Balls of Fire" and "My Boyfriend's Back," included fast partner dancing, flips and a toe-touch stunt. Tommy Grimm, student body president, played the part of Tommy in First West Olson's nostalgic rendition of Bon Jovi's "Livin' on a Prayer."

All the preparation and practice came together for an entertaining night for the students, faculty, staff, family and community members who attended the event.

Betsy DeMik

Above: A student sits outside the chapel doors the night before the show to campout. After battling a cold night and day, he was the first person into the chapel when the doors open.

Right: With the excited crowd gathering outside the chapel doors, a student security guard makes sure everything remains in order and safe.

Photo By Megan Elder

Photo By Matt Wissman
Right: The Brotherhood's Joe Lucero performs as Kirk Franklin in Second East Olson's "Unconditional." The performance consisted of Lucero, five guys and 34 girls. However, what gave this performance a unique flavor was the five Ortega children from the Real Life Ministry. They performed flips, slides and energetic movements. 2EO took third place in this year's Airband.

Below: Junior Brian Ramsay and freshman Malia Gilmer rock it out in Third West Olson's and Third East Wengatz's 50's medley. The medley included such songs as "My Girl," "Great Balls of Fire" and "My Boyfriend's Back."
Sophomore Sarah Bonness shows her attitude in Third Center Olson's rendition of "It's A Hard Knock Life" from "Annie."
The dance was energetic with unique movements and stunts.
The band members consisted of Taylor men dressed in rags, wigs and makeup.
Taylor University isn't simply a liberal arts college. Reducing Taylor to a mere center for academic and spiritual growth ignores some of its most important characteristics to former students. Taylor's faithful alumni recall some of their fondest memories from Taylor every fall as they return for Homecoming.

The weekend of October 10 promised enjoyable reunions with old friends and classmates and the excitement of a homecoming football game. Returning alumni also had the opportunity to enjoy weekend chapel services, a 5K walk/run, and an alumni brunch.

"There is a sense that you are right back where you left off," said Taylor alumni Michael Darling. "It was such a special time when we lived in the community; all the memories come right back."

Current students observe the emotions and sentiments that their predecessors experience as they retrace their footsteps at Taylor, hoping that someday they will look back on Taylor with the same brightness in spirit and will return to reminisce with their friends.

"I look forward to coming back someday," said junior Michael Cox. "Watching my parents interact with their friends makes me think of who my close friends will be down the road."

Homecoming is a time of year when past and present members of the student body are able to see the quality that has made Taylor so well known: the community. Homecoming helps Taylor alumni realize that their Taylor experience was not an isolated four-year incident. Friendships formed at Taylor seldom expire.

Homecoming serves as a great time for alumni to recapture a pleasant piece of their college years and for current students to learn to savor what will be a truly memorable period of their lives.

Joe Darling

Senior Chris Chaudoin escorts senior Monica Ghali onto the football field. After all class representatives walked onto the field, Chris and Monica were announced Homecoming King and Queen.
Below: Caught in the spirit of Homecoming, Tim Jeffers and Matt Johnson embrace in a hug. Homecoming serves as a chance for students and alumni to interact and catch up with each other.

Above: Junior Andrew Hauser washes a car during the lacrosse team carwash. The club earned money to participate in intercollegiate games.

Left: Freshman Nathan Ricke plays trumpet in the Brass Quartet at the Homecoming Collage Concert. Taylor's musical organizations all performed during the Friday night concert.
AMERICAN Idol

First runner-up Cat Randall performs Alicia Keys' "Fallin." The judges praised her vocals and the audience responded warmly.

Professor Fred Shulze sings "Joy to the World" in the union during the first round of Chorale's American Idol. His entertaining rendition of the original Three Dog Night song earned him the only faculty spot on the second round ballot.
Below: Eric Miller, American Idol winner, sings one last song at the end of the night. "Cindy," was a Chorale song that Miller modified into a pop song. Miller's performance struck a chord with his audience who cast the most votes in his favor. He received last year's Chorale CD as a prize.

Right: Loralee Songer listens as Stephen Becker verbally rips apart another contestant. Songer impersonated real-life Idol judge, Paula Abdul. During intermission, Abdul performed one of her famous songs, "Straight Up." Surprisingly, Simon also sang "I Just Wanna Be A Goatie," a song he created.

Live at the Student Union on Monday, October 13, round one of Taylor's first American Idol competition began. The competition served as a Chorale fundraiser for their 2004 spring break trip to Greece.

The real American Idol is a reality show on the Fox network. Contestants perform a song each week and are judged by Paula Abdul, Randy Jackson and Simon Cowell. Viewers call in to vote for their favorite performer.

American Idol at Taylor lasted two nights. Monday night, the audience watched a video of auditions from 25 students. Next, seniors Steven Becker, Loralee Songer and Taylor Horner, posing as Simon, Paula and Randy, chose the top 10, who performed Monday night.

Michael Anderson, David Blomgren, Aly Cornett, Hannah DeRegibus, Joe Lucero, Eric Miller, Heather Morrow, Cat Randall, Bethany Riggs and Dr. Fred Shulze enchanted the audience with their talent.

After the performances, the audience voted for its favorite five. Chorale members collected and tabulated the votes during a brief intermission.

The group gathered on the stage as the judges announced the five finalists who would compete on Thursday: Lucero, Riggs, Shulze, Randall, and Miller.

On Thursday night, the five contestants prepared for their second performance. Afterward, the audience voted for their favorite two singers. While Chorale members tallied the votes, the contestants sang a song to honor Shulze who was scheduled to perform on Thursday but had a prior engagement.

Randall and Miller were selected as the two finalists. They each sang one more song.

Randall sang "All By Myself" and then Miller sang "I Thought She Knew."

The audience cast the final vote and Miller claimed the title of the 2003 American Idol winner.
Barb Benedict receives the Student Friend Award from Doug Ott, Parents Cabinet representative, during chapel on Friday, October 31. This award is sponsored each year by the Parents Cabinet. This year Jerry Nelson recommended Benedict for the award. She is a student favorite in the dining commons because she knows everyone by name.
More than 580 families came to the campus for Parents Weekend this past fall to see what their children do nine months out of the year.

Parents Weekend has been a Taylor University tradition for around 35 years, according to Jerry Cramer, director of parents programs.

The weekend kicked off with a chapel service led by Dr. David Gyertson and finished with a Sunday sermon by Pastor Randall Gruendyke.

It included events like Steve Green singing with the Taylor University Jazz Ensemble, Chamber Orchestra, Symphonic Band, and Taylor Ringers bell choir. Also a yearly tradition, the Taylor general store combined with gifts from parents raised $12,000 for the Emergency Assistance Fund. This fund allocates money to students in cases of medical costs not covered by insurance and emergency travel in case of death or severe illness of immediate family.

Other weekend events included devotions with Dr. Mark Cosgrove and a football game versus Geneva. Parents also met with faculty representatives in the Rupp Communications lobby and other academic buildings, and visited senior art exhibits around campus and the student art fair.

Both students and parents look forward to this weekend for a chance to spend time together, and it gives the students a chance to avoid dining commons food for at least a day.

"It was very nice to have my grandma and mom visit campus," said senior John Lesko from Milwaukee, Wis. "My favorite part of Parents Weekend was getting to spend time with Mom and Grandma and giving them a chance to experience life at Taylor University."

"The highlight of Parent's Weekend for me was the Steve Green concert," said Chris Lesko, John's mother. "Our son grew up listening to Steve Green's 'Hide Em In Your Heart' tapes in which Steve puts scripture verses to music. Being at Taylor has given him an excellent opportunity to see those truths of scripture applied and lived out on a daily basis."

Ashley Smith
Junior Steve Jones leads worship during Monday's WOW chapel.
The week kicked off with chapel on Monday morning and ended with chapel on Friday. Jones was part of one of several bands to lead worship throughout the morning and evening services.

Above: A mission organization gives information to senior Abby Schreiner. Missions agencies were invited to the dining commons all week. Halfway through the week a new group of organizations came.

Right: Sophomore Joe Ringenberg plays in the worship band for Monday's WOW chapel.
Fouad Masri speaks in Monday's WOW Chapel about the challenges facing Christians when reaching out to the Muslim community. Masri was born in Beirut, Lebanon, and has spent his life reaching out to Muslims. He is the current president of the Crescent Project of Indianapolis, a ministry that equips Christians and local churches to reach out with love to the Muslim community.

World Opportunities Week changed my life. Honestly, I was surprised.

As a member of the WOW cabinet, I had been planning the week of November 3 through 7 since spring of 2003. Elizabeth Ludington and I were in charge of publicity, making brochures, T-shirts, etc. I also observed my fellow co-cabinet members as they worked to organize the seminars, speaker schedule, and the tables in the DC for the mission representatives... everything was planned down to the last detail.

When it came down to it, I didn’t expect to be seriously touched by WOW. I had been a part of making WOW happen and looked upon it as a somewhat wayward but well-meaning child. My life plan had always included going into full-time missions: I had already made up my mind, and I couldn’t see how WOW could add to that.

That began to change as soon as Fouad Masri from The Crescent Project stepped on the platform in chapel on Monday. With quick humor, compelling information and an obvious passion for what he was doing, he captivated the students, myself included. I already had a significant burden for the Muslim world, and that desire was firmly cemented by Masri’s messages.

On Tuesday, I went to the Indianapolis Airport to pick up our next speaker, Dr. Harold Sala and his wife Darlene. In the hour and a half drive back to campus, I was astounded by this amazing couple. They travel all over the world practically every month with a media ministry called Guidelines International. Sala rattled off the list of where they would go on their next trip, and I asked him if the traveling is exhausting. "It's never exhausting when you're doing what the Lord wants you to do," he said.

As I sat in the front row in chapel the next morning, listening to Sala speak, I realized WOW, my wayward child, was now becoming the voice of God in my heart.

Our final speaker, Gary Witherall, is a former missionary to Lebanon where his wife was killed in November of 2002. He now travels around the United States, sharing about his experiences.

On Friday, Witherall shuffled around on the platform for a while, talking about how he came to Christ, how he met his wife, Bonnie, and how they went to Lebanon. Then, he talked about her death, and his subsequent realization of what it truly meant to be dead to self, and alive only in Christ.

"Nothing matters, but that you lay everything you have at the feet of Christ," he said. "Nothing matters. Nothing matters. Give it up. All of it," he repeated.

And my life was changed. There is something so divinely satisfying to give over to God something you cognitively know is his, but you haven't been able to give back.

After hearing Fouad’s call to action, Sala’s thought-provoking stories of the challenges of the mission field, and Witherall’s praise for God despite the unimaginable loss of the person he loved, who could come out of that week the same person as before?

Rachel Hepworth
MY GENERATION NIGHT

Michael Larson plays Verve Pipe's Freshmen. This number was one of two duets of the night.

Joe Darling's black fingernails help to set the mood for The Cure's Lovesong.

Although Cat Randall had to sing Ace of Bass 'I saw the sign' twice, her beautiful vocals remain undaunted.

Simon Lesser plays bass for the closing Guns N' Roses 'Welcome to the Jungle.' This was Lesser's fourth performance of the night.

Photos by Matt Wissman
They laughed, they clapped, and they sang along as their Taylor peers took the stage to perform cover songs ranging from 1985-2000 at Taylor's My Generation Night 2003. Though some songs were recognized while others were heard for the first time, the 900-person crowd enjoyed them all.

This year's show featured 10 bands in a New York, New York, theme, complete with skits, including Conan O'Brien and Seinfeld, and commercials. An audience favorite was the "English Hall: We Oven-It" commercial, a parody on the new Taylor slogan, "We Covenant."

As the crowd entered a transformed Rediger Auditorium, a sleeping bum greeted them and street musicians, armed with a harmonica and acoustic guitar, played their homemade hits for money.

The house band played as the fans took their seats. When all were finally situated, the house band dished out an upbeat medley to which the Rockettes danced. After the high-kickers left the stage, Joe Lucero and Ethan Daly strutted on to perform an original My Generation Night rap.

The crowd was pumped and ready for more musical treats. Senior New York native Dan Dolson properly welcomed everyone in his best Brooklyn accent and then introduced the first of the bands: The Dave Matthews Band, a small musical army fronted by Brian Field, singing "Ants Marching."

Next, for all the country lovers, Katie Bierdeman sang Shania Twain's "That Don't Impress Me Much." The Verve Pipe's "Freshman," played by Michael Larson and Joe Arcano, was a near-tear-jerker. "Where Is My Mind?" by The Pixies drew looks of surprise and some laughter as singer Joe Ozinga held the audience in the palm of his hand with his entertaining performance. Closing out the first half were Brianne Hillesland, Kacia Hillesland and Megan McAdoo. These mighty triple-threat females sang the vocals for Wilson Philip's "Hold On."

After intermission the music resumed as Erik Heavey donned the stage with a stool and acoustic guitar to swoon the audience with Sister Hazel's "Out There." Dressed like Robert Smith, only with much shorter and tamer hair, Joe Darling's haunting voice carried The Cure's "Lovesong." The Gerig-led Soggy Bottom Boys played "Man Of Constant Sorrow" to perfection. Fuel's "Shimmer" gave the crowd a taste of Ethan Daly's rock vocals.

Finally, Ace of Base appeared onstage for "I Saw The Sign." The first time through, however, the keyboard malfunctioned resulting in a loss of the part that truly carries the song. The band played on, but left despaired, only to return again moments later to an encouraging, chanting crowd who wanted to hear it again. The second time every instrument blended with Cat Randall's sultry vocals to complete the British pop song.

The house band closed the show to a standing crowd with "Welcome To The Jungle" by Guns N' Roses. Tim Movido stepped up to the challenge of Axl Rose duty on the microphone, and no one was let down.

Joe Ozinga, singer for The Pixies said, "I think we all wanted to entertain the kids by completely rocking their faces off, and by their reactions I'd say it was golden. In the words of the great Neil Young, 'Hey, hey. My, my. Rock and roll will never die.'"
No cheers, no applause and no support greet the Taylor Trojan men's basketball team as they run out onto the court. In fact, sound is nonexistent. The visiting team, IU-Northwest, makes its entrance with no hoots of derision from the Taylor fans. The team is the victim of the basketball game known by Taylor students as Silent Night. Anyone unfamiliar with this particular basketball game would find the silence odd and unnerving.

Both teams start racking up points, but the students and fans of Taylor sit, deadpan and silent. That is, until the right moment. Almost two minutes into the game, the Trojans lead the game with eight points, and have possession of the ball. Someone takes a shot which seemingly arcs in slow motion. The ball hits the rim, bounces up, and falls back almost lazily through the hoop. Ten points! The collective breath of Taylor fans, held for what seemed like ages, is released in a deafening explosion of cheer. The opposing team looks around in confusion, as the crowd, thought dead, erupts with life. The cheers are thunderous and unanimous.

The game grinds to a halt for two minutes as the visiting team calls a timeout to regain composure. The game continues, but the opposing team has been thrown so off-balance, it never has a chance to get back into the game. At halftime, Taylor's score is twice that of the visiting team, and that number only continues to increase in the second half. However, on this particular night the score does not matter to the fans. What matters is cheering louder than a Super Bowl crowd while coming together with friends and fellow students in one fun night, for a truly Taylor made experience. Silent night? Not really.

John Murphey

At the end of the exciting game the fans rushed forward to engulf the Taylor Trojan men's basketball team in a huddle of cheer. Students dressed in pajamas, togas, animal costumes, nativity scene outfits and game day shirts in honor of the special night. Silent Night is an amazing night in which the fans unite together to cheer the Taylor Trojans on to victory, which makes the night not so silent.
Junior Andrea Butcher and sophomore Lindsey Kirkbride gave their all as Olson's cheerleaders entertained the crowd during the halftime show. The routine included dancing, cheering, and performing stunts.

Nathan Miley stood in silence with the rest of Wengatz for the second time that evening. The crowd grew quiet when the Taylor Trojans scored 90 points. The fans cheered 10 times louder when the team scored 100 points.

Freshman Joel Mostad patiently waits with the rest of the Morris men for the Taylor Trojans to rack up 10 points so they can show their spirit.
Envision entering a culture in which less than two percent of the population is Christian. Imagine ministering in a country where AIDS is ravaging generations and making thousands of children orphans. Picture a country in which children are dying because no one is there to touch them.

Christ declared in Acts 1:8 that his followers would be his witnesses "in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and to the ends of the earth." The 2004 Lighthouse teams had the unique opportunities to do this. Seven teams traveled to five continents during the month of January, spending approximately three weeks serving the Lord and watching him change their world views.

No student returned the same way he or she left. Some discovered new perspectives on poverty, disease and the reality of good and evil in the world. Some strengthened their spiritual gifts or dwelt in the joy of God being manifested in their weaknesses, while others watched God redirect their entire futures.

Junior Adam Frank, a history major planning to teach high school, never considered being a pastor.

"I always had a desire to learn, read and talk about theology," said Frank. "I love preaching and teaching but I never considered God might call me to use that."

While in Bolivia, Frank received an unexpected confirmation from the Lord. Frank shared his testimony by way of a translator at the Bolivian Evangelical University. When the team was debriefing about the day's events, a Bolivian national who heard Frank's testimony boldly entered their meeting, looked at Frank and pronounced, "You are going to be a pastor."

These words resonated with Frank's spirit, as only days before he wrote in his journal, "I know you [God] will use me in theology, teaching and devotions."

When Lighthouse students leave Taylor for the mission field, they often believe they are going only to minister. But while seeking to teach others to hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, students also hear his still small voice. All the teams returned to Taylor with a greater knowledge of God and what it means to be a part of a global church.

Meagan Smigelsky

Sophomore Brad Klaver helps teachers at the orphanage in Thailand by entertaining the children.
South Africa

Held church services, visited orphanages, hosted a Vacation Bible School and painted a church building.

**Sponsors: Cindy and Stan Tyner**

Meredith Costolo, Nathalie Williams, Abby Butler, Aaron Shapiro, Chris Pegg, Nathan Miley, Sara Schupra, Joanna Horneck, Elizabeth Ludington, Alicia Bontrager, Jody Tyner, Keturah Peterson, Adam Frank, Tyler Sellhorn, Brett Shafer, Nathan Mabie, Brad Johnston, Devan McLean

**Czech Republic**

Played, performed skits and conversed with children.

**Sponsors: Steve Austin and John Moore**

Travis Yoder, Brad Yordy, Darla Stults, Kelly Peters, Megan Twietmeyer, Roshana Leaman, Katie Brose, Michael Moore, Melissa Moeller, Caelyn Everson, Sara Bonness, Liz Culver, Carrie Browning, Matt Jesser, Kreg Salsbery, Eric Nyberg, Sara Pallansch, Lindsey Sieling

**Guatemala**

Performed service-learning projects of well-drilling and participatory health/hygienic training.

**Sponsor: Michael Guebert**

Scott Little, Blake Carl, Bryan Beeh, Luke Ehresman, Jacob Oehrig, Kyle Stryker, Kari VanderWiele, Sara Blocher

**Northern Ireland**

Provided church services and performed dramas in schools.

**Sponsors: Roger and Carol Ringenberg (TUFW), and Ian Blair and Gary Ross (TUU)**

Justin Potts, Tim Howard, Michael Larson, Greg Matney, Jill Vande Zande, Hannah Larson, Kara Claybrook, Kimmy Goldman, Laura Carlson, Kelly McGunnigal, Rebecca Schultz, Kevin Yoder, Sean Hogan, Andrew Fredrickson, Marisa Gratson, Ben Shepple, Katie Wofford

**South Africa**

Reached a variety of oppressed children and saw how God can work through others' weaknesses.

**Sponsors: Cathy Harner and Ann Snow**

Gabrielle Winship, Andrea Atkinson, Carrie Rohr, Allison LaBianca, Luke Lentscher, Zac Henderson, David Hasenmyer, Drew Tipton, Kristi Miller, Kevin Welty, Marc Painter, Joy Bellito, Dawnelle Miller, Nick Wilson, Austin Kirchoff, Jon Zurcher

**Thailand**

Taught English at a Buddhist school for a week and took God's light where it has never been.

**Sponsors: Jeremy Diller and Dwight Dunlap**

Sky Siu, Laura Metzger, Steve Green, Ryan Jones, Cesar Cuellar, Brittany Long, Amber Brauchler, Kristin Wong, Linda Brate, David Haller, Brad Klaiver, Kaleb Jordan, Zack Barker

**Trinidad**

Presented the Gospel through 30-minute programs at schools.

**Sponsors: Barb Davenport and Amy Barnhart**

Brett Cadwell, Dave Young, Brianne Hillesland, Kendra Anderson, Andrea Butcher, Ben Karlberg, Erin Briggs, Michelle Martin, Laura Gillmore, Kat Hunt, Kelly Moselle, Noah Zapf, Garien Hudson, Kyle Mangum, Toby Siefert, Joe Cressman, Joey Beckman, Zach Gallentine
Junior Ethan Daly gives it his all as he sings "Beat It" to the roaring fans.

Senior Hilary Whitaker sings part of the three-part harmony "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy." Junior Emily McIntyre and senior Dawnielle Miller made up the rest of the trio.
A small group of students gathered outside the doors of Rediger Chapel the night of Thursday, April 15th. They waited for Rediger to open because it would host the widely attended event known on Taylor's campus as Nostalgia Night. Students slowly trickled out of their dorms into the brisk, stale air of the spring evening. Eventually, the group of students grew and began to emit a low rumble that permeated all corners of Taylor's campus.

By 8 o'clock, dormitories had almost entirely emptied their bowels full of students onto the sidewalk outside of the chapel doors. Yes, English girls, Olson girls, Sammy guys, Wengatz guys and mixed parties from Bergwall, Gerig, Swallow and off-campus showed up representing the entire campus.

