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# THE ECHO

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From stage to screen

Original Broadway cast stars in 'Rent'

National treasure

TU runners advance past regionals



## Toben accepts TU leadership award

BY CHRISTIANNA LUY  
NEWS EDITOR

Although Tuesday night's tornado warning momentarily disrupted the Women's Forum, it did not detract from honoring Beth Toben.

As part of the evening's program, Marty Songer, director of alumni relations, presented the 2005 Women in Leadership Award to Taylor graduate Beth Toben ('80). Toben is an accomplished lawyer in Waco, Texas.

Upon receiving her

award, Toben shared insights from her testimony that were specifically applicable to young women.

"When we're using our spiritual gifts, the way of the Christian should be easy," she said. "I think that women have unique spiritual gifts just by being a woman."

Toben also encouraged women to live in the moment.

"Wherever you are, be ministering there, be concentrating, studying, being all you can be and enjoying right where you are," she

said. "Don't spend all your time worrying about the future."

Women's Forum also provided an opportunity for other women to share their testimonies and encourage the female student body.

Mary Lou Habecker, who was jokingly referred to as Taylor's co-president, spoke along with Bette Flanigan, wife of Ken Flanigan, chairman of the board of trustees.

"I like to hear testimonies from women who are further along in life and discover how they are putting

their talents and gifts and education to work in God's kingdom," junior Corrie Chase said. "I guess it gives me hope that he can use me as well."

Habecker shared her testimony and story of recently moving back to Upland. Like any typical woman, she colors her hair, gets headaches and eats too many carbohydrates.

She is also a first generation college graduate from a strict Italian family. She is one of seven children and came to Taylor looking for

significance and meaning.

Habecker is grateful to Taylor because it is where she found Jesus Christ during a spiritual life emphasis week.

"I was lost, and at Taylor University I was found," Habecker said.

Women's ministry is a campus outreach close to Habecker's heart.

"I love being with women," Habecker said. "I love being with all of you and I love the potential that I see."

She wants women at Taylor to know they have a voice. They can do anything God calls them to do.

"My prayer for them is that they would sit at Jesus's feet day by day and learn to get to know him more," she said. "My prayer is that each woman on this campus would get to know the depth of who he is so that he can show them the breadth of how he wants to use them."

Flanigan shared her testimony. She told of her friend who had breast cancer. She helped her friend decorate her house for her daughter's upcoming wedding.

With the Lord's help, she had the house ready in four months. After this experience, Flanigan had no intention of decorating professionally, but God had other plans. Her interior decorating business boomed.

"I especially related to Bette Flanigan and her story. I know that there are a lot of work-a-holic students on this campus, including myself, who need to hear that God's blessings can be skewed and end up hurting us instead of being used for his glory," Chase said.

Students appreciated the encouragement they received from these women.

"It is refreshing to hear about the life of a Christian woman who is out there in the work force accomplishing the goals that I dream of doing some day," sophomore Lane Anderson said.



Photo by Alisse Goldsmith

Marty Songer presents the 2005 Women in Leadership Award to Beth Toben ('80) at Tuesday evening's Women's Forum. Toben practices law in Waco, TX. She encouraged students to concentrate on serving God where they are right now instead of worrying about the future.

## Ethics bowl team places second

BY CHRISTIANNA LUY  
NEWS EDITOR

Taylor's ethics bowl team took second place in the Midwest Regional Ethics Bowl on Saturday.

A total of 20 teams from five states competed in the event hosted by Marian College in Indianapolis, IN. De Pauw University took first place. This year marked the third in four years that Taylor has finished among the top two teams.

Prior to competing, participating teams were sent cases describing moral and ethical dilemmas.

"We compete by choos-

ing a morally acceptable response to an ethical dilemma and backing up our position with moral principles," ethics team member junior Michelle Hewitt said. "We try to present stronger and clearer arguments than the team we are up against. Even if both teams take the same position, though, the other team can point out holes in the presenting team's reasoning, present stronger ideas, or mention things they forgot."

During the competition, a moderator reads a summary of the case before presenting the question. Neither the teams nor the judges know the question ahead of time.

The team has one minute to confer and seven minutes for the appointed team spokesperson to respond.