When the doors swung wide open at 8:15, students hurriedly shuffled up the stairs and toward seats that would afford them a panoramic view of the glorious stage that rested before them. The performers waited upstairs for their turn to exhibit the various acts that they had been practicing for weeks.

The theme of the evening was Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory and the interior of the chapel was decorated accordingly. The night opened with the house band being led by Matt Hoppe in "The Candy Man Can." Renditions of classic songs by the likes of Elvis Presley, Michael Jackson, The Turtles, The Ramones, Elton John, Queen, War, Bill Withers, and many others were performed, punctuated by energetic skits featuring many Taylor students and Taylor's dean of students, Walt Campbell.

Student performers shined brightly under the luminous stage lights showering them and their instruments. Students left with a renewed aesthetic sense that had been tweaked by a new standard in artistic performance. It could be said the evening played out like a novel, rising in action to an irresolvable conflict, a turning point, and concluding with an unpredictable resolution to leave the audience breathless.

Joe Darling

Far Left: Dusty DiSanto hosts Nostalgia Night as Willy Wonka. Students performed skits between musical numbers to carry the Willy Wonka theme through the show.

Left: Junior Jake Drake plays chocolate loving Agustus Gloop for another Willy Wonka themed skit.
Senior Neville Kiser receives the award for Best Cinematography from junior Ethan Daly at the Trojan Film Fest. Kiser also won Best Picture for his film "Giving Up Alone." This is his third year to participate in the annual fest.
A crowd of screaming fans waits outside Rediger Auditorium as Taylor’s best film makers step out of the limousine and make their way down the red carpet. The air is thick with anticipation as students race for seats.

The nine films presented were created by Taylor students, including one entirely digital. Seven films competed for cash prizes totaling $1000 and two were humorous shorts made just for fun.

Audience members roared with laughter over “Only In Dreams,” a film chronicling the meeting, acceleration and failure of a TU dating relationship. Senior Matthew Abernathy wrote and directed the film and freshman Stephen Abernathy produced it. Sophomore Sara Woodard received the Best Leading Actress Award and junior Bryan Jackson received the Best Leading Actor Award for “Only In Dreams.” Also, “Attack Goats,” the film created by Stephen and Matthew Abernathy, received the Best Supporting Actor Award for the entire cast.

The Best Original Screenplay Award and the Students’ Choice Award went to senior Dave “Shabotz” Turner for his film “La Bella,” a hilarious tribute to generic products. Turner also submitted the non-competing film “Penguin Jazz,” which lauds the grace (or lack thereof) of penguins.

“Giving Up Alone,” one of two films submitted by senior Neville Kiser, received the awards for Best Picture and Best Cinematography. The film draws the audience into a sunlit beach scene where a little girl is quietly working on a sandcastle. Her hard work is destroyed, not by the waves, but by her brother. Dismayed, she leaves the remnant castle to the water and sun. Paul Mojonnier produced the film.

Other films in the competition this year were “Winners Never Quit” by John Hendrick, “Coffee Stains” by senior Kaiti M. Bierdeman, and “Stones” by senior Kyle Dufendach, sophomore Kevin Dufendach and junior Jeff Courter.

Meagan Smigelsky

Above: Senior Shelley Fetchero and student body president Tommy Grimm present the final award at the film fest. Instead of impersonating a specific celebrity, the two did a mixture of all the impersonations from the evening, creating even more fun and entertainment.

Left: Senior Chris Chadoin provides comic relief at the Trojan Film Fest as he presents an award as Dr. Phil, while junior Nicole Janke laughs in the background. The Film Fest incorporated several students impersonating celebrities to give the event an awards-show feel.
For seven years Taylor University has seen fit to honor with a special event those men and women who leave us their legacy. The event: Grandparent's Day. Every year the grandparent's of Taylor students come from all over the country to experience the daily lives of their children's children. They don’t always come expecting to be blessed, but nearly all of them leave commenting that they have been.

This year about 400 grandparents arrived for the special day on Friday, April 30th. The guests were welcomed at breakfast in the dining commons followed by a session in the chapel with Dr. Gyertson. Most grandparents then enjoyed attending classes with their respective student/s. Many professors opened their class sessions for a time to hear the thoughts and opinions from the visitors on the topic of the day. In the afternoon there was time to enjoy a concert given in the chapel.

Some dorm floors on campus decided to honor their grandparents with an additional event. For example, Second East Olson gave a Grandparents’ Dessert. With a smaller and more intimate setting, everyone present had a chance to share and ask questions. Over coffee and cheesecake the grandparents talked about their marriages, their dreams, past occupations and current goals. They even felt free to brag about the grandchildren sitting next to them. Several spoke of feeling inspired as they observed Taylor students taking a hold of the work God is doing. Near the end of the evening one student tearfully thanked the guests for the legacy that they are imparting to each of their young relatives.

In a society where the elderly are often overlooked and under-appreciated, Grandparent’s Day is a breath of fresh air for everyone involved. We are reminded by the lives of our beloved elderly what it means to live worthy of the fact that we are made in the image of God. In His image we are called to love and often we are inspired most profoundly by the love passed to us from the hearts of our grandparents.
Junior Nathan Brooks enjoys a meal with his grandparents in the DC. Students' grandparents partook in many campus activities to get a feel of what their grandchild's life is like.

Sophomore Megan Elder and her grandparents Doris and Herman Bass talk after Advanced Reporting with Professor Donna Downs.
For Taylor students, spring break may mean a hiatus from classes, but for the 280 students who participated in Taylor sponsored trips there was hardly a break in the action.

Students traveled to the Dominican Republic to work with national children and MK's and to Mexico to spend time with children in orphanages. Other students who traveled to Mexico learned up with the Lions Club to distribute eyeglasses. One team went to Russia to work primarily with orphans. An Ecuador team comprised of half Upland students and half Fort Wayne students did manual labor and presented the JESUS Film.

The lacrosse team originally planned to go to Haiti but due to political instability, they were rerouted to Jamaica.

"God was in control back in December," said junior lacrosse coach Scott Swinburne, remembering the teams' planning and preparation. "When we got there God showed us why we were supposed to go. It was good to have that to strengthen our faith."

Students who traveled to Daytona Beach, Florida, were also in for surprises. Instead of centering their ministry on a work project or VBS, this team's ministry was grilling hamburgers.

"Evangelizing by grilling burgers is an easy way to talk to people," said freshman Andy Manet. "Free food is a great way to start talking to people. We would go talk to people on the streets at night while they were partying. If someone sees you are being that bold, they might laugh at you but they will listen to what you have to say."

After a one-year delay, the Taylor Chorale traveled to Greece to bring their ministry of music to a country where Christians are considered second class citizens. The Taylor Ringers traveled to the Czech Republic and Ukraine playing in concert halls and schools and seeing God use them most in moments of weakness.

The team traveling to Honduras taught VBS and built playgrounds, and caught a fresh vision of what it means to be a Christian.

"We came to be a part of the work the Lord was already doing in Honduras," said senior Katie Kibler. "We didn't start it and we won't finish it but we got to be a part of it." The students took the opportunity to encourage many Hondurans who were new Christians and see how relationships could be built in languages of smiles and touch rather than English.

Habitat for Humanity took two trips during spring break. One was to New Orleans and the other to Wyoming. The New Orleans team worked on five houses and encouraged the Habitat staff with their positive attitudes and willing spirits.

Rachel Oliver was one of the World Christian Fellowship Co-Directors who planned many of the trips.

"It was a blessing to see how the Lord used such different trips and a real diverse group from the student body to come together and serve as a unified body but all over the world," said Oliver. "It reminded me of a collage — unity within diversity — as the same purpose of glorifying Christ was played out in different ways."

Meagan Smigelsky
Above: Freshman Austin Bennett works construction in the Dominican Republic. Bennett and his teammates spent spring break working on various projects in DR.

Left: Freshman Jen Walsh shares the magic of digital photography with a young Russian boy. Walsh joined other Taylor students on a mission trip to Russia during spring break.
Junior Matt May passes the bike to junior Andy Howard as sophomore John Murphey passes the bike to sophomore Mark Burtness. The transitions are the most difficult part of Taylathon.
Taylathon 2004 almost made history this year. It wasn’t because of fast laps or tragedy. With two weeks before the race, the men’s sophomore team was nonexistent. An article in The Echo bewailing their abandonment kicked them into action, and they slapped a team together at the last minute.

With the original race date rained out, Thursday, May 6, proved to be a glorious day for the race. Eighty degree temperatures and clear blue skies heralded the 56th annual Taylathon.

With standing room only at the starting line, the crowd was ready and vigorously cheered the opening 32-lap girls’ race.

Though several riders became one with the pavement, the girls stuck to their goal and finished strong with the seniors in the lead. Behind them, the freshmen, sophomores and juniors finished in that order.

Immediately after the girls’ finish, the men began warming up for their 64-lap race.

With a shout (the cap-gun was broken); the men ran to their bikes and started their two-hour race around the lacrosse field, Reade and the Ayres Alumni Building.

With competitiveness and intensity, many riders’ tempers flared as transitions were fumbled and riders fell. Embarrassed by their shortcomings, several riders spurred themselves on with loud, harsh words.

The seniors had little need for chastisement. Clad in spandex shorts and racing shirts, the seniors came out ready to win and did so with seemingly little effort. Their impeccable transitions and furious pedaling cinched the race for them.

Unlike last year, there were few major bike problems, and the race was close until the end.

Coming in for the win, senior Matt Docter stretched superman-style over his handlebars to the cheers of the crowd. Behind him the juniors, freshmen and sophomores finished in that order.

Erik Kielisch

Above: Sophomore Megan Speicher gives it her all as she focuses on the upcoming transition.

Left: Freshman Laura Hibsman carries the team bike off the field with pride. The freshman girls took second place.
Junior Lizzy Moore helps a Mexican woman test her eyesight during the Lions' spring break trip to Mexico. Moore and several other Taylor Lions went to Mexico to distribute eyeglasses to children and adults.
It all started with a request for help. Last year, Lion John Clester asked Taylor for assistance with his eyeglass distribution center. Soon after, a handful of Taylor students volunteered on a regular basis. Relationships formed and a common vision was established. The students loved helping John and the other Lions loved the company. Acknowledging this, John, along with a few soon to be seniors, wanted to build something permanent, and so it was planned — the establishment of Taylor University’s Lion’s Club.

The Lion’s Club International is the largest human service organization in the world. It is a club open to men and women alike with one common goal: to SERVE! More than 44,000 clubs exist worldwide in 189 countries. Taylor University chartered its club on November 21, 2003. Lion’s young and old came from all over the state for the charter celebration to welcome and excite Taylor’s campus for the future. Over 50 Taylor students joined that night and began a new Taylor legacy.

Since the charter celebration, much has happened. A foundation has been laid for the years to come and the future is promising for the Taylor Lions. A strong relationship has been formed between our club and the surrounding clubs. We have had a consistent workforce at the "Den" all year and have worked out all of the beginning kinks. The highlight of the year was sending a couple of our members to Mexico to see where the glasses we sort are distributed. They teamed up with some local Lions and did what our initial mission was to do... SERVE!

Adam D. Hubert
The Rice Pilaf team takes some time after its performance to offer some of that "cheese" they do so well. Up front are Jeff Strickland and Bill Green. In the back are Stephanie Snider, Susan Steiner, Jared Bane, Allison Chatfield, Jeremy Jones and Chris Chaudoin.
During the 2004-2005 season, Rice Pilaf kept fans holding their sides and coming back for more. The squad consisted of seniors Bill Green, Chris Chaudoin and Susan Steiner; juniors Jerry Jones, Jeff Strickland and Allison Chatfield; and sophomores Jared Bane and Stephanie Snider.

The group had its first performance at the rehearsal dinner of Taylor alumni. Rice Pilaf hopes their marriage went better than that night’s show. The next show was in Rice Pilaf’s home stadium, the Stuart Room. Students packed the room hungry for their favorite improv treat. The show was a success and gave the new and returning members much needed confidence. Second-year member Jeremy Jones said, “I felt five feet tall out there. That’s the tallest I’ve ever been.”

The legend of Rice Pilaf’s comic genius spread as far as West Lafayette, Indiana, where it performed one of its many church shows. The crowd ranged in age from 5 to 105, but Rice Pilaf finds no crowd too daunting. First-year member sophomore Stephanie Snider said, “I don’t know who laughed harder, the little kid with no teeth or that old guy with no teeth.”

However, the most memorable shows for Rice Pilaf come at Taylor University. Who can forget Jared Bane’s vampire, Bill Green’s dance lessons or Chris Chaudoin’s hair. Each residence hall on campus helped to make Rice Pilaf’s third annual World Tour a success. The week provided the chance for Rice Pilaf to try new games and bring out some of its quirkiest comedy yet.

Over its years in existence, Rice Pilaf has taken a great joy in making the Taylor student body laugh. Rice Pilaf wants to thank its loyal fan base. The members of Rice Pilaf enjoy every fan in the audience as much as they enjoy the show. The fans that wait in line an hour before the show make Rice Pilaf work harder to keep skits fresh and entertaining. The Taylor community has opened up an incredible opportunity for eight students to bring laughter on campus.

Chris Chaudoin, Bill Green and Susan Steiner
Dr. Ollie Hubbard addresses a packed auditorium for Thanksgiving Chapel. Ollie, diagnosed in August with pancreatic cancer, spoke about what he was thankful for through the difficult and good times.

Campus Pastor Randy Gruendyke lights Gabrielle Winship's candle during the Christmas Candle Light Chapel. Winship and others distributed the light throughout chapel until every student's candle burned brightly in the dim auditorium.
What is worship? That was the first question we received as chapel coordinators when the team came together at the beginning of the year on a retreat to Wheaton. Throughout the year it was a question we kept asking ourselves with each chapel we planned. Now, as I look back on the season we’ve shared, there were some pretty good answers — they came in the chapels themselves. Many of those answers expanded our horizons and humbled us as we saw God work through different venues of talent, show His power and graciousness through our flaws, and calm systems of technology that occasionally act up.

Some of the chapels that stand out to me the most are of Dr. Thonnes when he spoke for Spiritual Renewal week about knowing God, Jill Briscoe, Dan Allendar who spoke about the importance of "our story" for Relational Enrichment week, Dr. Mary Fisher, and the powerful Easter service with the dramatic dance that portrays the life, death and resurrection of Christ.

Before each chapel service, much preparation and prayer go into the speakers, bands, special music, maintenance, sound and lighting, the music department, the campus ministries office and videotaping by communication arts. Most speakers are selected a year or more in advance and the majority of the other details get finished two weeks before each service . . . at least that is our target. We learned so much about worshiping through prayer, community, taking risks, preparing well, and making mistakes. One of the hardest lessons as a coordinator is perhaps learning the balance between being prepared and organized, and then being flexible enough to change everything you have worked on so God can continue to be glorified in the service. I am so blessed and honored to have been part of this team to bring forth opportunities for the body of Christ to worship and glorify God.

"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." 1 Corinthians 10:31
Swimmers plunge into the cold water of Taylor Lake as they begin the annual three part Tin Man Race.

Photo by Matt Wissman
The Students Activity Committee was truly made to serve. SAC's goal is to provide activities and entertainment for Taylor students throughout the school year.

SAC started the year by dipping out 100 gallons of ice cream and drenching them with favorite toppings during the first week of school at the annual Ice Cream Social. The year was rounded out in Medieval times at the annual Study Break in the Odle Gymnasium.

A new twist was put on Halloween this year with SAC's Freaky Fest. Pumpkin carving, hay rides and costume contests made this event worth attending.

SAC also sponsored traditional events this year such as My Generation Night in New York, Nostalgia Night Willy Wonka style, and the annual Trojan Film Festival.

Along with these events came some new ones. SAC introduced the Battle of the Bands. The cabinet also attempted to break the Guinness Book of World Records for the longest leap frog game involving all of the Taylor campus.

These are the things that the students see; however, what is not seen is the long hours and the hard work put in before the events come alive in the eyes of the campus.

Meeting at least once a week throughout the semester, the members of SAC work together to make their events the best. From naming the event to creating programs to the final decorations, SAC does it all.

Each member works for the student body, creating events for the enjoyment of all. God has blessed each member with gifts, whether artistic creativity, musical talent, or simply a joyful nature.

Led by SAC Vice President Kaiti Bierdeman, Ashley Boyer, Brett Cadwell, Libby Carlisle, Nate Clark, Liz Culver, Eric Heavey, Nicole Janke, Yumi Kim, Michelle Morrison, Jaime Stoud, Jeff Waye, and Nick Wilson made up this year's SAC cabinet.

This cabinet has worked hard and hopes its labor will benefit future SAC cabinets.

Nicole Janke

Above: Matt Carmichael and Nate Tubach dig out some scoops at the annual Ice Cream Social held at the beginning of the school year beside the Sammy statues outside of Rupp.

Left: Toby Siefert and Brian O'Neill give it all they have as they approach the finish line on the annual three part Tin Man Race.
The class of 2004 applauds Dr. David Gyertson after his speech during the commencement ceremony.
Senior Monica Gahli reflects on her past four years at Taylor and all of the memories she and the class of 2004 will take away with them as they leave the campus and enter the world.

Taylor University held its commencement exercises Saturday, May 22, 2004, at 10:00 a.m. With the sun shining brightly and the wind blowing, 403 students in black gowns followed faculty onto the field at Jim Wheeler Memorial Stadium.

President David J. Gertyton, Kenneth Flanigan, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, and Thomas G. Jones, on behalf of the National Alumni Council, welcomed a large crowd of family, friends, faculty and staff.

Senior Courtney Kennedy read the class verse: "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." (Matt. 28: 19-20a)

Christopher Bennett, associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of the Upland campus, announced one member of the faculty and two members of the administration retiring after years of faithful service to Taylor’s program of Christ-centered higher education: Patricia Kirkpatrick, associate professor and learning support center, Walter Campbell, associate vice president for student development and dean of students, and Dwight Jessup, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the university.

Oliver Hubbard, professor of communication arts and director of theatre, also received special recognition for his 26 years of service.

The crowd also held a moment of silent prayer in memory of Kimberly Irvine and Katrina Wahl, both remembered fondly by the class of 2004.

Jessup’s address to the crowd, "A Stewardship of Influence," encouraged graduates to consider their effect on the world. After his address, each graduate was presented with a diploma. One hundred sixty-nine students graduated with honors; Kevin Sparks and Eric Spaulding graduated with a 4.0 GPA. Three hundred ninety-one graduates were from 32 states and 70 percent of graduates were from the Midwest. One hundred seventeen graduates were from other states, and 12 students listed a foreign country as their hometown.

Jay Kesler, president emeritus, presented each graduate with a towel. The towel is a Taylor tradition symbolizing Christian service. Each graduate is encouraged to live a life of service to the Lord and to others.

The memories held of the past four years are still fresh on the minds of the graduates. Monica Gahli’s senior reflection focused on the classes, social events, study abroad programs, off-campus living and many more experiences that will leave each graduate laughing and crying for years to come.

Relationships built with faculty, staff, students and classmates are what will leave each graduate thankful for time spent at Taylor. God’s provision and guidance has led the class of 2004 through Taylor University, and the class of 2004 has left a "mark" on the university that will last.

Jess Cuthbert
Above: Senior Daniel Gall walks down the receiving line as senior Matt Docter greets Steve Austin. The receiving line is a special chance for students to say goodbye and thank you to their beloved professors.

Left: Senior Beth (Duncan) Murvine leads the Class of 2004 to its seats for the ceremony.
CONGRATULATIONS

Class of 2004
Let those who are wise listen to these proverbs and become even wiser. And let those who understand receive guidance...

Proverbs 1:5
Made To Learn
An Irish street musician shows junior Sarah Hedges how to play an instrument. Hedges participated in the Fall 2003 Irish Studies Program.

Taylor's study abroad programs give students the opportunity to immerse themselves in new cultures for four months. Classes, sightseeing, traveling and fun are all part of the itinerary for these programs.

But during these four months, students have the ability to experience their faith in an amazing way. When students are on the other side of the world and far from home, they encounter loneliness, therefore, experiencing total dependence upon God.

Participants in study abroad programs express how they find themselves, but more importantly, they develop a more intimate relationship with the creator of this world.

Tristahartman
Juniors Andrew Mauser, Isaac Belcher and Ben Gastright are rocking out at Stonehenge. Early in the trip they decided to take a “rocking out” picture every place they went. This year 25 students went on the Literary London J-term trip.

Photo by Emily Gilbert

Matt Mancinelli takes a break from his job on a ship called the Doulos, which was docked for two weeks in Barjul, Gambia. Mancinelli said his group spent time in Barjul, distributing thousands of books to West Africans who stood in lines for hours.

Photo provided by Matt Mancinelli
Fine Arts

The Taylor art department’s primary strength lies in the faculty who have made the department a true family. Professors are on a first name basis with students allowing for a sense of community and intense interaction. Professors are approachable, personable, and caring.

Art department professors are also committed to challenging, strengthening, and developing skills in their students and to helping students understand their role as Christians in the arts. Through discussion, application, and example, they encourage students to "create" art from a Christian worldview and to understand how faith permeates everything.

In addition, they have shown a deep interest in their students’ personal lives, offering encouragement, support, and advice in many different situations. These situations allow Taylor art students to feel like a true family. The faculty members and the wonderful program assistant, Mary Mahan, take a great interest in all of the students as they develop the gifts God has given them.

Erin McGinty

Graphic Arts

Not many students have two academic buildings to call home. The dungeon in Nussbaum and the studios of the newly built Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Building house the ambitious computer graphic art students. Our goal is to combine pencils and paint with computers and logic, a task that can be frustrating and rewarding. Fusing color and design with the powerful tool of computers, we can create stunning and interactive artwork. Creative and stimulating web pages, logos, printed graphics, multimedia applications, and computer animations are among the portfolios of the majors.

At some point, we have all asked why we are in this major, especially when the left and right sides of our brains do not cooperate. Difficult times have helped us grow as we bonded together. We have agonized over fonts and designs, hoping to create quality work.

We were excited when we finally had the chance to study photography, Photoshop, animation, and Flash. In the end, we have found success and friendship, our greatest rewards.

The seniors went to Chicago this year, culminating their four years of hard work. They explored possible careers, visiting an ad agency, photography studio, multimedia firm, and fine art museums. A computer graphic artist has many opportunities as art and technology continue to merge. As a senior, I feel excited to see where my skills and faith will take me.

I will miss my classmates when I graduate. Over the years I have made friends in the major that will be a part of me even as we separate. God uses so many people to touch us at Taylor, and I know the computer graphic artists and professors will continue to engage others with exciting, meaningful work.

Kyle Dufendach
Art Education

O, the long awaited Met...a place of refuge, refinement and rejoicing for the 108 majors and 11 professors who call it home. Taylor’s commitment to the arts draws increasing talent from around the country. An exciting energy fills the Met with students majoring in fine arts, art education, and computer graphic arts.

Not until I spent a semester away student teaching in Indianapolis did I fully realize the incredible blessing of Taylor’s art department. Stimulating classes and dedicated professors aside, the art department, headed up by department chair, Dr. Rachel Smith, provides a plethora of opportunities for professional and personal growth.

Perhaps most inspiring to me are the undiscovered treasures of the many quality exhibits on display throughout the year in the Metcalf Gallery. As an art education major, I especially appreciate the emphasis the department places on personal production as well as teaching ability. Taylor is one of the few Christian liberal arts schools that requires its art education majors to exhibit a senior show, a growing and stretching process.

Katie Kibler
The skills learned from the biblical studies, Christian educational ministries, and philosophy department (BSCEMPD for short) are a tremendous asset and these majors are unique to a Christian institution such as Taylor.

We have the unique privilege of studying full-time the issues all of us will need to face at some point in our lives: what God’s word says, how to communicate it to others, and how it affects the way we live. And if nothing else, it allows us to throw around words like Heilsgeschichte and Hapax legomenon while waiting in line for coffee at the Jumping Bean.

Although any one of our 13 faculty members would be intelligent and educated enough to feed us his or her own beliefs and opinions, each instead allows us to discover and explore for ourselves. They are available to assist, but careful to let us form our own theories and opinions through research papers, exegetical papers, and essays, often done over coffee from the Jumping Bean.

By being allowed to study what interests me within a given realm of biblical theology, I have been blessed, challenged, and inspired by lessons learned while doing my homework.

Teaching through guided exploration culminates when seniors work on projects that directly prepare them for a chosen post-graduation ministry.

Significant events this year in the department included: winning first place in the regional Ethics Bowl; the ever-popular Christian education retreats, hosted at a breathtaking monastery; and solving the problem of evil.

The Linguistics Club was also formed this year for those working on a Biblical languages minor or preparing for a foreign mission field (Greek, Hebrew, Japanese, Spanish, and Java were represented). Other highlights included Bible trivia show downs between students and professors, late nights and early mornings in the Greek room, intravenous coffee for Bib theo papers, and Dr. Dorman’s banana cake.

I consider myself blessed to have spent so much time with such quality faculty and students, and while I can hardly say I’m sorry to be graduating, I must also admit that I will miss Taylor Bible.

Jeremy Otten
"Oh, so you're a Christian education major? Are you going to be a Sunday school teacher some day then?"

It seems every CEM major has been asked this sometime in his or her Taylor career. Although being a Sunday school teacher may be the aspiration of some, there is actually a broad diversity of vocational interests represented within the major. CEM's 22 seniors show vocational interests ranging from youth ministry to college ministry, pastoral work to children's ministry to motivational speaking, sports ministry, community development to recreational ministry, to name a few.

The CEM major is blessed to have three professors that are deeply committed to the task of equipping and nurturing students to further God's kingdom through lifelong service. These professors are affectionately known by their students as Bob, Phil, and Faye. This fall Phil Collins took his sabbatical in order to work on his doctorate and Bob Lay took his sabbatical in the spring to pursue studies of interest. To fill the gap, Taylor hired Dr. Ted Ewing for a year to teach classes in leadership development, personal foundations of ministry, and youth ministry. The ministry experience, passion, and openness he brought with him into this teaching position enriched the department greatly.

Every year the CEM department plans and facilitates a fall and spring retreat. This fall the retreat was held in an old monastery near Huntington, and the theme was the spiritual discipline of solitude. Students were given two extended times to spend in solitude with God, and they were also given times to enter into worship both with instruments and without. Other components of the retreat included a message by Bob Lay, a crazy game in the dark, funny skits by the professors, and a late night run to I-HOP. The retreat also included worship, a time of solitude, special dance and drama performances, games, and again, a late-night run to I-HOP.

This year brought with it a change of tradition as 18 of the seniors headed not west, but rather east to Pittsburgh and Washington D.C. for over two weeks. Professor Bob Lay accompanied the seniors and Taylor alum J.R. Kerr, who presently works for a church in Pittsburgh, was the main facilitator of the trip. The seniors spent their days meeting with leaders of organizations and ministries, talking about important life issues, and dreaming big. The trip was definitely a transformational experience for every participant.

Melissa White
The Business Department Mission Statement:
"The business division prepares servant leaders to use business concepts and principles professionally and ethically wherever God calls them to serve and to minister the redemptive love of Jesus."

This year the business department took on new dedication to its students. One student organization within the business department grew tremendously. Under new advisor Professor James Coe, the Taylor Association of Business Students (TABS) has become an elite organization seeking to create an environment for dedicated students. The goal is to give and nurture competent Christian leadership for the stewardship of resources. TABS business society enables its cabinet with the resources to reach out, not only to the business community, but also to the Taylor student community.

The first TABS Business Conference this year occurred in February, and the effort of TABS organization and the support of the Taylor community helped make it a success. The conference allowed students to interact with business alumni. The National Business Alumni Council, made up of Taylor business graduates, provided speakers at the conference. Six successful Taylor graduates shared their knowledge as they spoke to business and non-business students. The speakers highly revered the education they received at Taylor University, and the students responded with appreciation and enthusiasm.

The Taylor business department continually pours all possible resources into their students. Excellence in education is achieved with perseverance and dedication. These are qualities that the business department faculty and TABS Cabinet of 2003-04 consistently implement in the lives of students.

Rashel Cary
Above: Senior Brandon Henderson teaches Lincoln Elementary students to identify street signs at a bicycle safety session. Taylor business students combined forces with Marion police to put on the special event.

Left: Junior Briana Hildebrand helps the TABS organization pick up trash on the roadside of State Road 22.
Communication
Arts

Donna Downs
Dale Keller
Sonya Paul
Jan Fletcher
Jessica Rousselow-Winquist

Not Pictured:
Dr. Harry Sova

Above: Co-editor Joe Cressman edits stories for the latest edition of the student newspaper, The Echo. The Echo staff publishes a paper every Friday morning.

Upper Left: The office staff for the communication arts department includes: Tim Ziegler, theater technician, Judy Kirkwood, publicity coordinator, Michael Fletcher, sound technician, Carol Owen, program assistant, and Jon Ochs, media technician.

Left: Media supervisor Beth Murvine, helps underclassmen learn camera and video editing techniques.
The communication department at Taylor continues to grow and change to keep up with the ever-changing world. Taylor offers majors in communication studies, mass communication and theater and is seeking to collaborate with the art department to create a new major to be shared by both communications and art.

Department Chair Jan Pletcher stressed that the department must "maintain the integrity of our roots but know we have to work in the 21st Century." The collaboration with departments will equip students to excel in the ever-developing media field.

The Echo, student newspaper, went from using a tabloid format to broadsheet under the direction of seniors Wes English and Joe Cressman. Debuting in January, the new format allows for more creativity and a more professional look. The Illum staff under the student leadership of Jess Cuthbert chose the theme of Taylor-Made for this year's book.

Other changes this year included the addition of Professor Sonya Paul who along with student leader Lee Hildebrand was instrumental in reviving the campus radio station WTUR. The station's programming includes student music shows and "Adventures In Odyssey" for the children in the audience.

Video students were introduced to the avid audio editing system as the studio went digital.

It has been a year of contrasts for the theater department. The fall show "And Then They Came for Me," based on an account from Eva Schloss was about a friend and step-sister of Anne Frank. The set was designed by Dr. Ollie Hubbard and was directed by Fletcher and Josh Stamosolis, student director. "The Lives We Live and the Ones We Love," pieces of a college were directed and performed by students as a reader's theater production.

Audiences nearly rolled on the floor with laughter during the winter show "Fools" by Neil Simon. This performance of absurdity was directed by Fletcher with Robby Tompkins assisting.

The spring show, Shakespeare's "Loves, Labours, Lost" directed by guest director Dr. Joe Ricke, included building a semi-thrust stage upon which a traditional Shakespearean show would have been played.

A heart-breaking blow to the department came with the announcement in August that Hubbard was battling pancreatic cancer. Even students who had never met Ollie received a taste of the impact of this gracious man on Taylor's community. Ollie's encouraging presence is still active in the department.

The standard of excellence in the educational theater environment he has spent years demonstrating is a legacy that will not be lost.

"This has been a pruning year for the department," said Fletcher, reflecting on the heart breaking and joyful moments of the year. "We know the importance of what we do [as communicators] and that responsibility is not taken lightly."

The students who come out of this department are equipped to communicate with the world, the most important message being salvation through Christ Jesus.

MeaganSmigelsky
Above: Beth Holloway is a program assistant for the computing system sciences department.

Right: Darryl Tan proves that more fun than programming occurs in the dungeon of Nussbaum Science Center.
Adam Salsbery concentrates as he works diligently on a project for a computer science class.

Things in computing science and systems this year were unlike any year before. In previous decades, graduates of this prestigious program were practically stalked by technology recruiters and could expect a signing bonus and a vacation to Maui upon accepting a job offer. But hard times came to the information technology sector of America’s workforce. Many of our 100 majors shrugged their shoulders and quickly try to change the subject when asked what they’re doing after graduation.

However, all was not lost for the students of CSS. All seven of the brilliant professors in our department managed to find effective ways to divert our attention from the dreary job prospects after Taylor. Student-tackled projects included the creation of a motel reservation system, the development of a membership and accounting program for a couple large churches in Indiana, and work on the sub-systems of a new satellite project. In addition, a number of students worked to foster social activities in the dungeon—as paradoxical as that may seem—by reviving the Computer Science (COS) Club, which hosted a number of movie nights and guest speakers.

There will inevitably be some who question the wisdom in pursuing a computer science degree with its currently lackluster job placement. However, if there is one thing we have learned, it is that change is the only constant in our field. Even if our economy never recovers and most IT jobs leave for distant shores, we will find new opportunities for success. Yes, we will look to the horizon with hope because we know that with God’s help and guidance, our future is always bright.

Eric Spaulding
The bell is ringing. Another school day has begun. However, you are not sitting behind a desk wondering if there will be a pop quiz. This time, there are 20 pairs of eyes staring at you as you stand in front of the chalkboard. You are the teacher.

It begins with the education department's goal to develop competent, caring, and reflective teachers prepared for world service. This line recited over and over by education majors throughout their four years at TU truly makes Taylor students become unique teachers.

Before you can teach, you must know the material yourself. This is why education majors are required to take a broad range of classes, from history and biology to music and writing. Competency does not just mean knowing the subject matter, but also how to teach those subjects. Luckily, the education department realizes the value of practice, so education majors find themselves teaching constantly, both to young students and peers.

Unfortunately, for some teachers, that is where the preparation stops. Many believe that as long as you are competent in subject matter and the art of teaching, you are set. Taylor takes a different stance, desiring to also be caring and reflective. We must remember that we are teaching children who have feelings, emotions, dreams, and lives outside of the classroom.

Teachers are blessed with the opportunity every day to show Christ's love to 20 or more children. Smiling, asking questions about their families, and getting to know each child's hopes and dreams are some simple, yet effective, ways for teachers to create a relationship. This is one that is so excellently modeled for us right here at Taylor. Professors who take an interest in our lives and care about how we are feeling and thinking are the ones that make a difference.

Being a reflective teacher means continually thinking about teaching. How can I improve? Do the students understand this concept? Am I showing love to my students?

These are just a few of the questions that Taylor teachers are trained to ask themselves. Taylor encourages its future teachers to reflect and grow each day, as teaching does not end at the dismissal bell, or even at the end of June.

Though the last part of the education department's goal, "prepared for world service," can often be overlooked, it is a unique part of the program. Wherever we go and whomever we teach, we know that we can do it in the name of Christ, the Master Teacher. When that bell rings, whether it be in the cornfields of Indiana or a tribal village of Africa, all that we do, say, and teach is for His glory.

Julie Dewitt
Karen Anderson searches the juvenile book shelf in the Reade building hoping to find the perfect books. Anderson, along with all junior education majors, are required to tutor a student based on an Informal Reading Inventory.
Taylor's English department offers a small student-teacher ratio. One might interpret this as a sign of the department's failure to attract a significant number of students to the program, but that would be grossly inaccurate. The relatively small number of majors belies the fact that some of the most popular off-campus programs offered at Taylor are geared toward students interested in an intensive education in literature and the humanities.

Exposure to culture is one of the most attractive features of the English department. Even those students who choose not to participate in off-campus programs will encounter literature that demands they imagine life from a radically different point of view. Whether it is in Literature of Cultural Diversity with Dr. Baker, Contemporary Literature with Dr. Dayton, or World Literature with Dr. Ricke, students are challenged, their tastes are refined, and their worldviews are expanded. Even a general education class like American Literature challenges the Eurocentric canon one may have encountered in high school. Taylor's campus may be "in the middle of a cornfield" as the local witticism goes, but students who take advantage of the diverse array of classes offered in the English department are equipped with tools to succeed in a globally-minded society.

Of course, the English department also helps to create a climate on campus that is conducive to the sharing of diverse ideas and experiences that make us a community. The annual publication of the literary magazine Parnassus presents the opportunity to share writing with a wide audience, as well as the challenge of having it judged by peers and professionals. Recently, students have enjoyed visits from the celebrated Christian poet Scott Cairns, lectures on the integration of faith and art from Bill Romanowski, and in the spring of 2004 the students in Professor Satterlee's Fiction Writing class interacted with short fiction author John Biguenet.

Were it not for the involvement of Taylor's English professors, the opportunity for students to have their work published in a literary journal or to study James Joyce in his homeland would not exist. We the students accept responsibility to continue a tradition of excellence.

Jared Bane
The department of modern languages plays a key role in developing students to impact people from other cultures. They develop students’ communication and literary skills so they can better understand and communicate with different people groups. This program prepares students for conversing with a non-English speaking neighbor, performing in a professional career or simply sharing their faith. Students find language related opportunities on campus such as tutors in the Academic Support Center, WOW Cabinet members and student workers for language faculty members. Also, Marion, Indiana, has a large Spanish population, giving Spanish students ample occasions to serve in many ways.

The faculty give students one-on-one attention through mentoring, language tables and retreats. They bring expertise to the classroom as a result of extensive travels to countries like France, Canada, Cuba, Honduras, Mexico and Brazil. The faculty are involved in different service projects and mission trips throughout the world. Some projects include interpreting with CCD in El Nuevo Porvenir, Honduras, being involved with the Institut Jacques LeFèvre in Normandy, France, and teaching Spanish at Upland Elementary.

Modern language students are distinctive in that they can complement many other majors and minors. Forty-seven percent of modern language students double major with business administration, communication studies, Christian education, elementary education or psychology.

Anne Savage

Eleanor Barrick
Rita Koch
Janet Loy

Betty Messer
Dan Treber

Above: Rhonda Gretillat is the program assistant for the English and modern languages departments.

Left: Professor Rita Koch explains the subjunctive tense to her Spanish class.
Henry Ford said, "History is more or less bunk." Napoleon Bonaparte said it "is the version of past events that people have decided to agree upon." And still some say it is what we remember to prevent repeating past mistakes.

For the history department at Taylor University, it is studying past peoples and cultures to enable us to live meaningful lives in this age.

History is truly a valuable area of study. It provides insight into the human condition, and current and future events, and prepares one for analytical and critical thinking skills necessary for any profession.

History is the building block of society that helps predict what the future holds. History majors are scientists in their own right, making valid, critically thought-out hypotheses regarding the future of human conduct. In short, we provide past perspective, bring present understanding and prepare for future precautions.

What makes history a special department is the coursework, the analytic and critical thinking, the fellow majors, and the professors who foster critical and analytic learning. Professors strive to bring God's insight to the students, pointing instruction to the Ultimate Teacher. Classes are thought-provoking, office doors are open, and professors stimulate the search for truth.

Department chair William Ringenberg said one aspect of learning that history students should take away from Taylor is seeking truth. "We're not trying to encourage [students] to develop analytical skills for their own sake...but ultimately it's a spiritual mandate to love God with your mind, and [to] seek the truth," he said. We strive to love God with both our hearts and minds. And through this love, we find the ultimate truth and understanding in the Great Professor.

History students are seeking the truth in many ways. Majors leave Taylor for successful careers in teaching, history-related fields such as museum directors, curators and archivists, humanitarian and government workers, and work with international organizations. History also prepares graduates for seminary, law school, graduate school for history, politics, and careers in business. In all areas, history graduates are influencing the future based on godly principles, helping reach the world for Christ by exposing truth.

Anders Helquist
In any society, individuals and groups strive to advance various interests or ideals. They engage in some combination of conflict and cooperation to obtain the power and resources needed to fulfill their goals. This is the stuff of politics. Taylor's commitment to developing leadership within the context of community. Its identification of civic-mindedness as a goal of general education provides a natural basis on which to offer study in political science.

Taylor political science students learn how governments work, how theories of politics provide an understanding of complicated realities and how Christian principles apply to those realities. They develop abilities to make informed choices about current and future political issues from a Christian perspective, to participate intelligently in the political process at any level as a citizen, and to volunteer or work professionally both inside and outside of government.

The political science program this year has about 35 majors and minors. Despite its modest size, it provides a solid introduction to the major areas of political science: American politics, international politics, comparative politics, methods of political analysis and political philosophy. Students often combine political science with another major. Many political science majors are going on to law school, but others can and do go in a variety of other directions. As one of our graduates put it, "Political science at Taylor teaches you how to think, write, and talk about problems that lack easy answers. Skills like these you'll use whatever you do."

Professors Philip Loy and Stephen Hoffmann are senior professors who work closely with students, publish and present papers at professional conferences and provide leadership in faculty governance. Professor Loy focuses on American politics, Professor Hoffmann on international politics. Taylor's very intentional commitment to the integration of faith and learning has been taken to heart in this department. Students practice working out how to relate as Christians to politics in many contexts in courses throughout the curriculum.

Mekael Teshom
The physics department is a thriving, growing part of campus, home to engineering, systems, education and theoretical physics majors. Perhaps because of the heavy course load and intensive assignments, physics majors have formed a unique bond of business and friendship with each other and the professors.

The physics department offers myriad programs and projects for valuable scientific experience. Balloon launches are a regular occurrence, especially for the electronics-related students, and many are involved with the intense TU Sat 1 nanosatellite program Dr. Voss leads. Perhaps the most interesting is the opportunity for those enrolled in Dr. Kiers' modern physics course to travel to the Fermi Lab and Argonne National Lab in Chicago in the fall. This overnight excursion is a chance to observe breaking-edge particle research and gain practical applications of class material, as well as a sneak peek at internship possibilities.

An increasingly popular aspect of scientific opportunity through Taylor is digging wells in Central America to provide villages with fresh water. A few lighthouse teams have committed the month of January to intensive training in Texas and then practical and spiritual outreach based on well digging in Guatemala.

The light-hearted whiteboard of quotes running throughout the year is good evidence of the cheerful department rapport. The board has memorialized many out-of-context quotes, like Jonathan Hamilton's, "Be moral when it's convenient. That's what I've learned at Taylor," and Dr. Kiers', "I just put in the biggest number I could think of...like 57." Dr. Davis somehow says many profound things in his Math Methods class, including good advice like, "You can't kiss dirac delta [a function] on the first date. You have to go out with her a couple times first."

The intense, challenging program of Taylor's physics department is rounded out by reasonable, relational, godly professors and a good atmosphere of faith and learning integration.
MATH

For some it starts on Monday afternoon, for others Thursday night, but one truth remains: team homework is due on Friday. Throughout the year, it is common to see math majors creating support groups to complete these rigorous assignments. At first, there are many hours of agonizing mental stress. "Why am I a math major?" crosses the mind of each individual at these moments. Our only consolation is that we have completed these mental adventures before.

So, we gather around the table in the Galleria and continue to write out what seems like nonsense until we see a spark. A light bulb goes off in someone's head, and the light gets poured out to the group. "Ah, yes! Of course! I should have thought to use the Fundamental Theorem of Cyclic Groups, too!" A connection has been made, and the students begin to write in unison until they come to the next mental mountain. This time the mountain is too hard for any of the team members to climb alone. For a while there is much weeping and gnashing of teeth.

It is at this time we seek a guide, someone who has been there before and knows the ropes. All hope has been lost, and we must humble ourselves before our professors, and God, and ask for help on chapter 9, number 32.