The opposing team has one minute to confer and five minutes to respond to team number one. The opposing team is not required to contradict team one's comments.

Team one is given another chance to confer and comment before the judges ask questions and evaluate responses.

Before scores are announced, the teams reverse roles. The judges re-evaluate new responses and comments.

Team points are based on a zero to five scale in four categories. A perfect score is 20 points. Judging categories include clarity, depth, focus and logic.

At the end of the competition, the judges' scores are gathered. The highest and lowest scores are thrown out. The remaining points are totaled.

"We practice by preparing ethical responses to moral dilemmas within 15 provided cases," Hewitt said. "We use established moral principles and laws to reason through our responses. Toward the date of the competition, we ran mock competitions to test

our skills and reasoning."

This is Hewitt's first year on the team. She joined because she wanted to improve her public speaking and debate skills. She is also interested in ethics.

"Our Christian worldview came into play in the positions we took in each case," Hewitt said. "The moral principles would sometimes be biblical principles put under a title."

If you are interested in joining the team or attending a competition, contact the team's coach, Dr. Jim Spiegel, at x85278.

## Taylor takes first

### Students study off campus

BY MEGAN BAIRD  
CONTRIBUTOR

Taylor's emphasis on overseas travel has earned the university first place in the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities' (CCCU) rankings for member involvement in student programs.

Taylor placed first in total number of attendees and percentage of students attending off-campus programs for the 2004-05 school year.

The CCCU ratings measure the number of students from colleges nationwide who participate in BestSemester programs. CCCU sponsors these semester-long travel and study programs.

Students involved in 12 programs, five national and seven international, travel to places such as Australia, Latin America, the Middle East, China, Oxford, Russia, Uganda, Los Angeles, Martha's Vineyard and Washington, D.C.

"I am pleased about the [first place ranking] because of the opportunities and experiences [it shows] Taylor students are having," Deb Kim, coordinator of off-campus programs, said.

Thirty-nine Taylor students experienced these programs last year in 11 of the 12 locations.

This is the first year the CCCU has officially released school rankings. Messiah College placed second and Biola University took third place for total number of BestSemester attendees.

Milligan College and Greenville College captured second and third for percentage of their student body in off-campus programs.

"Students interested in participating in BestSemester programs submit applications to Taylor and the CCCU, with acceptance granted by the CCCU," junior Laurel Erb said. Erb traveled to Australia last spring.

Ten Taylor students are studying with BestSemester programs this semester. Twelve will participate this spring.

"I am very pleased to see the way Taylor students engage CCCU programs to build even greater depth into their Taylor program," President Eugene Habecker said. "Part of our calling as both learners and educators during the 21st century is to pursue learning beyond the four walls of the traditional classroom."

## Taylor G.E.M.s

## GOING THE EXTRA MILE



Dr. Kathy Harner

Dr. Harner joined the Taylor Upland faculty as a professor of social work in 1992. She was nominated by her students for her kind service to Hurricane Katrina victims who moved to Marion.



A.J. Jackson

A.J. Jackson has been on the Creative Dining Services staff on the Fort Wayne campus since 1995. She was nominated by a student for her loving kindness in preparing meals for a student who lost her mother unexpectedly.

Students, faculty, staff can nominate any Taylor faculty or staff member for the GEM Award by writing the person's name and the reason for the nomination on a slip of paper and dropping it into one of the campus drop boxes located in the Zondervan Library, the Freimuth Administration Building, Rediger Chapel/Auditorium and at the Buildings & Grounds Department. Nominations can be e-mailed to Laura Hutson.

## NCMSLC 2005

### Student leaders debate diversity

By AMY WOOD  
PHOTOGRAPHER

Last weekend 25 Taylor students attended the National Christian Multicultural Student Leaders Conference at Wheaton College.

NCMSLC is an annual student development conference. Students meet and discuss what it means to live, study and worship in a multicultural academic community. They listened to conference speakers, attended workshops and practiced interactive exercises.

Taylor students represented several groups on campus, including AHANA, Mu Kappa, student senate and student council. Most students were sponsored by their group, TSO or their residence hall.