We send one able group member to meet with the wise professor about this vicious problem. While we know this individual's journey for knowledge will not be easy, we rest assured that we have found the one who can withstand the barrage of questions that will ensue. Taylor math professors have a strong record in the area of individual help, but it comes at the expense of the student actually having to think. There are no free answers; a Taylor math professor is a guide for a journey through the deep caverns of mathematics in search for a pearl of wisdom. These guides have trained hard and long and are willing and able to lead the student through the cyclic groups, Abelian rings, and coordinate planes.

Our representative's return is met with awe and rejoicing, as our hope has been justified. The small task left for this lone ranger is to reflect the new-found knowledge. Many times the new knowledge is met with opposition, as the group tries to understand the complexity, but the confident representative always pulls through.

What makes the Taylor math department different is the professors genuinely care about students and their progress. In my years as a math major, I have known the professors to model the Christian life well and to encourage students to test their beliefs about both math and life in general. This department is truly "Taylor Made."

Andy Williams
Dr. JoAnn Rediger, an assistant professor in the music department and director of the Chorale and Taylor Sounds, poses with tour guide Costas and her husband Wes in the Ancient agora of Athens during the Chorale spring break tour in Greece.

Program assistants for the music department from left to right are Lisa Royal and Kathy Moore.

Lynnette Peterson, a music major, sings at Taylor Sounds practice. Taylor Sounds is a select group of 16 vocalists chosen by audition.

Albert Harrison
Leon Harshenin
Keith Kunda
Christopher Meerdink

Richard Parker
Joann Rediger
Patricia Robertson

Not Pictured:
Dana Collins
Music

Students and faculty from every department shorten the windy walk between campus buildings by cutting through the halls of the Smith-Hermanson Music Center. But for the people who work and study in the music department, central heating is not the real source of the building’s warm, welcoming atmosphere. The faculty, staff and students of the music department share a commitment to love, support, and be accountable to one another, making the hallways feel like a second home.

As students enter the building, they are often greeted by Elizabeth Brown, the music building’s housekeeper. She offers smiles and encourages the students who pass her in the hallway, referring to them as “my kids.” Treating the building’s cleanliness as her calling, she starts work at 3 a.m. to prepare for special events.

As faculty open their homes, pray with students and form mentoring relationships, they display the same blend of personal commitment and integrity to help students develop musical skills, spiritual sensitivity and self-discipline.

It takes self-discipline to practice a musical instrument four hours every day. The bachelor of music in performance degree requires 82 credit hours of music study, including 20 in applied lessons, making it one of Taylor’s largest majors in terms of required hours. Before graduation, music majors prepare a senior recital, an hour-long performance demonstrating the skills they have developed. This year, seven vocal and three piano performance seniors presented recitals.

Before each performance, a faculty member offers prayer. “Performance can be a spiritual battleground,” says Dr. Leon Harshenin, professor of piano studies, who describes the Christian musician’s approach as “loving the audience” through the act of performing. “We want to give our audience a beautiful gift, using the unique gifts God has given each of us,” he says.

Performance and mission opportunities were combined for two Taylor ensembles that toured overseas during the 2004 spring semester. Sixty-three members of the Chorale spent their spring break performing in Greece, while the Taylor Ringers presented programs in the Czech Republic and Ukraine.

Students’ daily experiences foster unity. Between classes, they congregate on the hallway sofas to do homework, eat lunch and chat. The music building does not empty when classes are over for the day. Late night practicing, long talks, project collaboration, impromptu performances for peers, and even tea parties form the building’s nightly life. “Music majors put in a lot of hours here,” said one junior. “When you spend this much time with a group of people, they become like family.”

Jessica Dooley

Teresa Gerig and Anna Hampton play handbells at the Homecoming Collage Concert. The Handbell Choir, directed by Dr. Richard Parker, performs in chapel and in programs on and off campus.
They are seven, led by Dr. Cosgrove, all holding their own. Taylor boasts a psychology faculty with which I am proud to have studied. After spending time in their classes, one wonders how the diverse teachers work together as a team. The answer... they share more than their many years of education and teaching experience; they share the fellowship and laughter of brothers and sisters in Jesus.

This year brought new and continuing endeavors through our 145 majors and 36 minors. Professors Herrmann and Moeschagger progressed towards their doctorates. Dr. Cosgrove continued in his testimony of healing and recovery from his brain aneurysm. Dr. Dungan's advanced research team of students was selected to present at the annual American Psychological Association conference in Hawaii, and three groups of students presented their original research at the Butler University Undergraduate Conference. Dr. Lund pioneered a new course examining the practice of religion from a psychological viewpoint. The Psychology Club reformed and started social, philanthropic, and career/professional development committees. Kathy Bernaix was welcomed as program assistant.

In what can only be deemed as miraculous, Senior Psychology Seminar wooed Dr. Maloney from the emerald isle of Ireland back for engagement, deep introspection, and conclusion in the classroom. Seniors read Telling Secrets by Frederick Buechner and Ruthless Trust by Brenning Manning in a seminar that encouraged graduating students to dream boldly and creatively.

In my pursuit of graduate school, many professors have imparted advice for approaching interviews, preparing for the pre-grad student's arch enemy, the GRE, and having given support in the spirit of "you can do it!"

Dr. Dungan unknowingly encouraged me several times when she candidly spoke of being a mother and a professor. Dr. Snyder's tireless prayer and commitment to proper motivation helped me realize statistics as a foreign language without losing all respect for my intellectual capacity. But more than all of that, I will always remember Dr. Maloney's request for us to "be kind."

Through academics, integration, research, mentoring, I received a message: we are whole beings; we are spirit and flesh; we are mind and matter. If we are to be truly excellent people, in the Lord, of the Lord, no part of our humanness can be ignored. Thank you to each of the seven for their time, energy, and heart.

Ellen Miller

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Mark Cosgrove
Diane Dungan
Tim Herrmann
Joe Lund

Vance Maloney
Scott Moeschberger
Steve Snyder

Senior Amy Walsman concentrates on taking good notes while reminding herself that this will soon be over.

Photo by Megan Elder
Above: Kathy Bernaix is the program assistant for the psychology department.

Left: Dr. Steve Snyder puts notes on the board for an afternoon class. Snyder specializes in Cognitive Psychology, Christian Marriage, and the Integration of Faith and Learning.
Welcome to the first floor of Nussbaum! Walk the halls with me for a moment as we experience the home of a biology major at Taylor. All of one’s senses are aroused in this hallway. See the albino snake, the video of biology majors, walls of pictures. Hear the music from the labs, the laughter, and occasional moaning of students. Smell the comparative anatomy cats. Taste Dr. Reber’s squid being fried up after dissection. Feel Dr. Burkholder pricking your finger for a blood analysis lab. A walk through the biology hallway never ceases to be stimulating and lively. These sensory experiences greatly enhance learning in the classroom.

From freshmen in cell biology to the seniors making future plans, the biology department is one of dedicated students and professors. The diversity of students’ interests within biology range greatly, from medicine to education, from public health to allied health.

The capstone of the biology major is during January, when Dr. Whipple directs the research and ethics class. At the end of a month of work, the class takes a trip to northern Michigan. Here the biology majors experience time together as never before. With snow up to the waist, you will find an intense game of broomball, inexperienced cross country skiers trying out the trails, sledding down a steep incline, and snowball fights. Here in the winter wonderland, biology is appreciated in a renewed and fabulous way.

We have been taught great amounts of information about the intricate parts of the cell, the systems, bacteria, genes, and so much more in our four years at Taylor. Yet unless we retain the ability to step back and look at the world as a whole, we miss the true beauty of that which we have learned.

Biology major or not, we experience biology everyday! God reveals himself in great ways through the beauty and the intricate design we see in nature. Our knowledge and appreciation of God’s power and wisdom have been enhanced by our time in class and elsewhere.

Take a walk with me through the biology hall and experience God in a new way...

Leslie Dye
Students gather to watch Avis Prairie burn across the street from Nussbaum Science Center. This annual event draws a large crowd, including students from the science departments.

The burning of the prairie is designed to maintain the vigor and diversity of prairie plant species.

Dr. Michael Guebert and Luke Ehresman get down and dirty drilling a well for a village in Guatemala. During J-term, a small group of pre-med students ventured south to serve a community by providing them with clean water.

Becky Turner is the program assistant for the earth and environmental department, geography department and the masters of environmental science program.
No other major at Taylor has created a program that so consistently yet gently pushes students outside the "Taylor bubble" to serve others in an empathetic and practical way.

The social work department has a program with a variety of classes that promote personal growth as well as academic development. The classes pull from many different areas of study, such as psychology, sociology and biology. Through these challenging and thought-provoking courses, students develop valuable critical thinking skills and creative problem solving techniques that will help them, not only in their future careers, but also in all other areas of life. Many of the classes use practical experience as a learning tool. The students are able to go out into the community and experience first hand what social work is all about through volunteer experiences and community projects. Once students finish the program, they will be equipped to handle a career in social work.

The social work department has an exceptional faculty. Whether through lectures, group discussions, field trips, Christmas parties, or one-on-one contact, the faculty in the social work department demonstrates a level of respect and care for their students that is uncommon in other institutions. The professors strive to know each of their students in an intentional way, which deepens the respect of the students, as well as creates a close and personal atmosphere.

Because the social work department is fairly small, in comparison to other departments, the students share many classes together. This contributes to close and lasting relationships with each other. After even a few classes, deep friendships are formed.

When a social work student leaves Taylor, they will be more than equipped to shine a light into the world through action, not just knowledge.
Sociology

Where on Taylor's campus can you find a major that encourages students to think beyond the required readings and take action in the community? The Sociology Department! My past four years have been filled with interesting books, stimulating class discussions and a plethora of chances to study off campus.

The two full time professors, Dr. Steve Bird and Dr. Mike Jessup, take personal interest in each student. I always feel comfortable stopping by their offices to discuss anything from class schedules to homework questions or future plans. My sociology classes have prepared me to move on to the next level. From my experiences in the classroom to my off-campus study in Los Angeles, California, my professors have guided me towards my goals.

Both Dr. Bird and Dr. Jessup welcome students into their homes. In fact, I have been to both of their houses for sociology gatherings to get to know other students in my major and have time to share pizza or snacks and watch movies. Those times built our relationships not just as teachers and students, but also as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Upland is great, but everyone needs to get away sometimes, and being a sociology major provides plenty of opportunities for learning and having fun off-campus. We took a trip to Chicago for urban exposure, and attended conferences in Pasadena, California. Also, we went to New Orleans, Louisiana, for the CCDA (Christian Community Development Association) to see how Christian ministries and organizations take social action to show Christ's love to the inner city. And, staying involved locally, we visited the Grant County Rescue Mission and Kay's Kitchen. Stretching my sense of community beyond Upland to reach the larger global community, the sociology department has helped mold me into a better servant.

Alexis Cole
Physical Education and Human Performance

Bill Bauer
Dave Bireline
Angie Fincannon
Erik Hayes
Tena Krause
Jeff Marsee

Paul Patterson
Joe Romine
Amy Stucky
Don Taylor
Steve Wilt

Not Pictured:
Larry Winterholter

The fitness and wellness major at Taylor University is growing and changing. In the last year, even the name of the major was updated to the well-accepted term of exercise kinesiology. Along with this change, adjustments were made in the requirements of the field to allow students to take classes specific to their career interests. This allows a more individually specific education and one that is preparing exercise kinesiology students for their future in a practical way.

The small class sizes foster close relationships between professors and students. The physical education and human performance professors provide more than just an education for the students. These professors are concerned about their students' success, their personal lives, and their spiritual well-being. They make themselves available and go above and beyond what is expected of them. Seniors in the process of finding post-graduation employment are often notified by their professors of job opportunities. The professors look at the potential of the wellness students and encourage them to go after that potential.

It has been exciting to see a growing interest in this major as incoming students are becoming more aware of its existence. Not only does exercise kinesiology have so much to offer the students, but it offers a lot to all of Taylor and the surrounding community. An awareness of the need for exercise and wellness has grown in our society, and people want to make changes in their lifestyles. In response to this, several students have interacted with the community via personal training or working with children as part of their practicum requirements. These experiences have benefited not only the students as they practically apply what is being taught in the classroom, but they also positively influence and educate the community.

The excitement of this major has heightened with the building of the new Kesler Student Center, which will allow for an improved learning environment. The PHP professors have helped make many of the decisions regarding this center, so it has extra meaning and significance to our major. It has also served as a reminder of God’s timing and provision, for He has provided the necessary funds in His time and will continue to as we trust in Him.

I have been blessed through being a fitness and wellness major. From the material studied, to the relationships with my classmates and professors, to the experiences I have had, I have been stretched and challenged.

Jessie Huitsing
Sophomore Mark Burtness lifts weights in Coach Wilt's morning strength training class.

Far Left: Sophomore Brandon Jackson performs an afternoon set in weight lifting class.

Left: Sophomore Mark Burtness lifts weights in Coach Wilt's morning strength training class.

Val Snyder is the physical education and human performance program assistant.

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Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.

1 Peter 1:22
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Senior Reflection

The things I've learned at Taylor can be summed up in a few words: "The more I know, the less I know." This can mainly be attributed to my relationship with the Lord. Coming to Taylor transported me from India, where Christians are only 2.3 percent of the population, to an institution where Christians are the majority. This adjustment was freeing but at the same time highly constricting. It was freeing because I could worship the Lord without social constraint, but constricting because I was surrounded by a new materialism fueled by wealth. Going from being surrounding by beggars who are missing at least a limb to people who have more than they could ever imagine created an ache which I could only take to the Lord.

I questioned the Lord numerous times at Taylor, asking, "What did I do to deserve to be born to wonderful parents and a home while a child in India, Africa or even the United States is born in deep poverty?" It created an unrest in me which caused me to distance myself from the Lord. The unfairness of this world is disturbing, but it's comforting to know that God is there. The phrase "your heart should break at the things that break the heart of Jesus" has been repeated in my mind throughout my Taylor years. The realization that the negative things of this world break God's heart more than imaginable provides me with assurance that He is in control.

Through interactions with friends, hearing chapel speakers and reading books by George MacDonald and C.S. Lewis, I've also been challenged in my outlook on the environment. Our society has raped the earth that is meant to glorify God. My close friend has constantly challenged me throughout my years at Taylor to look at the earth as a glorious creative expression coming directly from God each day. I have found it hard to always see beauty in my surroundings but seeing things through her lenses for beauty has enriched my own ability to see.

At last, I take away from Taylor evidence of God's unfaithful provision. On my Taylor application form, I placed a 0 where it indicated the amount I had for my college education. Semester after semester, God faithfully placed people in my life who helped me financially with my education. God, on so many occasions, picked me up from my knees and reminded me of who He was and is. I am very thankful for those times when I literally had to get on my knees and cry out to God because only when I was so desperate and broken could He mend me. Due to those times, I was able to have a deeper understanding of God.

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Senior Reflection

I came to Taylor thinking I had it all figured out, and I leave feeling the opposite. I now realize that I probably know less than when I first arrived four years ago. In fact, there are only a few things I am certain about, as the final hours tick away from my Taylor career.

I leave Taylor more certain of my faith than ever before. Yes, I moaned and groaned about having to take so many Bible classes, but I learned so much from all of them. I can without a doubt say that Taylor has prepared me for a life in the secular world.

Another thing that I am certain about is that I have learned more in the four years that I have spent at Taylor than the prior 18 years of my life combined. Surprisingly, a vast majority of what I learned took place outside of the classroom. Taylor was not just an education in the field of communications, but more importantly, it was also an education in life. I believe that I learned just as much, if not more, from late night conversations at Handy Andy with friends in need than I did in any classroom on Taylor’s campus.

Finally, I leave Taylor certain that it was the right place for me. The decision I made over four years ago to come to Taylor, which at the time had me nervous and even a little bit scared, has shown itself to be the right choice. The lasting friendships I have made, the countless hours spent working for the intramurals department, events like Airband and Second West’s Tonight We Ride, and even just the quiet weekends spent pleasure reading and having heart to heart conversations with my closest friends have left no room for me to doubt my decision to come to Taylor.

As a senior, I feel it is also my responsibility to impart some wisdom on those of you who have time left at this wonderful place. Taylor is just that, a wonderful place. Relish it, cherish it, and when presentations and tests feel like they are going to smother you, remember that Taylor is one of the most amazing places on the face of this planet. Invest in people, for the relationships you establish on this campus far exceed the value of all of the money you have spent on books or ever will. Finally, remember to let those important to you know just how much you value your friendship with them. Above all else, make the most of the time you have here, for it comes and goes far too quickly.

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Seniors
Senior Reflection

It seems like such a short while ago when I arrived at Taylor for the first time, parked in front of Olson and began unloading my things. What would have been an all-day event was finished in a few hours, thanks to the help of the friendly faces in yellow t-shirts. I knew that Taylor would change my life.

From the early morning hours of Foundations of Christian Thought to the late evenings of Senior Seminar, my Taylor experience has been filled with incredible moments and wonderful people.

My freshman year was highlighted by my first Airband experience. I had a great time being a part of the show with Third East Olson. With multiple dress rehearsals, the actual show, and an encore performance, I could still watch The Devil Went Down to Georgia over and over again.

The friends I made my freshman year have carried over into the years that followed. Sophomore year was filled with random road trips, life on Third Berg, Bulls vs. Wizards (but no Michael), Taylor women's basketball and a spring break in Texas. I even stuck around for graduation.

The shift from my sophomore year to junior year seemed to be a major transition from underclassman to upperclassman. I felt so old. Over J-term, I went on the Literary London trip. With Dr. Ricke leading the way, we walked the roads of London, Canterbury, and York.

Senior year, like the previous three, has been amazing. It's been different in that I have been able to live off campus, eat at the Grille, and write insanely long papers. I've also been able to appreciate the little things here at Taylor.

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Senior Reflection

Whenever the characteristics of Taylor University are listed, community is usually at the top. When I look back at my years at Taylor, community is still at the top of my list, but it wasn’t until my last two years here that I began to get a glimpse of what an intentional Christian community could be.

During the summer after my sophomore year at Taylor, I went to Italy to study as part of a program unaffiliated with Taylor. I saw what a non-Christian community looked like and embraced it. On the flight home, I saw again my utter depravity and realized that my entire existence disgusted me. I had secure friendships, was in a small group, and had an accountability partner, but I knew that I had never been completely open with one person in my entire life. I decided the time had come to face my struggles, face myself, and face God. My world was revolutionized.

The Taylor I returned to for my third year was essentially no different than the Taylor of my first two years, yet the community I returned to began to develop a new sense of depth and there was an intimacy that before had remained hidden from my view. The greatest difference was that I began to understand what it means to be real. If the relationships I had were going to continue to grow, they needed to move to a new level of reality. I encouraged this idea of complete honesty with others, but I wasn’t able to follow through on my side. The challenge I had set up for myself was too scary, and I continued in relationships that looked vulnerable and open, but I knew there was still a deeper level that I was avoiding. It wasn’t until the end of my junior year that this wall was broken. I wasn’t the one to tear down this wall. I was still worried about how I would be perceived. Indeed, there is risk in being real, and it usually seems much easier to keep the façade. But in what I consider to be the greatest act of friendship ever shown me, I was confronted.

Since that day, life has been different. The concept of true, real, Christian love began to move from an ideal in my mind to a reality in my everyday existence, and as a result, I felt an unbelievable new freedom. I began to wonder why everyone didn’t experience this liberty, bringing truth onto the table and dark into the light. I came back for my senior year with a new sense of what it meant to be real. If we’re not being real, we’re not only hiding our true selves from others, but we’re also missing out on the freedom that is on the other side. It took me three years to really discover what it meant to live in Christian community, but now that I have had that experience, I am thankful for my time at Taylor and will honestly never be the same again.

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**Seniors**
Senior Reflection

I am ready. This is the thought that hit me as I was driving back from Easter break. I am ready. Ready for what? For whatever God brings my way. For life after Taylor. For taking all that I have been taught and making use of it. I am ready to embrace the future that is so wide open it's all at once exhilarating and all at once overwhelming. For it is in my uncertain future that I believe God will prove himself faithful and good.

Getting to the point that I can say that I am ready, that I can say, "Come on God, hit me with whatever it is I was meant to do," was a long time coming. Almost four years, really. The things that I have learned along the way—the good, the bad, and the everyday stuff in between—have all prepared me for whatever is out there on the distant horizon of my life.

I have learned that sometimes you have to plan to be spontaneous, because Handy Andy stops making breadsticks at 10 . . . that love is lived in the ordinary details of life, because that's what defines us. I have learned how to fit four months of my life into two suitcases, because in Spain all you need is a comfy pair of shoes and a passport. I have learned that despite what my circumstances say, God can be trusted.

I have learned that traveling is great, but returning home is even better . . . that the most important part of loving the unlovable is recognizing their humanity. I have learned that umbrellas are useless in Upland. I have learned that God is in the waiting, and oftentimes restlessness is God's way of preparing me for the next big thing . . . that it's OK to need people, because it's in my vulnerability that I am strengthened.

Looking back, I can see, sometimes very clearly and sometimes hardly at all, that these lessons, while not easily learned, are necessary for growth. They have prepared me for whatever I will encounter in the rest of my tomorrows. So I will turn my face to the sky and declare that I am ready. More than anything else in my life, I know this much to be true: I am ready, but only because God has prepared me to be so. And only because He will be there to guide each step I take. Today, tomorrow, and for the rest of my days, may I greet each sunrise with one phrase: I am ready.

AshleyBoyer
Senior Reflection

It’s hard to believe that in six weeks I will never again be a student at Taylor University. Of course, I have looked forward to graduation for months, but now that it is looming closer, I am feeling bittersweet.

Initially, I never wanted to attend Taylor. I always thought that Wheaton College was for me, but my mom listened to Jay Kesler’s radio program on our local Christian station, and nearly every day she would say, “Bethany, I really think you should look at Taylor.” After visiting both schools several times, I knew without a doubt that God wanted me at Taylor, and I am so glad I listened to His leading. Coming to Taylor has been one of my most life-impacting decisions.