This year's theme was "Won to One: Christ's ransom for our unity." The conference lasted three days. Featured speakers included Angulus Wilson, Jeannine Nyangira, Jeanette Hsieh and Richard Twiss.

In addition to four plenary sessions, students attended one super workshop and two smaller workshops called breakout sessions. The workshops covered a variety of topics, including "Developing an Identity of Racial Consciousness" and "Doing Christian Multicultural Ministry in a Postmodern World."

Dionne Osman, the Global Ethnic Social Issues representative, said she was most impacted by the emphasis on the need for diversity.

"The thing that most captivated my heart was the talk by Watson Jones, the student

leader from Trinity International, who said that the whole fight for diversity and fight against racism is not against flesh and blood, but that it's a spiritual thing," Osman said. "Therefore, if it is a spiritual thing, it needs to be dealt first and foremost on that front. Serious prayer and intercession needs to be done by those who are passionate, see and understand the need for diversity in our lives and the church. If God has diversity in heaven at the end of time, we should strive for it here on Earth too."

On Friday each school met to discuss the workshops, evaluating what they had learned. On Saturday different ethnic groups met to discuss strengths and challenges within their group. Each group shared what it had discussed in a large group forum.

Students from over twenty schools attended, staying in dorms with Wheaton students. Other schools represented included Northwestern University, Seattle Pacific University, Bethel College and Indiana Wesleyan University. In total, over four hundred students attended.

MuKappa students who attended NCMSLC plan to host a Chai Chat, tonight at 7:30 p.m. to discuss what they learned. For more information, students can contact dave\_brainer@tayloru.edu.

More information on NCMSLC can be found on Wheaton's Web site, <http://www.wheaton.edu/omd/resources/conference.html>, or the NCMSLC Web site, <http://www.ncmslc.org>.

# Reaching refugees

By BETHANY HOWARD  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

WOW will extend longer than usual this year because seniors Matt Kistler and Courtney Little will lead a service trip to Fort Wayne tomorrow.

Kistler and Little, refugee coordinators of WOW, will take a group of Taylor students to assist Taylor graduates Joe Johns ('94) and Jeff Jacobson ('89) in ministry to the refugee community. Fort Wayne refugees come from countries such as Burma, Sudan, Afghanistan and West Africa.

"They are the down and out of society," Kistler said. "A local pastor said that the refugee population flies beneath the radar in the Fort Wayne community as a whole."

Little and Kistler expect to

recruit at least 30 Taylor students for the trip. Students can sign up during lunch in the DC or by e-mailing Kistler or Little.

"This is a great way for Taylor students to join forces and serve alongside community members and former Taylor graduates in Fort Wayne," Little said.

Volunteers will leave Taylor at 8 a.m. At 9 a.m. they will attend an orientation about the existing ministries to the refugee community. At 10 a.m. the students will break into groups to start their service.

The first group will help clear debris from the Rialto Theater, an old theater in downtown Fort Wayne. This theater once played X-rated movies, but the non-profit group, The Reclamation Project, purchased it. They plan to renovate the historic

building into Rialto World Café and Cultural Center. The group continues to transform the theater into a community center and cafe where programs and services can target the international community.

The second group will tutor and read to refugee children.

"This is a real need because the school systems are not able to devote enough time and attention to catch the children up to speed in their English skills," Little said.

The third group will participate in prayer walks around the neighborhoods. These walks have two purposes. The students hope to encourage and pray for the Christians in the community. They will also see where the refugees and immigrants live.

After lunch and debriefing

from 12-1 p.m., students will return to Taylor by 2:30 p.m.

Little and Kistler hope this is the first of many more Saturday trips.

"Our goal is to excite Taylor's campus about the very near and real cross-cultural ministry opportunities that are on Upland's doorstep," Little said. "I have a heart for the marginalized, disenfranchised and displaced people of the world."

Unlike other campus missions trips, this Saturday trip costs nothing. Students can begin to minister to this community on a regular basis.

"These people are not in need of an in-and-out type of missions trip," Kistler said. "We are looking to develop relationships with the refugee population in order to show them Christ's love."