Four years have gone so fast! Each has been marked by different challenges and victories. I am thankful for godly professors who have encouraged me. Through them, I have learned much about my content area, music. But more than that, I have learned to use it as a tool to reach a hurting world. They have showed me how music can bring refreshment to myself, others, and it glorifies God when I work hard and offer my best work.

I am also grateful for the friends that have surrounded me. These are people who will be life-long friends; friends who have blessed me, loved me, laughed with me, cried with me, and showed me the love of Christ.

It’s hard to select a few favorite memories. As a freshman, I convinced Michelle that we should ding-dong ditch my crush’s off-campus house. Instead, we got pulled over by the Upland police. Late-night Wal-Mart runs were frequent entertainment for Deborah and me, and we always stopped at Taco Bell on the way home. I remember walking to Handy Andy at midnight in the rain with Stephen to buy Krispy Kremes, and eating more than we should have! How could I forget study groups with Laura and Becca, where we would end up on the floor convulsing in laughter? And my freshman crush? He’s now my husband. We too have our favorite Taylor memories: long walks around Upland, stargazing from the Arboretum, and our weekly Friday night pizza from TOPPIT.

Yes, these and many more memories are close to my heart. As I prepare to leave, I know there will be plenty of tears as I say goodbye to the life and people that I have loved for four years. Yet I also know that Taylor, and all that it means to me, will forever be imprinted on my heart.

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Q: What's so great about living off campus?
A: More independence, more space, the possibility of being by yourself for a while, a kitchen, distance from dorm-related activities (hall meetings, pick-a-dates, wing hook-ups, etc.)

Q: Do you ever feel out of "the loop"? Why or why not?
A: I don't feel out of the loop at all; it's not as if Upland is this tremendous place you can get lost in. The campus is so accessible and open that if there's anything going on, I can walk up in the middle of it and not feel out of place. It's nice to have this distance—I feel like I have a lot more privacy.
Supper isn't typically regarded as being a religious observance. On First Bergwall, however, dinner time is a sacrament of the BHONE. With cries of "Ee-o!" echoing down the hall, a mass of guys pours over the walkway to be first in line for some delicious D.C. food. The absence of those who cannot make it to eat at 5 p.m. is always duly noted. To break from tradition and eat with a special female friend is rewarded with a tray-full of silverware.

The BHONE has other traditions as well. Mississinewa High School FCA, the annual Bond marathon, and birthday spankings are just a few. Our activities as a floor give us a sense of identity that is reinforced by the way God uses the 35 men of our mini-community in forming us as unique individuals. It should be obvious to any visitor that genuine friendship and fellowship are integral parts of life on the BHONE. It is through our traditions, fellowship, and friendships that God is molding the men of the BHONE into serious and intentional followers of Christ.
I knew, as a personal assistant, that our floor was in for an interesting year when I met the freshmen and transfers that were joining Second Berg. One could say that for the past year or two our floor’s climate has been dominated by outgoing personalities who enjoy the finer things in life: loud music, video games, late nights, intramurals, watching movies, yelling down the hall, etc.

Those who joined us on Second Berg this year did not fit this mold, however. They tended to have a shy spirit, a disciplined work ethic, a philosophical mind, or a combination of the three. I recall, on our floor retreat early in the fall semester, telling these freshmen and transfers not to let us change them. They needed to change us, and in many ways they have.

Certainly, the same dominant personalities still enjoy kicking back, having fun, and being loud. But, the climate has been complemented by one of serious thinking and discussion. For the first time, I’ve had genuine conversations with my floormates about welfare, politics, war, worship, education, entertainment selection, gender roles, and theology. This new mixture of personalities, attitudes, and behaviors has proved to be a bit volatile at times; but I hope we have learned from one another and that we have begun to see life through the eyes of those who aren’t necessarily just like us.

Before the year started, we decided that the theme of our floor would be “2B continued,” trying to focus on the eternal life that awaits us as believers, while also attempting to “continue” the environment of Second Berg that we had all enjoyed in years past. Thankfuly, in this episode of our floor’s history, it wasn’t just the same old characters playing the same old roles in the same old storyline. No, this year was one in which a small crowd of new faces arrived on the scene, giving the floor a new feel and a new perspective that was much needed. Hopefully, in the years to come, the men of Second Berg will continue to learn from one another, laugh together, and simply enjoy life as brothers.

Great things are happening on our floor, and I have faith that they will continue. This year might be over, but another is on its way. I guess you might say the story of Second Berg is “2B continued............”

Marc Goodwin
Third Bergwall

Dorm life makes up a crucial aspect of Taylor’s community. The bonds and friendships formed are not like any other and are long lasting relationships.

“Third Berg is unique,” says Julia Waterman, Third Berg personal assistant. “The girls on our floor make the effort to get to know one another. We don’t live on wings or have community bathrooms and in a sense are isolated from one another.”

Waterman says, “Some might find it to be a problem but the girls have proven that distance brings people together.”

Isolation is not a word that describes Third Berg. Waterman says the girls take responsibility for one another as well as encourage and challenge each other.

Michelle Jongsma has seen the floor come a long way over her college career and has nothing but affirmative words.

Jongsma says, “I have seen girls put themselves out there not to be polite but because they genuinely care about each other. They all have differences yet a common purpose to serve Christ together, which is a wonderful thing to witness.”

Mallory McElrath notes that each dorm may be different from another but each has a specific purpose that contributes to Taylor in its own exceptional way.

“I love living on this floor,” says McElrath. “I love the fellowship, the freedom, the fun, but above all else, I love the friendships I’ve made and I wouldn’t have it any other way.”

Yumi Kim
Fourth Bergwall set a mission this year to strengthen as a true community of Christ, to serve not only the people on our floor, but our surrounding community of Upland as well. Some of the best memories we have made this year have been raking leaves in elderly people’s yards and delivering cards to the nursing home.

Outreach has been a vital aspect of our floor, but I really saw a true testament of God’s body after my car broke down earlier this year. I could not afford the repairs, and the bill meant that I could not participate in any off campus activities.

I had been praying that God would provide me with a way to work to pay for the repairs on my mini-van! Not only that, but they told me there was more coming and over the next week I found four more anonymous envelopes in my mailbox with cash. I was completely speechless after receiving the first envelope, and had no idea how to react or thank any of them.

Running up and down the hall with tears streaming and my mouth open wide with a smile, I could not control my joy. Forty-seven college women banded together for the needs of one. How amazing is the body of Christ!

Kirby Hall
It's funny when you think about it, water cascading from a place like Niagara Falls, but then you realize that the water is going down the hall towards your room. By the time the water finally gets shut off, there are four inches of icy water in the halls... and thus, the wrath of Flood Helga was unleashed upon Cellar.

While we may deal with yearly floods, Cellar is still the coolest place on campus.

What other girl floor on campus gets a name instead of a number? None. What other floor on campus has a fully equipped apartment for student use? None. Cellar is one of a kind and definitely is in a league of its own.

Dubbed this year as OSF (Zero South English), Cellar has its own unique flair.

While Third English may be known for its broomball, we're known for our Hollywood Pick-a-date. Every spring, Cellar hosts a "no-cost" pick-a-date where the girl and her date dress up as a famous Hollywood couple. Couples such as Barbie and Ken, the Brady Bunch kids, and even Homestar Runner and Marzipan have made an appearance in the past.

The couples go out in groups and video tape each other acting out their characters. At the end of the night, everyone watches the videos and chooses the best one.

So if you are ever wandering around English sometime, come down the stairs and visit. We do have windows!

Ashley Smith and Lauren Siefer

Laura Almdale
Christine Ammony
Andrea Atkinsen
Catherine Baxier
Danielle Buda
Abigail Bennett
Shawna Basham
Katie Bateman
Lauren Beatty
Erika Behler
Rachael Bickel
Ashley Black
Heather Blankenship
Stacy Bowers
Mandy Brill
Heather Brooks
Katherine Brown
Tina Burns
Melissa Bush
Melissa Butts
Kari Caudill
Rebecca Chisholm
Heather Clark
Jennifer Clark
Kira Collier
Tiffany Cooke
Lauren Czerwinski
Laura Daveler
Christina Davis
Katherine Davis
Christine Dawes
Lauren DePass
Katie DePue
Molly Dierking
Heather Dobbs
Melissa Dobos
Colleen Dowling
Melissa Dowling
Katie Ehlers
Brooke Edwards
Lauren Edwards
Lindsey Edwards
Ashley Elam
Katie Ellis
Heather Ensink
Rebecca Erin Miller
Abigail Etter
Jadyn Fahlen
Emily Gilbert
Allison Basham
Margery Davis
Tori Egelston
Abigail Ertel
Jadyn Fahlen
Emily Gilbert
Michelle Hewitt
Miranda Johnson
Margaret Myers
Kim Olson
Lauren Paul
Katherine Rice
Kerrie Schene
Lauren Shea
Lauren Siefer
Ashley Smith
Hannah Steffler
Alexandra Tawaklos
Laura Terlecki
Rebecca Thomas
Melissa Werner
Jr., Greenburg, IN

Cellar English
I am happy to have had First North for my home the past four years. This wing is a super special place. I am so thankful to have been blessed each year with a great group of Godly girls with whom to live, and this year was no different.

In the fall, First North welcomed 10 freshmen to the wing. Their personalities combined with those of the upperclassmen added spunk creating a warm, fun and joyful living environment.

Highlights of this year were a solidly built girls' football team with a lot of talent and pizzazz; a fall formal to a Footloose production in Chicago; times spent with our wing hook-ups, the Trudeau family; and a weekend retreat to Jay and Janie Koster's house. I will remember living on First North fondly in years to come.

Hannah Smith
The contestants waited nervously, checking their costumes for the final time. The music started, the host spoke, and the beauty pageant began. First came Miss Alternative, followed by Miss PMS, Miss Tourist, Miss Southern Belle, and Miss Super Secret Agent. It quickly became clear that this was not your average beauty pageant. The Miss First South Pageant never is.

Miss First South is an annual tradition on our wing and is a night full of creativity and laughter. The audience was entertained as the contestants paraded in everyday wear, evening wear, and bathroom wear. They also learned the merits of "fan-flirting," perfected Spanish phrases, watched a secret mission and marveled at some unique dances during the talent segment of the competition. Contestants answered challenging questions such as "What do you think of the stereotype of the obnoxious American?"

No one was surprised when Miss PMS (Jennie Nicodem) was crowned Miss First South 2004. "Jennie’s character was something that everyone obviously could relate to and being with a group of girls made it even more fun,” said host Jenny Hunt.

Personnel assistant, Abigail Crenshaw, planned and organized this year’s event. "It’s a great tradition that helps girls loosen up and have fun and get to know each other in a more relaxed setting,” she said. It is also a tradition that is sure to continue for years to come. But if this year’s competition is any indication, future members of First South will have to work especially hard to receive the coveted title. "Miss First South is a tradition that has left me with some great memories,” said reigning queen Jennie Nicodem. "I plan to bear my title proudly.”

Elizabeth Diffin
How does one describe 2003-2004 on the wing of Second North English? Perhaps I could say fun and crazy, full of late night Handy Andy runs and random quick-picks to Walmart that end up in a failed attempt at a scavenger hunt. Perhaps I could say challenging, with frequent discussions about religion, Taylor, and even politics. I could even say quiet from time to time . . . wait, no I can’t.

It would be pointless to try to describe the wing without mentioning the beautiful young women that occupy it. What makes Second North so special after all? Is it Katie O.'s beaming smile when she walks into a room? Is it Val’s giving spirit or Sharon’s fun loving attitude? Could it be Mallory’s desire to serve the Lord with all of her heart? Perhaps it’s Jacki’s passion, Darla’s randomness or Kelly’s humility. Maybe it could be Kathryn’s wit, Brittany’s energy, Kari’s cute little laugh, or Christine’s hysterical sarcasm. Is it Alex’s love of life or Julie’s easy-going spirit? Katie S.’s commitment and Amy’s adorable smile certainly contribute as well. It could be Anna’s many talents or Rachel’s inquisitiveness or Debo’s outgoing attitude. Maybe it’s Lauren’s selflessness, Jami’s wisdom, or Sara’s desire to be like Christ. Is it Lydia’s ability to make everyone around her feel comfortable and loved or could it be Emily’s desire to learn and be stretched?

Certainly each member of Second North brings something to the table to make it unique and special. But I am sure all these things combined make it a place where I feel not only comfortable, but abundantly blessed. So thank you, Second North for your love, for your individuality, and for your support this year. You are truly my home away from home.

ChrissieSpier
Before I arrived in Upland in September, I had one wish for God to become more real in my life, and to do immeasurably more than I could ask or imagine. On September 16, 2003, two weeks into my freshman year at Taylor, I got my wish. When I fell to the ground during an intense intramural football game, my life took a sudden twist. As soon as I was able to stand, a few girls whisked me off to the nearest hospital.

As I grimmaced in pain and cried like a baby, those girls stood by my side. When we were told that I had broken my collarbone, nothing could have sounded worse to my ears. Later that night, I was overwhelmed with the concern of my teammates—girls I barely knew. I received many encouraging notes and visitors those first few days. They poured out their love and affection, and I could not understand it. It became apparent that God was trying to teach me something besides how to be a good patient. God decided to break my independent spirit when he allowed my collarbone to be broken.

Throughout the next three months, I needed constant care and attention. I could not shower, dress myself, carry my books, hold my tray in the D.C., or even lie down to sleep without the help of my wingmates. I was forced to rely on them. I barely had to ask, and they gave me all they had to give. Second Center English showed me the most important thing: love.

The girls of Second Center English gave up their time and used their energy to help me. God was obviously doing more through this experience than I could ever have asked or imagined. He used this incredible wing of Godly women to bring me through a difficult experience, and it has made all the difference.

Laura Lawson
We like to think of Second South English as a pretty fun place to live. Sometimes, it's the little things we do to build one another up or make each other laugh. Other times, it's the bigger things like our Bible studies or wing retreats that make Second South a great wing of girls.

One word that comes to mind when I think of Second South is unity. From day one the girls went out of their way to make new people feel welcome and build up the wing as one. Throughout the year as girls left to travel and others moved on, the unity and the welcoming spirit remained the same. It doesn't really matter if we are having a wing dinner, a pick-a-date, small groups or just hanging out together, we are friends and genuinely care about each other.

God has been good to bring all of us together this year. We each have grown in our own way, but also as a wing of girls together.

Kate Yoder

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Second South English
Ask any freshman at the beginning of the year where he or she is from, and, almost always, there is a pause and then the question, "You mean where home is, or where I live on campus?" It's a simple question, but it is one that points to a greater reality at Taylor.

Wing/floor life is unique here. We on Third North have a good grasp on uniqueness. We are missionary kids, pastor's kids, farm kids, city kids, and more, coming from all over the country and world. Our diversity of opinion and experience provides meaningful opportunities to broaden our horizons as we have gotten to know each others' stories.

We take pride in our commonality, too. Whether it's wing dinners, our custom-designed 3NE symbol, Broomball, small groups, secret sisters, prayer partners, or the greatest wing hook-ups ever (yeah, Jerry and Connie!), we enjoy them all together. Each girl has her own interests and groups of friends outside of the wing, but for the rest of our lives, should we meet each other again, we'll proudly boast that we lived on the same great wing, Third North English, in 2003-2004.

Sarah Swartzendruber
Visitors to Third Center English are more likely to identify the rooms of friends or family members by the names on the doors, not the numbers above them. But when the light hits the plaque above each room just right, the true identities of the residents within are revealed in the faint shadow of a cross that covers the digits. It reminds us that we dedicated this year to God before any of the freshmen set foot on our wing last fall, as we anointed each room with oil and prayed earnestly for each girl by name.

None of us will deny that this year has been demanding on all of us, and our relationships have been both strengthened and strained. But for me, it will always come down to this: from the start, we acknowledged before God that this wing was His and not ours, we lay down our concerns before Him, and we trusted that He would grow us in a manner that was appropriate for His purposes. I hope that, when you leave U-Town and people ask why you spent four years of your life at Taylor University, these are the things you will remember. And I hope you rejoice in the uniqueness of this school, this wing, and the unashamed passion we have to pursue a life of service for our King.

Brittany Harty
The last thing in the world a college sophomore wants to do is start over. Unfortunately, that's where I found myself in the fall of 2003. Luckily for me, I ended up on Third South English, and I thank God daily for bringing this group of girls into my life.

After being left in my old wing, I was skeptical about ever fitting in at Taylor. Third South transformed my college experience from bleak to loving.

The women dwelling on Third South constantly encourage one another. Through near-tragic car accidents to wedding bells to mission trips, the girls of Third South upheld each other in love and prayer. Never have I experienced such acceptance, such patience, such kindness.

We always joke about how no one ever visits us at Open House unless they're lost. It's funny, though, how well this year's unofficial wing slogan fits. Whether you're a boy helplessly navigating the labyrinth that is English Hall or an exiled sophomore looking for a new home, "the lost shall be found on Third South English."

Megan Elder
The girls on Second Gerig (a.k.a. 2G) come from many backgrounds and enjoy different activities. Some are into music, some athletics, some socializing, and some even like studying. Despite our diversity, we find a common bond in our love for the Lord and in our desire to glorify His name, as can be found in our floor verse, Eph. 3:20-21.

Secondly, we find a bond in our love for fun times: trips to Ivanhoe's, Texas Road House, and Handy Andy; Phase III parties (ring down alternative), pillow fights, retreats, prayer and testimony times, intense games of speed scrabble, rejoicing over fish that come back to life and lamenting over those who aren't so lucky, cheering at athletic events, supporting musical events, playing festive intramural games, baking, knitting/crocheting, strategically placing Rochester the roaming rat, memorizing the verse of the week, reading Dave Berry columns in the bathroom, and adding to the quote board.

While quite a bit of fun takes place on Second Gerig, there are also some serious times. Second Gerig is a place where you can be yourself—where it is safe to open up and to be vulnerable. Tears are not uncommon, but there is always someone to listen and offer help and encouragement when needed. Second Gerig is a group of fun-loving, close-knit girls who care for each other as sisters in Christ.
You probably live in Gerig Hall if you know what the words "window, trash, big, center, and pseudo" have in common.

Well, I guess I can let all the non-Gerigians in on it too. They are the nicknames of the building's different suites.

Like our suite names, Third Gerig has an array of ladies with different majors and interests ranging from engineering physics to music with almost everything in between. We're unique, yet we share a common identity as sisters in Christ.

This identity has been our floor's theme through the year, and I have seen the identifying love of Jesus shown through encouragement while hanging out in the suites at night, or a smile in the morning when I can barely open my eyes.

There have been many fun events on the floor this year. One of my favorites was the fall retreat to a cabin in Michigan where Jenny and Rachel gave us rides on a jet ski while we wore sweatshirts and towels over our swimsuits because it was so cold.

I hope the other girls felt unifying love the way I did when we clapped for Kara as she finished a beautiful song containing the word "Cookoo" during her junior voice recital, and when the basketball game announcer said "Alicia Russell" and soprano screams erupted from the far side of the gym.

Even though our schedules may be chaotic sometimes, and our interests vary, we can still feel unity together at chapel, around a table in the D.C., at a special event, or just hanging out. Third Gerig is a wonderful floor, not only because of our uniqueness, but because of the way God can use and unite all of us in a special way.

Crystal Pollock
One story can't define dorm life for the guys of Fourth Gerig, or FOSO, as it's known, but one word can.

Camaraderie is one of the first things that comes to mind when the guys of FOSO think about what sets them apart. FOSO is the only guys floor that has suites, and this characteristic combined with the small size keeps FOSO's 31 guys tightly knit.

It's impossible to classify the floor because it is a conglomeration of guys from all walks of life studying diverse subjects. Once thought to only contain computer science majors, FOSO is now home to political science, Christian education, pre-med, philosophy and music majors, just to name a few. For the guys on FOSO, dorm life is a holistic experience that combines all kinds of events into an enjoyable and memorable environment.

FOSO life is intramural basketball and football, late night runs to IHOP, playing cards and Xbox against each other, and watching Futurama at night.

As half of FOSO's 31 guys are upper classmen, this year's freshmen have had plenty of sources for guidance and mentoring. This leadership created a unique meeting held every Sunday night where FOSO guys gather to share testimonies and talk about pertinent spiritual matters.

On a wall in FOSO, big letters spell out the exhortation of Ephesians 4:1-3 ... to live a life worthy of our calling. I think that we all can say that we have "borne with one another in love," and have made "every effort to keep the unity ... through the bond of peace."

Erik Kielisch
E-I-E-I-E-I
We came here to let you know...
We're rough, we're tough, we're FIRST EAST BEASTS
You're gonna be our dinner feast!
F O!

Despite the use of cheesy intramural football cheers—which didn't prove too effective anyway—the women on First East are definitely fabulous and more than definitely (we're talking 150% here) the most unique blend of free-spirits, pranksters, quiet-types, goofballs and saints. Though far from perfect—perfect being to remember to turn the oven on when baking cookies for the brother wing—we have managed to claim victory over 2CW in our annual shaving cream fight, comfort each other in times of tragedy, survive blind Pick-A-Dates set up by Connie Magers, the best wing hook-up in the history of Taylor University, and make it through another year at Taylor together.

Whether we are making fools of ourselves singing the Happy Birthday song in the D.C., violating "quiet hours," or trying to identify the random articles of clothing that seem to sneak out of the laundry room, First East women are always going to be the coolest. And we can fit 16 people around a D.C. table... really.

Allison Chatfield

First East Olson

Kari Anderson
Joy Bellino
Elizabeth Brown
Kristen Brown
Rachel Bubar
Elizabeth Burgess
Abigail Butler

Allison Chatfield
Ashley Chatfield
Christine Cleary
Jennifer Courter
Kendal Emery
Megan Fisher
Laura Gilmore

Katharine Hunt
Courtney Lavender
Mary Beth Marlo
Cameron Miller
Karly Millsapough
Christine Morgan
Julie Olson

Priscilla Podesta
Sarah Poelstra
Virginia Roe
Juliana Rohrback
Rebecca Schultz
Sara Schupra
Kristen Secrest

Katrina Thomas
Monique Van Waeyenberghe
Laura Vanryn
Sarah Wykstra
Heather Young

Fr., Darien, IL
So., Biemen, IN
Fr., Caledonia, MI
Fr., Edina, MN
Fr., Farmington Hills, MI

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With more freshmen than returning students, it was hard to know what to expect as we began the new school year. However, despite the changes, this was anything but a rebuilding year for First West. Ongoing traditions like the Arch of Love, Campin’ Hootenany, and having Phurst West Wengatz as our brother wing for a third year in a row brought some consistency. In addition, we braved the outdoors at the Michigan Dunes for our fall wing retreat, played with fervor in every intramural sport, and tore up the Airband stage with our Student Body President, Tommy Grimm, in our rendition of Bon Jovi’s “Livin’ on a Prayer.”

Through it all, First Westers grew in love toward each other and developed a deeper level of understanding of how to fight the good fight of faith (1 Tim. 6:11-12).

Kelsey Holloway and Jessica Salberg
Unity amidst diversity is an excellent description of Second East Olson this year. A great variety of ages, personalities, and majors comprised the 41 women living on the wing. From 12 freshmen to two seniors and from elementary education to biology/pre-med majors, the women brought their own individuality to the make-up of the wing.

Although many distinct groups of friends were present on Second East, the women enjoyed coming together as a whole during different wing events, such as the pick-a-date to the Indians baseball game, caroling at the University Nursing Home, and sharing Lighthouse and spring break stories.

In addition, wing small group Bible studies built relationships among the women on Second East. Each week the women gathered with their groups of five to six mem-

bers. During the hour long meeting, the women studied the Bible and devotional books together and shared testimonies and prayer requests. The women also gained prayer partners who committed to praying for each other's weekly needs. The small groups were an exciting dynamic of wing unity, for they enabled the women to develop new, spiritually encouraging relationships.

A final unique feature of Second East Olson was its many wing downs; the entire wing appeared to support the newly engaged woman. While wearing a makeshift veil of toilet paper, the woman shared her engagement story. The wing-down ended with a time of prayer for the future marriage, as well as celebration with sparkling cider and cake. These times were special because they allowed the engaged woman to experience encouragement from her united community of friends.

Ann Parker
Second Center Olson

It all started at the hog farm. Second Center’s tradition of unity began the first week of school with a wing retreat to Cuthbert’s hog farm. With the oncoming of 21 new women, a campfire, apple s’mores, swimming in articulate water, and good ol’ camp songs set the stage for the child-like fun that became Second Center’s trademark of the year. The foot washing ceremony planted the seeds of continual servant leadership throughout ’03 and ’04. Wing prayer and small groups exemplified the vulnerability and honesty that the girls shared. The amazing freshman joined together and set a model of spiritual integrity with their goal of memorizing the Book of James.

From enjoying flag football under the awesome tutelage of Fathead and Monkeybut, protecting the pot couch, apple bobbing at the fall fest open house, crafty craft time, a plethora of creative pick-a-dates, cookie and story time, a Hong Kong themed open house complete with a hanging Chinese dragon, toboggan, Smackdown! ’04, not-so-quiet hours, “surprise” birthday celebrations, and spending time with our amazing wing hookups, the Lembrights, Second Center knew how to have fun.

With an amazing mix of freshmen and upperclassmen, Second Center Olson became a place where laughter was contagious, smacks were a sign of affection, and once again, the pot couch was the place to be... and it all started with the piggies.

Sara Kersten
Second West Olson

And they came, dressed in black from head to toe, prepared to face another battle in intramural football. The women of Second West, traditionally known to succeed in intramural football, continued to prove their dominance this year. Their undefeated season gave Second West the championship. Once named intramural champs for 2004, these women had one more chance to showcase their skills in a game against the intramural champs from Indiana Wesleyan University.

The game could best be summarized by a quote from an IWU fan, "This was supposed to be a game between the intramural champions from each campus, not the all-stars from Taylor vs. our best team." Second West represented Taylor well.

While football was a highlight of the year for many women on Second West, many other memories will be cherished. The wing retreat was a time of encouragement and relational growth, as each woman heard uplifting comments from her wingmates. Second West participated in Airband once again this year, with a DC Talk medley.

Other highlights were the pick-a-dates. For the first pick-a-date, the women and their dates went out to a farm for hayrides, a bonfire, and food. Later in the semester, the women and their dates watched the Facer's game from the nosebleed section. The formal was another fun night, which included Disney on Ice and ice skating. Finally, the favorite pick-a-date... the Cub's!! Once again, the men came running, and a few lucky ones were able to take part in this fun weekend.

While some traditions have remained consistent over the years, it is the women who make the wing such a great place to live. The women this year formed many close friendships that will be treasured for years to come.

Kendra Anderson
Third East Olson

Variety was the spice in the lives of the Third East girls this year. From 40-foot ice cream sundaes on the Olson lawn in September to Mission Impossible: Indy Style in February, this year was incredible.

Forty-one girls sharing one hallway makes for a crazy living environment. Sharing one bathroom with all these girls makes it even crazier.

The annual wing retreat was a bonding time for the wing. Early in the first semester, many of the girls traveled to Indy for cookie baking, scary movies and wing prayer. This weekend developed friendships that will last a lifetime.

The wing's first annual cookie open house became a favorite among many of the men on campus. The hall was filled with every variety of cookie you could imagine, even cookie dough.

Over spring break, many of the girls traveled to Georgia with guys from Second West Wengatz, the brother wing. The team spent the week working on houses for Habitat for Humanity.

Along with the fun, however, God did His work in the girls on the wing. From prayer and praise to small groups, He was ever-present. These girls were a major source of encouragement for one another, constantly living to serve one another in Christ's love.

This was a year that will never be forgotten for the 41 girls of Third East.

"Some people come into our lives and quickly go—others stay for a while, leaving footprints on our hearts and we are never the same" (Author unknown).

Nicole Janke
The word to describe Third Center this year is variety. We are a small wing compiled of a diverse mix of women. "People are in different stages in life with different life directions, personalities and passions," said freshman Laura Levon. In spite of the variety, there is underlying unity as well.

Three weeks into school our wing united after freshman Angie Boline's tragic injury. During a routine tumbling practice Angie fell and broke her lower back, paralyzing her from the waist down. After learning of the injury, everyone who was on the wing came together in the Third Center hallway and prayed. Someone suggested we make a care package for Angie, and that night over half of the wing sat there listening to Shane and Shane, looking up verses of encouragement.

"We were all grieving together," said junior, Hannah Foster. The next morning a group of girls packed into three or four cars and drove to the hospital in Chicago where Boline was staying to show support.

The random road trip demonstrated our love for Angie and allowed for some great bonding time as well.

"We went through scripture, prayed together, and talked a ton," said Laura.

Unity continued throughout the year as our wing met for prayer and praise every Thursday night, study break every Tuesday night, two weekend retreats, and a variety of pick a dates.

"This is home," said junior Katie Macukas. "I wouldn't want to live anywhere else."

BrenneckeHormel

Third Center Olson
What a year it has been! We started off the year with several trips to the emergency room for various reasons including intramural football. 3WO opened the year with a bonding wing retreat. We spent some time shopping, sharing, and swimming. We also took some time to pray for the year and each of the small group leaders washed their groups' feet. We enjoyed our first pick-a-date, the hoe-down, a tradition on Third West for a long time. 3WO also came out as champions for intramural soccer!!!

Second semester came quickly and we began the semester with a fun night at the circus. Another aspect of living on 3WO was our weekly Bible study groups. Everyone involved in a Bible study met in the hallway for a brief time. We then broke up in our small groups for encouragement and to challenge one another in our walks with Christ. The Lord began a good work on 3WO that I look forward to see continued next year.

Karen Anderson
What can I say about Foundation? It's the quiet floor of Samuel Morris Hall. I'm sure foundation residents are the only Sammy dwellers who, when asked where they live, hear this response to their answer, "That's in Sammy, right?" But that's okay, because we're the most laid back of all the floors.

Now, some guys in other regions of Samuel Morris think Foundation is somehow not a part of Sammy because we don't have some kind of tradition (i.e., dress like cows, women, or Athenians). Well, they'd be incorrect, because we have the shovel. It's a nice shovel to boot. The current tradition of the shovel goes something like this... we have a shovel somewhere on the floor... maybe. There always seems to be one guy who claims to have it, but I don't think he knows where it is either. But whenever the shovel, or its clone, does show up, those evil girls on Second Center Olson always steal it. Now this next part is key. Don't forget it. We do hardly anything to get it back until the last few weeks of school. And even then it amounts to little more than a raid of Second Center Olson for show while one personal assistant secretly begs for the shovel back.

There you go. That's our tradition. It may not sound like much to anybody else, but that's okay, because we're laid back. Give us a deck of cards, a few good friends, and we're happy.

James Fowles

Robbie Beucler  So., Sardinia, OH
Ross Bowen  Fr., Marion, IN
Tate Burgess  Fr., Niles, MI
Geoffrey Chase  Jr., Attleboro, MA
Nathaniel Colson  Fr., West Harrison, IN
Spencer Connuy  Fr., Hampden, MA
Joseph Eisenburg  So., Lombard, IL

Caleb Farmer  Jr., Cory, IN
Andrew Fredrickson  So., Bridgman, MI
Neal Friesen  So., Upland, IN
Matthew Gin  Jr., Centreville, MI
Joel Hartong  Fr., Hagerstown, MD
Daryl Henry  Fr., Newark, IL
Christopher Hoskins  Fr., Aurora, IL

Joel Looper  Jr., Coldwater, MI
Sherif Mansour  Jr., Hudson, OH
Daniel Miller  Fr., Speedway, IN
Isaiah Mylin  Fr., Carmel, IN
Robert Neuenschwander  Fr., Bluffton, IN
Josef Ott  Fr., Davenport, IA
Stephen Overton  Jr., Colorado Springs, CO

Luke Sawatsky  So., Champlin, MN
Scott Schmeissing  So., Mount Sidney, VA
Cory Simon  Fr., Northbrook, IL
Jarrod Smith  So., Belvidere, IL
David Strange  Fr., Indianapolis, IN
Benjamin Taylor  Fr., Nicholasville, KY
Sammy II is the paradox of the Taylor community. It’s a floor of computer gamers who also find ways to be multi-sport intramural champions. It’s a floor of dangerously good looking men that find a way to not be all about chasing silly girls. Most of all, it’s by far the greatest place on campus...and it sucks...constantly.

Men that live here have a different understanding of Taylor community — you don’t need “wings” to be fly. Life on Sammy II is a life full of brotherly love, friendships that will last a lifetime, and acceptance for everyone. This accepting attitude is powerful.

Everyone is encouraged to make friends on the floor who will guide them through the good and bad times before they go out into the real world and get their hearts ripped out and stomped on by the cruel, cruel world. Sammy II men are men who find ways to enjoy themselves by having events such as naked Slip n’ Slide, pool/shower party, Sammy II Smackdown, and Video Game Armageddon. Long Live the Moo! Slay the Wicked!

Matt Hilty
The Brotherhood

The 2003-2004 school year was unique for members of the third floor of Samuel Morris Hall, commonly referred to in infamy as the Brotherhood. These good-hearted young men band together loyally in a way that sends young, innocent Taylor girls running in fear. In the fall, veterans of the floor, long-standing seniors, received the honor of electing a new floor leader, the third and most dynamic component to campus' arguably most powerful triumvirate. The Snake and the Pope waited anxiously for the seniors to observe the freshmen and reveal their assessment of who would be selected as the Phubbblebs at the annual court procession. Details of the court, the triumvirate and their inner-workings are shrouded in mystery. Secrets are very sensitively protected by floor members. Upon thorough inspection of each of the freshmen's unique attributes, it was decided that Tim VanReenan would no longer be known as Tim VanReenan but as Phubbblebs. The decision was celebrated by a ceremonial skip around the loop and Taco Bell feast.

2003 marked a new era on the Brotherhood. These courageous brothers no longer had to wander aimlessly through their college careers. They now had a venerable leader to guide them in their search for excitement and adventure.

JoeDarling

Abraham Augustin
Fr., Cleveland, TN

Lake Baeslack
Fr., Columbus, OH

Michael Bentley
Fr., Solon, OH

Jonathan Bohannan
Fr., Chesapeake, VA

Jonathan Blinks
Jr., Beverly Hills, MI

Andrew Brooks
So., Brookfield, WI

Blake Carl
Jr., Richland, MI

Blake Carl
Jr., Marion, IN

Michael Cov
Jr., Greenwood, IN

Troy Creamer
Sr., Marietta, OH

Ethan Daly
So., Flora, IN

Ryan Daniels
Fr., South Pasadena, CA

Joseph Darling
Jr., Marshall, MI

Edward Davis
So., Chesterfield, MO

Peter Davis
So., Laporte, IN

Nicholas Demester
Fr., Cedar Grove, WI

Timothy Fink
Fr., Humoerd, IA

Deek Garrison
Jr., Highland Heights, KY

Benjamin Gastright
So., Kalamazoo, MI

Jonathan Hamilton
Jr., Normal, IL

Christopher Hardy
Jr., Glen Ellyn, IL

Andrew Hauser
Fr., Sartell, MN

Michael Ho
Fr., Lancaster, PA

Paul Holliday
Fr., Bloomington, IL

Andrew Huette
Jr., Bloomington, IL

Evan Hudson
Fr., Greenwood, IN

Brandon Jackson
So., Pompton Lakes, NJ

Jonathan Kemp
Fr., Davidville, PA

Ryan Kolbe
So., Crystal Lake, IL

Kyle Latino
Fr., Greenwood, IN

Simon Lesser
Jr., Fort Wayne, IN

Mark Lows
So., Springfield, IL

Joseph Lucere
Fr., Merritt Island, FL

Matthew Mancinelli
So., Harper Woods, MI

Brennen Milam
Jr., Marysville, TN

Graffon Moore
Fr., Flint, MI

Joel Mostad
So., Grafton, OH

Joseph Ozinga
So., Willowick, OH

Richard Pease
Fr., Columbus, IN

Justin Potts
Jr., Tipp City, OH

David Ricca
Fr., Naperville, IL

Christopher Salzman
So., Wheaton, IL

Blake Sampson
Fr., Edmond, OK

Nathaniel Schultz
So., Fennel, PA

Benjamin Shepple
Jr., Greenwood, IN

Mathew Stallings
So., Wheaton, IL

Matt Strohl
Jr., Toledo, OH

Kyle Van Baren
Fr., Saline, MI

Timothy VanReenan
Fr., Alto, MI

Nicholas Wilson
Jr., Wauseon, OH

Matthew Wiseman
Fr., Fortville, IN

Cason Wittig
Fr., Greenwood, IN
It was 6:30 a.m. and I was finishing up my seventh roll of duct tape. I put a few final touches on a tiki-hut before taking a break for breakfast with 20 other guys who had also stayed up all night. The day was December 20th and the event was Penthouse Christmas Open House—undoubtedly one of my best experiences at Taylor.

Weeks of planning had led up to three days of absolute pandemonium on the floor. Lack of sleep, thousands of Christmas lights, tons of pizza, and oodles of cardboard highlighted our time spent together. Although pulling off the most amazing open house on campus forced me to reluctantly skip a few classes and neglect sleep, the benefits far outweighed the costs.

This year’s theme was “Hawaiian Holidays” and I feel like we put on a mighty luau indeed. With a flowing volcano and a working waterfall, it was something in which we could all take pride. We scrambled to reach the 7:00 p.m. deadline, which was when the Penthouse became open to the world. Dramatic last second changes made the experience all the more exciting as our floor transformed from bleak, barren hallways to a vibrant, Hawaiian paradise.

“If you build it, they will come.” This proved to be the case as hundreds of visitors crammed the hallways, chuckling and pointing at some of the finest construction that no money can buy. The crowds eventually ceased and the duct tape grew tired and the surprisingly fun cleanup project began. What had ensued that night was a result of an immense amount of work and an enormous amount of fun. Naïve patrons questioned if it was worth it. I guess they’ll have to find out next year when Christmas time rolls around and the Penthouse pulls something greater, if that’s even possible.

Chris Horst
It's unsurprising that a relatively tiny and distant dorm would form such a closely-knit community within itself; however, this is exactly what has occurred in Swallow Robin. To some extent this is reflected in the relationships that form within each of the three floors in Swallow, and on Second Swallow in particular. Since Swallow only has one men's floor, the turmoil of decision making for places to hang out is immensely decreased; hence community is unavoidable.

As such, SRII is a microcosm of a microcosm. And, amusingly enough, it works pretty well. We form our own sub communities on the floor according to interest and friendship. Since we spend a lot of time together, we each tend to develop a comfort zone with each other. In short, SRII is a place where everyone, introvert or extrovert, can work out a comfortable balance between socialization and solitude; we have a remote family community, but to us, it's the community of willing fellowship.
The first floor of Swallow had a year of many changes but major growth. We welcomed nine freshmen on the floor in the fall. With only 23 girls total, these freshmen made quite an impact. Thankfully we soon had a chance to get to know these new girls during our floor retreat. We had nearly perfect attendance for the weekend, and we experienced wonderful times of playing games, setting up tents, talking and praying, cooking s'mores over the campfire, and worshipping God together under the starry sky. We began to build relationships.

As the year progressed, these friendships grew deeper. In February, we had another floor event, a game night at our personal assistant’s sister’s house. There we played the couch game, freshmen against upperclassmen. The freshmen won, and part of the reason for their victory was the upperclassmen couldn’t remember which of us were the freshmen! We had become such good friends with these girls that we no longer thought of them as freshmen. They brought new life to the floor and helped us start new traditions.

I’ll never forget the huge, random quote board to which we were constantly adding, the boot-smack contests after floor prayer, the multi-lingual phone conversations in the hallway, the bathroom library of endless books, magazines, and games, the open doors, and the open hearts. Dear friendships were formed.

Joy Freeman

Lydia Bakker
Maria Baptista
Elizabeth Boltz
Corrie Chase
Alisa Cole
Erin Dewolfe
Elizabeth Eringer
Audrey Field
Kali Feury
Joy Freeman
Sarah Fuchs
Elizabeth Greenman
Ashley Haag
Chelsea Higgins
Jennifer Hillier
Heather James
Lauren Johnson
Sarah Kim
Laura Knosp
Joanna Koleski
Wei-Hsin Lu
Jessa Lyons
Carol McClanathan
Wendy McConnell
Janet McKnight
Bridget McNamara
Erin Meffley
Jessica Nagel
Denise Osman
Valerie Schmitt
Skye Ka Yan Siu
Kameron Smith
Sarah Todd
Abby Treese
Megan Van Dam
Jacquelyn Vanderschie
Autumn Walker
Leslie Wise

Though the third floor of Swallow Robin may be the smallest floor on Taylor’s campus with an astounding 19 girls, we certainly are not lacking in diversity. So what do you get when girls from Canada, Kenya, Bolivia, Argentina, Taiwan, Korea, Hong Kong, and various parts of the United States live together on one floor and share one bathroom? You get an atmosphere of cultural awareness, sensitivity, encouragement, and fun.

Despite busy schedules and differences among the girls, we’ve managed to nurture this atmosphere in a variety of ways. From being lost in the cornfields of Indiana on our first pick-a-date, to the late night bathroom chats in various languages—don’t count on being able to understand the phone calls you may overhear echoing down the hall, this floor is a gallery exhibiting the beauty found in our differences. Along with varying cultural backgrounds, our floor hosts ladies with a variety of talents. There are artists, musicians, writers, and athletes. These differences are a daily reminder of our creator’s artistry. Each one of us truly is fearfully and wonderfully made. Diversity makes SR III a wonderful place to live, learn, and grow.

Jennifer Hillier

Swallow Robin Women
First East Wengatz... it's a place where anything can happen. As a senior living in the room Lori Holtman and Skip Trudeau chose for me four years ago, I feel as though I can speak with some perspective on a place called First East that has come full-circle. When I was a freshman, there were 15 other first years living on the wing, causing anxiety among upperclassmen who saw some of their long held traditions in jeopardy. But we adapted to our new surroundings in a way that respected the wing's past, but was in our own way unique.

This past year, there was a similarly large influx of new blood, sending the same waves of anxiety over myself and other seniors. However, the young First Easters have likewise adapted, while at the same time making the wing their own. The First East of the past upon which I look so fondly is gone forever, and soon I will be too. But the spirit of brotherhood lives on in First East and inhabits everything we do.

From winning Airband (incidentally, our proudest and oldest tradition, First East won Airband in '97 and '98, took third place in '99 and again in '02, and was a featured act in 2000) to the community showers, I've come to cherish so much. As long as this spirit lives on, first east will be the kind of place that welcomes mommy/daddies, components, Keller, and of course, Seabiscuit.

Elliot Gruszka
Few things are certain in life, but one thing is for sure: Phurst West Wengatz will always be the best wing on campus. This year proved no exception to the rule as we rocked out with rad events, late night pranks, and sweet girls.

The first annual sit-a-thon was a blast as more than 20 guys (and a few sister wingers) sat cross-legged on the sidewalk in an all out test of endurance and self-control. The event lasted for almost five hours and the winner received a sweet 80's style Larry Bird jacket, while the money raised was given to the Wengatz Hall sponsored Compassion International child.