Photo by DJ Horton

## Students sort glasses for Upland Lions Club

Junior Jill Wilcoxon and sophomore Doris Mvano work with the Lions Club Eyeglass Recycling Center to tediously sort boxes of lenses to send to Katrina victims Saturday afternoon. About 25 volunteers sorted through approximately 35,000 lenses or 1.5 tons of lenses this past weekend. The Upland Lions Club has roughly 2.5 million donated eye glasses, which is the largest store of donated glasses in the U.S. Students interested in helping with the Lions club ministry can contact sophomore Leeann Ashby at x84408.

## Habitat for Humanity goes global

### Students plan for spring break in El Salvador

By ROB KOLUCH  
CONTRIBUTOR

This year for spring break, Habitat for Humanity is offering Taylor students a new opportunity to go to El Salvador.

"When Brad [a former co-director] and I returned from summer [break], God had laid it on both of our hearts to dream big," Drew Hamer, Habitat for Humanity co-director, said. "A blitz build or two and an international spring break were the two things that God laid on both of our hearts. We started testing the waters and God kept opening doors."

Habitat's trip this year will take a group of eighteen students to work closely with El Salvador's Habitat for Humanity affiliates.

"We are excited about the opportunity to bless the people of El Salvador," Hamer said. "It will be a different kind of building for us. Instead of building houses with drywall and wooden frames we will be building houses with cinder block and structural steel. It will be a unique and challenging experience for us."

El Salvador has suffered several natural disasters in past years. Hurricane Mitch produced extensive damage in the Usulután and La Paz regions. In 2001, earthquakes wreaked havoc in the Usulután, La Paz, La Libertad, Cuscatlán, San Vicente and Sonsonate regions.

Still rebuilding from these disasters, El Salvador is a nation with a great need for service from Habitat for Hu-

manity. Hamer, however, said the language barrier will present a unique challenge to the group as they rebuild homes.

"We are required to have one fluent Spanish speaker for every four or five students on the trip," he said. "It will be different, because unlike other international trips, we will not be working with missionaries and will not have a translator with us. We will need some Spanish-speaking students to step up."

An e-mail was sent to all Spanish majors inquiring about their interest in participating in the Habitat trip.

"I am always looking for ways to use Spanish, especially if it serves a higher purpose," said sophomore Rob Bedinghaus. "I am inter-

ested in the El Salvador trip because I love Spanish and Spanish-speaking people." Bedinghaus is not the only student excited about the upcoming opportunity to serve and translate.

"I am really excited to be a part of Habitat's first international trip," Hamer said. "We will have the opportunity to learn about construction and building houses in other countries. I am also excited about the opportunity for us to embody Christ's love to the people of El Salvador. We can show them that we will travel a great distance and build a house for them because Christ called us to serve them."

Applications for the Habitat trip to El Salvador are available in the TWO office. They are due Friday, Dec. 1.

## Porter's jokes win regional radio contest

BY TREVOR KIGHT  
SPORTS EDITOR

Sophomore Josh Porter, resident of 2WW, is a funny guy. Give him the chance to prove it to you, and you are liable to be laughing for hours. Sitting amidst the clutter of his room, Porter performs his best work for those with a couple spare minutes and a taste for comedy.

Despite his best efforts to show you otherwise, Porter has not always been this funny. Growing up in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, he was a regular kid.

"I had a fairly normal childhood," Porter said. "I wasn't the class clown. If anything, I was less social. I liked to keep to myself. The other kids [in middle school] didn't really care to notice that I was around."

All that changed as he reached his adolescent years. He began receiving his friends' praise - provided he could make them laugh. Porter learned to love comedy, something that is certainly still with him today.

"People always wonder what it was that made me become funny," Porter said. "I'll tell you one thing. It definitely wasn't genetics. My parents aren't funny at all."

However, a couple people in Josh's life were funny. Porter's Uncle Dave and Uncle Doug were always around to stimulate Porter's desire for comedy.

"Uncle Dave is one of the funniest people I know," he said. "Uncle Doug is really funny too. I guess I started picking stuff up from them."

Although Porter learned from his uncles, he also had professional influences as well.

"I'm a big fan of Larry David and the way he views the world. It's really similar to my view," he said. "I also love Jerry Seinfeld's stuff, Tim Allen and Brian Regan. [Regan's] amazing."