The PDUB luau in the fall and spring were other fan favorites as we partied in front of Wengatz. We cooked some burgers, played some catch, and turned off our music and stared awkwardly at any girls that walked by. Wow, what a day.

Other highlights included wing retreats, calling girls at 2 a.m. to ask them to play Dungeons & Dragons, the whole wing performing an Outkast song in the Battle of the Bands, regular late night IHOP runs, and having a rockin’ intramural soccer team (only team to not make the playoffs, except for the team that forfeited every game).

Phurst West cannot be summed up in such a small amount of space, but the truth is the wing was a community that had a lot of fun, and experienced a lot of growth together. All of us are leaving this wing better men than when we came.

Aaron Shapiro

First West Wengatz
Second East Wengatz

Second East Wengatz, or second easy, as some would put it. Lots of guys with lots of quirks... to say the least.

So, who does Second East consist of?
Guys from 11 different states and three different countries
The biggest Cubs, White Sox, Yankees, Red Sox, Reds, Panthers, Duke, UNC and Purdue fans on campus
Six seniors who spent their four years at Taylor with in the confines of 2E
Ten guys from Chicagoland
Guys with roots ranging from Amish to Jewish

As you can see, Second East is no ordinary wing.

Two events describe pretty well second east as a whole.

1. No Shave November.
   Fifteen guys going one month without touching their faces with a razor blade. Sick? Or awesome? With awards ranging from the "Only Real Beard" to the "Wait... it's No-Shave November?" award, it was definitely another successful year of this treasured Second East tradition.

2. It's a beautiful fall evening in central Indiana.
   After a day at Turkey Run State Park with the sister wing, the Second East boys spend the night at some adjacent property. One big campfire and 20 sizzling hobo dinners later, guys were full and ready for sleep under the stars. Then when 12 guys nestled close together in one tent, I couldn't help but smile, despite the stench and sweat. Only on Second East.

Andrew Slate
Another year on Second Center has brought many new faces. A great group of freshmen entered the wing excited about fellowshipping and learning. Our few returning sophomores jumped right back into Taylor life and never looked back. The juniors of our wing all found significant others and were hopelessly lost. Our two seniors were busy with football and soccer, but we were excited to see them join us for several wing events despite their busy schedules.

The year has flown by, but we must remember some of the highlights of our year on 2C. The beginning of the year shaving cream battle was a big hit with our new sister wing 1EO. Who can forget the annual Disco Bowling Pick-a-Date? Some of us were involved in Airband, while others just enjoyed it.

We've had sign wars and photo-editing duels. And who could forget the annual 2C Random Road Trip... well, actually that never happened. Fortunately we were able to make great relationships and have a ton of fun regardless.

Overall it's been a great year and as many of us leave this wing at the end of the year, we all know that we have shared in a great year and will not forget it anytime soon.

Matt Jesse
Second West Wengatz

Second west, though an innocuous wing, still maintains that it’s the favorite wing in Wengatz Hall. After all, isn’t the creamy center of the Oreo everyone’s favorite? Nestled between the other west wings, its occupants comfortably enjoy the anonymity from the women on campus. We have our own fun, though. The four horsemen of the apocalypse taught the freshman early on who’s in charge; sparkling grape juice flowed in the three-man as two dubs partook in an all-male techno rave complete with black lights, fog machine and strobe light; we feasted during our annual “bratfest” and even promoted fashion savvy with a B-grade, all clothed fashion shoot.

Despite numerous attempts, we were unable to reach the allusive cherry Pepsi in our drink challenges, but we did manage to wreck our intestines. Stranger things have happened. Oddly enough, the Phubbs was discovered in our lounge early one morning. Strange times indeed.

Our open houses were a favorite with all the ladies (that is with the small contingents who graced us) and gents—including our first ever Techno Thanksgiving Open House. Talk about a rave. Our other special open house—the Christmas one—was another success thanks to the ladies of English, Olson and Gerig who supplied us with bounties of lights and previously used decorations. “Tonight We Ride” was a guaranteed success story, which I won’t waste time describing, and we won back our sister wing. Life can be sweet.

Paul Erickson
When I look back at this year to see what specifically "Taylor Made" means for Third East, I am proud and excited. The residence life is one of many reasons why students choose to come to Taylor. Many unique characteristics distinguish the wings and dorms. So what has made Third East so special in my eyes and the eyes of the men that live on it? One of the reasons is what happens in one year between the guys on the wing.

So many exciting things happened this year and whether it was the community between the men through small groups or wing retreats, or the success of the wing in intramurals. For those who come to Taylor unsure of the road ahead, the growth through small groups has been rewarding. Some guys have studied what it means to be "Abba's Child" in the terms of what Scripture has to say, while others have taken the Word to find personal challenges. The spiritual growth has been encouraging.

The wing has also seen success in intramurals. With a trip to the semifinals in football, and the finals in soccer and basketball, these men have shown their skill. But perhaps more encouraging than the success of the intramural teams is the encouragement received from those guys on the wing that are on the sidelines. The men of Third East have grown close through encouragement and brotherly kindness and that is perhaps what makes Third East special.

Brad Klaver
Culture can be defined as behaviors, patterns, beliefs and other products that are passed on from one generation to the next. In the center wing on the third floor of Wengatz Hall live 30 men that have a culture all their own.

Third Center isn’t known for a specific stereotype like being athletic, academic, or acting outrageous, rather they are known for their diversity. They tend to go against the norm like a rebellious middle child; creating their own identity.

Each year Third Center carries out the tradition of being a tight group of guys. We form friendships that last for life. Whether it is our time on the intramural field or our time of prayer and praise each Sunday night, our camaraderie shines through. Although some filter in and out of the wing through the years they know that once a Third Centerer always a Third Centerer.

The funny thing though is that each year Third Center seems to always have this same sense of togetherness. Where does it come from? The answer begins and ends with one focus, a Christ centered environment.

Every year, the night before classes begin in early September the upperclassman wash the feet of every new freshman or transfer student that lives on Third Center. The new students are under the influence that they are going to be tormented by the others, but soon it becomes an afterthought.

After being blindfolded and spun around until dizzy, the students are led one by one on a walk in complete darkness towards the prayer deck. Once there, the upperclassmen kneel down on their hands and knees and begin washing the student’s feet; mirroring the humility Christ showed towards His disciples in John 13.

Then each student is prayed for individually. This process continues for about 45 minutes. When the feet of each student have been washed they’re unblindfolded and these 30 men conclude in a time of prayer and praise.

We are a group of guys who love one another. You may hear nicknames shouted around campus like “Diesel,” “B-Stat,” “Mabes,” “Bucket,” or “Hendo.” These are just a few of the guys that are a part of the family. As it says on the back of the Wengatz Hall shirt, “We’re the good stuff in the middle.”

Third center continues to be a culture all its own, passing down behaviors, patterns, and beliefs year after year. Our mission is found in 1 Corinthians 12:12, “The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body.”

Luke Burket
And it was in those days, in the time of Spenn, that many wings and floors became shallow, empty shells of their former selves. Yet there was one wing that still stood tall, one wing that did not fade away into the night. For this wing was mighty in deed and great in character. Steeped in that holy tradition passed down by those who walked the halls long ago, they continued onward and upwards, forging their own stories that would one day become legend and myth. And so it was that Third West was the mightiest of wings, towering over all the others. In nomine patre, et fili, et spiritus sancti.

Recollections of Schramm from: The Book of Schramm
I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 3:14
Made To Lead
FOOTBALL

Taylor endured a tough season in 2003, but fortunately there were rays of hope. The team ended with a 2-8 record but managed big wins over both Iowa Wesleyan and Malone in the fourth and final games of the season.

"We had a tough year, and things didn't always come together for us," said senior tight end Jeremy Russel. "But we have a lot of young guys on this team that really grew throughout the season. Next year could be a totally different story."

The season started with a 21-27 loss at home to Trinity International, and a 22-27 home loss to rival Anderson the next Saturday. The week after the Trojans traveled to McKendree, the NAIA's 2nd ranked team, and took home a 0-34 loss.

Taylor turned things around in time for week four of the season, when they hosted Iowa Wesleyan and managed a 34-14 win. With close to 60 rushing yards each, running backs Tad Litwiller and Brandon Gardner led a rushing attack that gained 195 yards in the game. The defense contributed 17 tackles for loss of yardage in the game.

Taylor relapsed after that game, and racked up tough losses to Quincy, Urbana, Walsh, St. Francis, and Geneva in the following weeks. Both Walsh and St. Francis were highly ranked teams.

The season ended on a high note as Taylor won a defensive battle at Malone 13-9. The offense was led by Bryan Jackson's four receptions and a touchdown, but the defense made the difference in the game. Adam Foote's 15 tackles and Josh Staley's 11, including 3 sacks, led the team.

Five players were named to the All-MSFA team. Defensive end Staley was named to the first team; defensive tackle Ryan Ott and receiver Cory Neuenschwander were named to the second team; and quarterback Jeff Walton and cornerback Wes Nicely received honorable mention.

"We're going to take it one game at a time next year," said junior linebacker Jeremiah Ramer. "We're going to come out swinging, and we'll see what happens."

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Aaron Shapiro
Above: Sophomore defensive lineman Kedrick Hirschy looks on unintimidated against Trinity International.

Above: Taylor defense makes a stop in an early September game against Trinity International. Taylor lost 21-27.

Left: Senior quarterback Jeff Walton hurdles over an opponent from Trinity International during the Trojan's home opener.
Above: Outside hitter Christine Amony leaps for the kill vs. IWU.

Right: Jen Hall (3), Lindsey Diehm (10), and Lindsey Taatjes (9) celebrate after their October 11th win over Walsh.

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The winning tradition continued for Taylor’s 2003 volleyball team as they finished with a 34-11 overall, and a 7-1 conference record.

The Lady Trojans made several adjustments this season as they learned to play without two-time NAIA All-American Kim Martin.

The 2003 club found leadership and guidance in seniors Taryn Eitmontas and Jen Hale. Hale dished out 1,942 assists this season, earning her a spot on the first team, NAIA All-Region Team. She was also named Player of the Week three times this past season.

In late August, the Lady Trojans opened their season with a win against Rio Grande of Ohio at the UM Dearborn Tournament. Taylor continued to face tough competition early on as they battled 13th ranked Doane and 14th ranked Lee University. They also played Olivet Nazarene immediately into their season.

Taylor defeated 12th ranked Walsh over Homecoming weekend in October. The Lady Trojans at the time were ranked 25th in the NAIA poll. A week and a half later Taylor had climbed to 23rd in the rankings as they participated in the 2003 Sprint Fall Break Tournament.

The Lady Trojans battled MidAmerican Nazarene University for a win in the opening round of the tournament. They then defeated King College and advanced to the championship game, where they faced Olivet Nazarene for a second time. The Trojans lost the first two games of the match, but they didn’t give up. They dominated the next three games for the win and first place title.

Following the Sprint Fall Break Tournament, the Lady Trojans took on Bethel College in conference play. The teams had been tied for second place going into the match. Taylor won in four games and claimed sole possession of second place in the MCC.

Taylor’s season continued to improve. The 19th ranked Lady Trojans took part in the Huntington College Tournament. There they faced Goshen College, UM-Dearborn, Marian, and Aquinas. Competition was no match for Taylor who defeated all four teams, winning the Tournament.

In the opening round of the Mid-Central Conference playoffs, Taylor easily defeated Huntington College in three games. The Lady Trojans faced Indiana Wesleyan in the second round of the tournament. In a surprising defeat for the Lady Trojans, the season was ended in four games against the Wildcats.

Katie Shedd
"The scoreboard didn't reveal our quality as a team, but it never reveals the quality of the man within it," said Coach Lund. "While the season record was disappointing, the effort and growth by individuals and the group provided satisfactions that the scorekeeper never sees."

The Trojan's 3-13-3 record suggests that the season was not quite up to par, yet the team had to overcome several obstacles in a season where the final record did not reflect the effort put in. Five of the Trojan losses were by one goal, including one in double overtime to Trinity. They were also undermanned with 14 active players, due in part to the absence of 2002 freshman standout Jake Edgerton, who missed the season because of a shoulder injury.

The Trojans played well as a team, and it showed in their scoring attack, as more than nine players scored at least one goal. Freshman Paul Holliday was immediately put into the spotlight as the starting goalie for every game.

"The team was definitely better this year despite our record," said sophomore Jeff Brooke. "We competed in more games and had several close losses as well as wins." It was also Coach Joe Lund's last season working with the program. Lund stepped down on November 1 after 19 seasons as the Trojans' head coach.

"It was tough to see Coach go," said Brooke, "He always talked about how you learn more through losing and how character is developed through that. I've had a lot of coaches, and he is one of the best leaders I've been around."

The Trojans will have a new look next year with the loss of Coach Lund and seniors Caleb Eernisse, James Hornaday and Drew Rundus.

Andrew Slate
Above: Senior forward James Hornaday (9) collects the ball against Marian. Following the play is Andy Howard (3).

Left: Coach Joe Lund encourages his players during his last season. After 19 years as head coach of the men's soccer program Lund retired to spend more time with his family.

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The women's soccer team accomplished many things this year, on and off the field. With the team built on Jesus Christ, they were able to play, win or lose, while giving all the glory to Him. This year's team was coached again by Ed Meadors.

Though they had a rocky start, the team hit the pinnacle of their season on September 20th against Hanover defeating them 6-0.

This Trojan's triumph turned their season around, finishing 7-2-2 in the last 11 regular season games. They were able to make the first round of the annual Mid-Central College Conference tournament where they eventually beat the No. 4 seeded Grace 1-0.

Taylor went into the second round with high spirits, as the Lady Trojans took on the No. 1 seeded Indiana Wesleyan Wildcats. Unfortunately, their high spirits were shattered when Indiana Wesleyan came away with the victory.

With an overall record of 9-7-2, the women's soccer team has a hard fought season behind them, but their eyes are on next year and improving all facets of their game.

Matthieu Rush

Above: Sophomore Jessica Hammon gains control of the ball. Hammon was selected to the 2003 All-Conference team.

Above: Junior goalkeeper Emily Wallace makes a miraculous diving save against St. Mary's. Wallace helped lead the Trojans to a 9-7-2 record.
Above: Sophomore midfielder Brittany Long traps the ball against Hanover. Long and the rest of the Trojans won the game 6-0.

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A season that was intended for rebuilding exceeded expectations and has the members of the men's cross country team thinking big for seasons to come.

The Jarhead's first event was the Indiana Mini State meet held at Terre Haute. The team ran well and finished in sixth place. The Trojans then ran at the Greater Louisville Classic held at Sawyer Park in Louisville. Out of the 32-team field, sophomore Lance Vanderberg was the pace setter for Taylor, coming away with a 15th place finish out of 324 runners. Fellow sophomore Josh Edgerton crossed the line 41 places behind Vanderberg in 56th place.

Michael Short was the third jarhead to cross the finish line, finishing in 125th place. Kyle Mangum was the 143rd place finisher. The final two Jarheads to finish were Andrew Burgess and Andrew Brooks, taking 166th and 182nd place respectively.

At the Anderson University Invitational on October 11, the Trojans finished third despite having three runners out with injuries.

Edgerton topped the Trojans' effort with a third place finish, crossing the line at 27:22:22. Short was the second Jarhead to finish at a time of 29:10 putting him in 10th place.

Magnum finished with a time of 29:53. Brooks finished 16th with a time of 31:22, and Burgess took 18th with 31:56.

The Jarhead's next event was the Mid Central Conference Race in Goshen. The Trojans placed 5th, having only five healthy runners finish. Edgerton again paced the Trojans, finishing in 11th place at 27:29, a time good enough to earn MCC honors. Short was again Taylor's second best runner finishing 30 seconds behind Edgerton in 20th place. Rounding out the Jarhead effort was Mangum at 28:24, Burgess at 29:12 and Brooks at 30:16.

Injury plagued the Jarheads throughout the entire season. "It was a good season despite having a small team and dealing with a lot of injuries," said Burgess.

Taylor finished 8th at the NAIA VIII Championship at Aquinas College, in Grand Rapids, and 8th at the NCCAA Championships at John Bryan Park in Cedarville, Ohio.

Expectations will be much higher next year. "If they can stay healthy they should be able to qualify for the NAIA Nationals. That is how much talent they have coming back," said graduating senior Burgess.

Barry Walsh
Left: Sophomore Michael Short gains on the lead runner.

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Above: Josh Edgerton is greeted by an unusual spectator after the Trojans 3rd place finish at Anderson.

Far Left: Andrew Brooks keeps his stride at the Anderson Invitational.
Right: Freshman Rachael Cusack enjoys some water after the Anderson Invitational, October 11th.

Above: Freshman Lolly York catches her breath as she finishes the Anderson Invitational. York finishes 16th overall this year at the annual MCC meet, placing 2nd for Taylor.
As the 2003 women's cross country team began the season, the potential was yet to be revealed. There were only four returning runners: seniors Katie Spencer and Jennifer Kamps, junior Christy Conrad, and sophomore Carolyn Betteridge. The rest of the team was made up of one sophomore, Kari Olson, and five freshmen: Rachael Cusack, Cassie Hedges, Lauren Shea, Autumn Wingers, and Lolly York. After a week of camp's grueling practices, the Mad Dawgs showed talent and enthusiasm that grew throughout the season.

Cindy Callison coached the team, and captains Katie Spencer and Christy Conrad consistently practiced their leadership roles by encouraging the underclassmen. They decided before the season began that this year was not only going to be about competitive running, but also about friendships and memorable events. The season's numerous activities included a practice pick-a-date, a pumpkin-carving run, meals at coach's house, and overnight meets.

As the season progressed, the team began to work together. The Mad Dawgs took second place at two meets, barely missing first. By late October they were ranked 25th nationally. Throughout the season Betteridge, Wingers, and Shea were injured. Each fought through the injuries, finishing with an aggressive season at regionals.

"We had a great season for so many different reasons. I believe one reason is the way we grew to be so close," said Spencer. "We depended on each other, and the encouragement from each other got us through long, hard practices and tough races."

Through all the miles, injuries, and the infamous dunes workout, the team's spirits remained high as they became another unique group of runners in Trojan history.
MEN’S

TEennis

Five freshman, two sophomores and one senior, Don Taylor entered the 2003 season with the youngest team in his nine year tenure with the men’s tennis program.

This year the team members knew they would endure some struggles along their journey. They had a tough season. They finished 6th in the Mid-Central Conference with a record of 3-8 overall and 2-4 within conference play. The numbers, however, do not tell the story.

The cliché ”rebuilding year” is often overused, but that is what this year was for the men’s team. They had to learn what worked on the corners to visualize the full picture. Not until Sept. 11, the team’s fourth match against the Anderson Ravens, did Taylor clinch its first victory.

During this match team members began showing glimpses of what was to come. Sophomores Jon Teune and Scott Schmeissing created a dynamic one-two punch as doubles partners as did freshmen Andrew Smiley and Ryan Spencer.

Taylor suffered three more consecutive losses, but bounced back strong with two back-to-back victories against Huntington and Marian College.

After a tough season, Taylor entered the year-end MCC tournament with a chance to salvage the season. Coach Don Taylor stated in his outlook for the year that he hoped the team would begin to hit their stride toward the end of the season entering the year-end finale. If they accomplished this goal and placed in one of the top three spots in the tournament, they would then advance onto regional play.

The team walked into the Indianapolis Tennis Center ready to succeed. Schmeissing and Teune set the tone by winning their first round singles matches before winning their doubles match together. Stephan Leman also defeated both the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds in his bracket to move on to the finals at no. 5 singles. However, the team came up short with a 5th place finish, despite a great showing.

The team’s focus now turns to next season. Taylor will have the whole roster returning with exception of John McNary. Experience will be on their side and optimism is in the air as the men’s tennis team competes for the MCC championship next year.

LukeBurket

Above: Sophomore John Teune prepares to serve during practice.
Above: Sophomore Scott Schmeissing aligns his return against Goshen.

Left: Freshman Ryan Spencer returns the ball during team warm-ups.

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Above: Junior Holly May (right) was a unanimous pick for the MCC 2003 All-Conference team for her outstanding play in both singles and doubles matches.

Right: Freshman Corrie Goshert focuses on her serve September 11th against Anderson.
The Taylor women’s tennis team enjoyed another successful regular season, finishing with a final overall record of 7-3. With conference wins over Marian, Huntington, Bethel, St. Francis, and Grace, the ladies qualified for the NAIA Regional in May after placing second in the MCC conference.

As in years past, the Lady Trojans have been a very close-knit team, focusing not only on athletics but also on each other’s spiritual lives. This unity is developed as soon as the girls arrive at Taylor in the fall.

“We always start the first week of camp with devotions,” said junior Jennifer Hoyt. “This helps us get to know each other better and to begin building those close relationships, not only with each other, but with God as well.”

Along with their spiritual goals, the girls pursued strong physical goals set by Coach Dara Syswerda.

“I wanted each of my players to mature mentally and grow in her ability to handle the pressure of this level of competition, as well as to grow together in team unity,” Syswerda said.

With the team having only three upperclassmen, relying on the other three sophomores was key. “I’m used to having just a few upperclassmen so that seemed normal. I try to take a positive encouraging approach and work hard at building their confidence as players and as women,” Syswerda said. “My upperclassmen have been good at leading by example in every aspect of their lives. I depend on them to help encourage the team to strive to improve, even when they feel that they’re giving everything they have.”

Even though the team does not give out individual awards, this year’s tandem to be reckoned with was junior Holly May, who had the best singles and doubles record, and sophomore Katie Clark. Not only did these two beat Indiana Wesleyan’s ranked players twice in exciting matches, they also helped to secure a spot in the May regional for the Lady Trojans.

Also playing big roles in the Trojans’ success were twins Leslie and Lindsey Davis who stepped up their games to help Taylor become one of the elite in the MCC.

Neal Friesen
MEN'S BASKETBALL


Right: Junior Michael Parsons tips the ball in for two helping the Trojans to a 69-58 win over Marian February 3rd.

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Senior guard Matt Traylor runs past a Grace defender during the Trojans 72-48 victory February 21st.

After chapel ended on March 10, 2004, the NAIA National Tournament game between our Taylor Trojans and the Daemen Wildcats was broadcast to anxious Taylor fans.

With under three minutes to go, the Trojans converted a three-point play which brought the score to a narrow 70-67. Inside the chapel, the excitement was building and shouts of encouragement could be heard from the fans listening in anticipation. Unfortunately, Daemon did not allow any more points and the game ended in a 74-67 loss for the Trojans.

As students left the chapel after the game was over, the mood was not one of disappointment. Of course it would have been preferred to go on in the tournament, however no one could be disappointed in the season the Trojans had just completed.

With a 26-8 record, the Trojans racked up three 25-win seasons in a row, the 13th one under the direction of head coach Paul Paterson. The team also was once again crowned Mid-Central Conference Champions with a 71-60 victory over St. Francis, the third season in a row that the Trojans have claimed the title. Also, the Trojans defense was ranked No. 1 in the nation for points allowed and No. 3 in the nation for field-goal percentage defense.

Although the Trojans will be losing the leadership of seniors Ben Brown, Matt Lettinga, John Miles, and Matt Traylor, the team will be returning plenty of experience to the court next year. Among those returning are sophomores Eric Ford and Doug Bell. Ford, a 6' guard, received Division II All-America Third Team honors, and Bell, a 6' 7" center, was a Division II All-America Honorable Mention.

Also returning with a strong men's basketball team will be the incredible fans that cheer on the Trojans. Everyone in the stands and the men of Morris and Wengatz are ready to open the next season and cheer like mad for the team.

Because of the incredible team that will be returning to the court and the incredible body of fans who will be there to cheer them to victory, there is much anticipation for the next season. So although the Trojans left the tournament early, there is much to look forward to, and everyone knows that the Trojans will visit Missouri again.

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David Mauldin
Above: Junior guard Lydia Harris runs the point for the Lady Trojans offense in the December 2nd win over Aquinas. Harris averaged 7.3 points per game this season.

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This year was unlike any year for the Taylor Women's Basketball Team. Traditionally, the Lady Trojans would have met together in the preseason and formed goals to meet throughout the year. Some examples would be making it to the National tournament, having a 20-plus season of wins, or winning both hosted tournaments. But, after prayer and discussion, the team and the coaching staff decided to only designate one goal for the entire season.

The goal was Hebrews 12:2. The verse says, "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

Suddenly the Taylor women's basketball team was not about wins or losses. "It put things into perspective," said senior Sarah Shedd, "You know that if God isn't disappointed in you, nothing else really matters."

Even coaches of opposing teams noticed a difference in the Lady Trojans. After every game Taylor would invite their opponents to join with them in prayer. Senior Alicia Russell attributed the girl's positive attitudes to Hebrews 12:2.

"We kept our goal in the forefront of our minds," Junior Liz Plass said. In doing so, the team's morale was different. "Our goal helped players to be more confident," Shedd added.

By staying focused on Christ, the Taylor women also enjoyed a very successful season. The Lady Trojans boasted a 23-11 record, while going 13-3 on their home court. Other season highlights include defeating top-ranked Cedarville University, Cornerstone University, Urbana College, and St. Xavier, and sweeping Indiana Wesleyan.

Three Lady Trojans received individual honors. Plass was selected the First Team. She led the MCC (7th in the NAIA) in scoring with an average of 20.3 points per game and was second in free-throw shooting, with an average of 87.4 percent. She was also named MCC player of the week three times throughout the season. She broke two Taylor records, scoring 38 points in a single game. She shot 18 of 19 of those points from the free-throw line.

Senior Melanie Brumbaugh earned Second Team honors. She was fourth in the MCC in field goal percentage, averaging 54.2 and 5th in scoring with 14.7 points per game. Brumbaugh was also 20th in the NAIA in free-throw percentage.

Junior Lydia Harris was selected to the Third Team. She averaged 3.7 assists and 2.1 steals per game.

Russell was 2nd in the MCC in blocks. She broke the single game blocking record as well.

The 2003-04 Lady Trojans remained true to their goal. As they fixed their eyes on Jesus, they were able to accomplish many things through the game of basketball. Games were won, records were broken, but most importantly the genuine love of Christ was demonstrated by each Lady Trojan.

Katie Shedd
**Date**  
3/22 Pro-Am  
4/3 Elmhurst Invitational  
4/6 Indianapolis Invitational  
4/12 MCC Match  
4/14 Tri-State Invitational  
4/17 MCC Match  
4/20 MCC Match at Huntington  
4/23 MCC Match at Goshen  
4/26 Bethel Invitational  
4/29 Regional  

**Location**  
Palm Coast, FL  
Oak Brook C.C.  
Heartland C.C.  
Marian College  
Angola, IN  
Taylor  
Lafontaine G.C.  
Black Squirrel G.C.  
Morris Park, South Bend  
Cobblestone G.C.  

**Result**  
Individual  
4th of 16  
6th of 16  
5th of 8  
6th of 10  
4th of 8  
4th of 8  
3rd of 8  
1st of 4  
5th of 14

Above: Joe Zimmerman watches intently as his attempt to make the long putt from almost the rough of the green, speeds toward the pin.

Right: Kellen Moore attempts to follow his shot from the fairway.
The Taylor Trojan golf team had yet another great season of play. Ending the spring on a high note, the Trojans put together their best round on the second day of the NAIA Region VIII Championships with a 309 which raised their ranking to a tie for 5th place. Kellen Moore led the squad with a score of 74, followed by Joe Zimmerman and Matt Hall both with 77.

On April 26th the Trojan's found themselves sitting atop the Bethel College Golf Invitational. Using the Ryder Cup format, Taylor gained a six-stroke win over Huntington, a seven-stroke victory over Bethel, and an unrealistic 33 stroke lead over Goshen. This victory as well as the strong finish in the regional tournament helped land Taylor a fourth place finish in the Mid-Central Conference.

Unlike most other colleges, Taylor is a place where a player can not only hone on his personal skill, but can also strive after a better relationship with his team and with Jesus Christ. First year coach Jon Ochs emphasized not only a "team first" attitude but professionalism and servant leadership on and off the course. Ochs has been a part of the Taylor golf team since 2001. Last fall he led the Trojans to a victory as well a second place finish.
Wind, rain, snow, hurricanes, blizzards, and typhoons — the Trojan baseball team encountered it all in their 2004 tour de force. The season may be best represented by a ball grounded to the infield, unpredictable and inconsistently bouncing up and down.

However, the measure of a team is calculated not by victory and advancement but by mental endurance and unity in the face of antagonistic factors. By this measure, the 2004 Trojan campaign was an utter success.

Seven veterans returned to the lineup to greet a host of new freshman and transfer faces. From this initial transition, the Trojans were never able to completely get comfortable; changes kept occurring leaving the players with the difficult task of adapting to their ever-changing roles.

The 18-28 end record seemed secondary in importance to the more gratifying goal of easing players into their positions and readying them for a brighter future.

Youth may be Taylor's strongest asset. The dedicated players anticipate significant growth and maturity just around the corner. The fresh team will return next year with seasoned depth prepared for another season, this time with experience to add to their promising youth.

Joe Darling

Pitcher/infielder Matt Wiseman winds up in his approach during the April 27th game versus Marian College.
Junior pitcher Pat Burke releases during a game against Bethel College. The Trojans were swept by Bethel in all four meetings this spring.

Freshman Ricky Pease from Columbus, Indiana, is about to pounce on a routine infield grounder April 27th against Marian College. The Trojans eventually fell 9-11 and 7-13.
Softball

We, the Lady Trojans, returned to campus in the fall to find the new Kessler Center standing where our field used to be. After a fall of hard work and no field to call home, we looked forward to spring and initiating our new field.

By February we found ourselves with one pitcher and barely enough players to take the field. Through much prayer and many pitching lessons, we pressed on. Brandy Thornburgh and Emily Pensinger prepared to take the mound, praying hard that Sarah Sarracino’s arm would last the season.

In March we boarded a plane for a memorable spring break trip to Arizona. We were excited even after we realized that there was no beach in Arizona. We had practiced on dirt twice, so we were thrilled with the opportunity to get out on some Arizona dirt. We played eight games, with a mountain backdrop, in Tucson and picked up our first win of the season against St. Olaf. Friday of spring break we were inspired by the level of play of the U.S. Olympic team as they beat the University of Arizona with some of the best softball we’d ever seen!

While we returned with a meager 1-7 record, we were encouraged by the 31 runs we scored during the week. We were going to have a good season. Our bats started to come alive as freshmen Amy Richardson and Allie Butler returned with one home run apiece.

We played our first home game on our new field on April 6th, and dedicated it in style, sweeping IWU. Sarracino gave the quality pitching performance we had come to expect. Pensinger continued what would become a four game home run streak, hitting one homerun in each game of the doubleheader. Lydia Harris made two of her famous diving catches to squelch any threat of an IWU comeback.

As the season continued to unfold, our success grew more and more. Under the senior leadership of Thornburgh at shortstop and Brooke Kanitz at third, we fought our way to an 8-6 conference record and the 3rd seed in the conference tournament. Our final record of 15-19 was the best record Taylor softball has seen in 6 years.

The Lady Trojans look toward next season with big expectations. Losing the left side of the infield will sting, but junior Kat Hunt will return with her awesome range at second base to lead the infield and Sarah Shedd and Abby Butler will return with Harris to form a solid outfield.

Emily Pensinger
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The Lady Trojans were poised and ready April 6th against Indiana Wesleyan.

Photo by Matt Wissman

At Hunt forces out the Wildcat runner. The Lady Trojans won both games during the April 6th double-header.

Photo by Matt Wissman

Senior infielder Brandy Thornburgh uses two hands to make the out during the Lady Trojans win over Indiana Wesleyan.
Gone was the All-American 800m runner; gone was the National Shot Put Champion; gone was the seven-foot high jumper; gone was the best race walker in Taylor history. All totaled, the Taylor men’s track and field team had lost four NAIA All-Americans going into the 2004 season.

To repeat previous successes was unthinkable; to continue the unprecedented streak of MCC Conference Championships was doubtful; to avoid absolute failure in comparison to past seasons was deemed by some impossible. However, the Taylor men’s track team did not succumb to doubt. Instead, they rose to the occasion, competing to the utmost of their collective abilities every meet, all season long.

The men’s team overcame the loss of four All-Americans by performing better as a whole. A dazzling freshman class, including 200m and 400m runner Nate Porcher, high jumper Brandon House, hurdler Randal Dunbar, and Lamont Laing helped ease the sting of graduated talent by consistently scoring in every meet. Sophomore Lance Vanderburg led the men’s distance squad in the 1500m and 5000m, qualifying for NAIA Nationals in the 1500m.

Juniors Richie Gibbs and Bryan Jackson again led the men’s 4x400 relay team to NAIA Nationals. By qualifying in the 110H and 400m Intermediate hurdles, Jackson is now considered by most to be Taylor’s best hurdler since Darren Youngstrom. Juniors Kyle Mangum and D.J. Jergenson also trampled competition this year in the 800m and triple jump. Senior Jeff Lay hurdled his way into the record books, leaving Taylor as the second best hammer thrower in school history.

The Taylor women’s track and field team continued to improve this season, competing for the top spot in several meets. The progression of junior sprinters Kirsten Thompson and Mary Obaka, coupled with the success of javelin thrower Amy Fowler, kept the women’s team in the hunt for first place finishes. Freshmen jumping sensation Linnea Edstrom teamed up with Drew Tipton to form a one-two punch for the Taylor ladies. Jennifer Kamps competed in the 800m, 1500m, and 4x800 relay, and left Taylor owning the school 1500m record. Katie Spencer qualified for NAIA Nationals in the 10K, the most dreaded race in all of track and field.

All in all, Taylor returned to the track with a vengeance this season, with the men capturing their 10th straight MCC Championship and the women not far behind.

Andy Long
Brandon House springs over the bar in the high-jump.

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Left: Sarah Woodard fully extends and easily clears the hurdle April 17th during the Taylor Invitational.

Above: Freshman Lamont Laing keeps to the edge of his lane in the men's relay.

Photos by Matt Wissman.
Sophomore midfielder Jason Krueger brought prior experience to the Trojans this spring and quickly established himself as a leader on the field.

The Taylor Lacrosse team returned only four players this year since last year's team was comprised mostly of seniors. Before the team began its season, captains recruited heavily.

Ranking 13th when the season began, the team was expected to do well. Since the majority of team members were first-time players, however, they got off to a rough start.

In a close battle with Central Michigan the team began its year in a loss. Next came the game against Purdue. Down 10 to 4 at halftime, the Trojans gave it their all during the second half and outscored Purdue 5-4.

They finished the season strong with wins against Rose Hulman, Northwestern University, Eastern Michigan, University of Toledo, Ball State, Wabash, University of Michigan-Dearborn and Ferris State.

At the beginning of the playoffs, the lacrosse team faced off against Central Michigan. Although they lost that battle, they are determined to come back strong next year.

Matthieu Rush
The Lady Trojan's huddle together. With the team growing and learning together, they look forward to a successful season next year.

The 0-10 record for the women's lacrosse team did not stop the team's success, according to head coach Carolyn Schley. They started the year with 20 girls, but lost a few due to injury and schedule conflicts.

"While our record may look like our team wasn't that great, it was a re-building season. The improvements I observed in the players and the team dynamics that I watched form outweigh the final record by far," said Schley.

Since women's lacrosse is a club sport, all funds come from the players with minimal support from TSO. The team conducted its own fundraisers and provided its own transportation, and the coaches played on the team.

Assistant coach Lindsay Bailey and Schley wanted the team to enjoy the pleasures of a hotel at least once during one of their two-day tournaments. They sent letters out to the players' parents and surprisingly received a generous response. The team spent two nights in a hotel with funds left over for pizza and golf.

"I would say that my last two days of lacrosse were the best. It was during those days that I saw the girls in their true colors," said Schley.

Bailey enjoyed the team's dedication and commitment to each other. "This group of women were definite examples of Christ on and off the field," she said.

The coaches both expressed gratitude for the team's hard work this year.

"I have great faith in the girls that will take over next year as leaders. If the team remains as it was this year, it can only be strengthened," Schley said.

KeziaHatfield

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"A horse is the projection of people's dreams about themselves; strong, powerful, beautiful and it has the capability of giving us escape from our mundane existence."

Pam Brown

Over the past four years I have grown to love the fields surrounding Upland, but I must admit I didn't always. As a freshman I yearned for the opportunity to leave campus . . . even if it was only a couple hours, because it helped to clear my mind. My favorite way to get off campus was to go to the barn to forget the worries related to class, friends, and life in general.

"Being a freshman with a car I've never really felt trapped by being on campus in a town like Upland," said new equestrian team member Bethanie Shipman. "But on the occasions that I did feel smothered, I'd head straight to the barn. Horses, leather, and accomplishment . . . can't think of anything else that would be better for lightening the oppression of a corn field campus."

This year the team worked hard at the ten shows. Even though there were not very many of us, we placed third at a few shows and put on the best shows in our region. Three riders qualified for the regional competition in April. There were Emily Wilson, Jessica Jones, and Justin Richman. Emily placed fourth in Novice Flat and Justin placed third in Walk, Trot.

Several local children were involved in the team's one-on-one program, Pony Pals. Seven Taylor students and 13 third through fifth graders got together for trips to the barn, Ivanhoe, movies, and sleepovers. "When I was a horse crazy little girl, I would have loved for someone older to spend time with and to take me riding," said Leana Befus, who was part of Pony Pals for four years. "It's nice to be a part of a kid's life who shares the same love for horses as I do." This was an opportunity to impact the community and share our love for horses.

We are looking to the future and what we hope to accomplish next year. Who knows? It might be our best year yet.

Allison Gill
Taylor students once again spent a large amount of time and energy on the courts and fields of the Taylor intramural department.

Throughout the year students from all seven dorms on Taylor’s campus, and students living in off campus housing participated in Taylor intramurals. The sports ranged from fall football, soccer, co-ed volleyball, basketball, softball, and spring football with champions being crowned in each sport.

The intramural year kicked off with fall football, and a new tradition was unveiled—Parents Weekend and Homecoming Weekend championship games. The decision to move the games to whichever of the two weekends gives parents a better opportunity to see their kids in action. Off Campus won the men’s championships, defeating Phurst West Wengatz to win the crown. Second West Olson won the women’s title. After three straight trips to the championship game (Spring ’02, Fall ’02, Spring ’03), they finally came away with the crown.

Off Campus and Third West Olson, respectively, won the men’s and women’s soccer championships. Soccer was followed up by the J-term sport of co-ed volleyball. Mnmmbump! won the B league championship by defeating The Bubars. Dale’s Kids won the A league championship by beating Timberhut.

The basketball seasons ended with four new champions crowned. The women’s championship was won by First West Olson. The men’s C, B, and A league championships were won by Let It Rain, The Bombers, and The Muffin Men respectively.

The year wound down with the intramural softball seasons. As the weather turned nice, the bats came out, and the ping of leather on aluminum was heard around campus. This year’s champion in the co-ed league was Come On Get in The Boat who defeated Dusty Baker’s Toothpicks. Sammy II won the men’s championship, defeating Second Berg for a championship sweep.

Whether teams won or lost, the most important thing was that Christ was glorified through the athletic activities that were made possible by the Taylor University intramural department.

Barry Walsh
Taylor men spell out "www.tayloru.edu" on their chests in support of the Trojan football team in its game against rival Anderson. Anderson defeated Taylor, despite the impressive show of school spirit.
Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.

Ephesians 4:15-16
Made To Link
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Echo, student newspaper

front: Wes English and Joe Cressman, co-editors
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Bethany Rinn, Accompanist
Ashley Robinson, Deborah Moody
Catherine Randall, Loralee Songer
Kara Claybrook, Anna Clough
Heather Morrow, Lynnette Peterson, Kristofer Johnson, Tony Chapman, Alex Frank, Eric Miller, Stephen Becker, Taylor Horner, Brent Maher, David Phillips
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Taylor . . . one word that conjures up so many different meanings and emotions. How can a place of higher education become not just a “place,” but a dwelling place, a home, for such a short season of life? Each experience is unique and may begin in a different season. However, whether it is a season of flowering or of ripening, the Lord can mature and use His own no matter where they are on the journey.

Reflecting on the past and courageously seeking God’s will for our futures allow Taylor’s impact to be so powerful. The creation of this yearbook began with this prayer in mind for everyone at Taylor.

*Live* moment by moment . . . *laugh* uncontrollably . . . *learn* something new each day . . . *love* with an everlasting love . . . *lead* in an honorable way . . . *link* others to Christ and His Kingdom . . . and may those actions *last* until the day of completion in Christ Jesus.

Thank you, Taylor, for a season of life that continues to shape our lives for the honor and glory of God. May the Lord bless you and may you always be proud to be **TaylorMade**.

JessCuthbert
“Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 1:6
Made To
The mission statement of Taylor University is clear and direct.

**Taylor University is an interdenominational evangelical Christian institution educating men and women for lifelong learning and for ministering the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need. As a Christian community of students, faculty, staff, administration, and trustees committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, Taylor University offers postsecondary liberal arts and professional education based upon the conviction that all truth has its source in God.**

President Gyertson has stated, "Taylor University is a disciple-making institution using education as the means to accomplish our goals." The question then must be asked, "How can we best prepare students to make a mark in our world — for eternity? The only permanent accomplishment for anyone is to bear fruit that will last," Jesus said, "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last. Then the Father will give you whatever you ask in my name (Jn. 15:16 NIV). The greatest privilege any faculty, administrator, or staff member can have is to invest in young people who will then go and fulfill the great commission in whatever vocation they choose. Mark wrote, "Jesus said to them, Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation" (Mk. 16:15 NIV).

That is what "Made to Last" means to me. Paul wrote to Timothy, "Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life (I Tim. 6:18-19 NIV). As we are faithful to do this, we then fulfill kingdom work in training students to multiply our efforts. There is no greater reward than to work toward things that last — for eternity. It is a most meaningful time for me to experience Homecoming and meet alumni, in whom we have invested our lives, and to see their steadfast commitment and the wonderful fruit they are bearing. This is truly "Made to Last," the essence of a Christian world view.

My wife and I have had the privilege of investing in Taylor students for 35 years and now see a bit of ourselves all over the world as represented in our alumni. It is simply "kingdom work" or "eternal stuff," as I call it, to invest in other people and to be faithful to our calling with the gifts God has given us. Many times I have wanted to be 'out there' where our alumni are serving God, but I am constantly reminded that my calling is here, back at home base — Taylor University — training, nurturing, and equipping students to fulfill the great commission. There is no higher motivation for me than to do what God has called me to do: invest everything I have, as God gives me strength and wisdom, in Taylor students. Only what is done for Christ will last, so we encourage students to practice keeping eternity's values in view in all areas of their lives.

There is so much at stake in the short time students are at Taylor. The years spent here can be used for the utmost in training to be Christian servant leaders, or it can be spent in a frivolous manner, time wasted and energies misplaced. My constant prayer is that the Taylor experience will bring students to a place in their educational, emotional, physical, social, and spiritual lives that truly will be "Made to Last."

Soli Deo Gloria - To God alone be the glory!

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