Through the years Porter has honed his craft, writing material and imitating the voices of characters in the news, television and movies. He can do a seemingly endless number of impressions. His Peter Griffin from "Family Guy" and Gollum from "The Lord of Rings" are realistic.

Porter had no plans to use his skills professionally until he came to Taylor in the fall of 2004. His Interpersonal Communication professor, Linda Deneau, suggested he enter in a national comedy contest sponsored by Serria Mist and Comedy Central.

"This was a great opportunity for me," Porter said. "It

was a really good chance for me to find out not just if I was funny, but funny enough to make a career doing this."

The competition was broken up into 75 regions across the United States. Each region was hosted by a radio station that judged that area's applicants. The stations picked winners and announced them on the air.

Each applicant either applied in-person at local malls or sent a two-minute bit directly to his region's station.

The 75 winners had their segments sent to Comedy Central to be judged by the company's top executives. The original 75 were whittled down to five. They were posted on the Serria Mist Web site, where America chose the "Next Great Comic."

Some regions with larger markets received over 10,000 entries each. Porter's region, hosted by WLBC in Muncie, received over 2,000.

"I honestly didn't think I had a shot at being selected," Porter said. "There were people who were professional comedians sending in their work."

Only a couple of weeks after he sent in his clip, Porter received an early morning phone call.

"Josh Porter! You're the winner of the Next Great Comic contest! How do you feel?"

It was early, but Porter had been tuned in to the station.

"I'm psyched out of my mind," he replied. "This is amazing."

The DJ told Porter he had won a new digital video camera. More importantly, he would be representing his region as a member of the coveted 75.

The cable giant scoured each entry and came up with the five finalists on which the nation would vote. Unfortunately, Porter was not among those selected.

"I was totally fine with it," he said. "I didn't even expect to win the regional, so getting my stuff heard by Comedy Central was more than enough."

Josh came away with more than a video camera. He is now armed with the knowledge that he is indeed comically gifted. His work can hold its own with more than just his friends.

"After the contest, I knew that I could make it in this business," Porter said. "If I could beat out all those people, I felt like I had the stuff to make it big."

Porter plans to do just that.

If only the kids at Grand Rapids Middle School knew the Josh Porter that we all know now.

## Debunking image myths

### Senior Seminar project reaches local teens

BY STEPHANIE SNIDER  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Image is everything.

One Senior Seminar group challenged the popular view Monday evening.

This group, consisting of seniors Amy Swaagman, Nathalie Williams, Derek Schmidt, Stephanie Snider and Amanda Reusser, discussed this issue with local teens in the Red Barn as part of their group project.

"[We want] to get high school girls thinking about the fact that, like it or not, we are influenced by this high focus on sexuality in the media and by the presentation of supermodel, Barbie doll girls," Williams said. "If we can recognize that that influence is there and how it affects our thinking, we will be more prepared to counter that with healthy thinking."

When planning the event, Swaagman first contacted the coordinator at the Red Barn, a building used by Lightrider Ministries and the North Central Indiana Youth for Christ. The group paid a \$20 deposit, confident teens would attend the discussion.

Despite flyers the group sent out to local youth groups, however, only two teens showed.

"At first I was a bit disappointed. I thought we might get more," Schmidt said. "But, in the end I was very thankful we had them because otherwise we wouldn't get to talk with anyone and the night might not have been as successful."

Others in the group agreed the night went well.

"It was easier to go deeper with some of the questions because there were less people, so we had the time to elaborate," Reusser said.

Group members hope the two teens, sisters Naomi and Mary Whybrew, both learned from the discussion. However, they felt the two already had a good understanding of beauty.

"They already seemed to have a pretty good grip on a biblical idea of beauty. I hope that they at least came away from the discussion with a better understanding of girls who do struggle with image problems and how better to relate to them and interact with them in a meaningful way," Williams said.

friends differently and see if I can help them out any on their situation of outward and inward beauty," 13-year-old Mary said.

Schmidt, the only male member of the group, did not attend the actual discussion because it was for women only.

"I've thought about [the is-

"After being aware of the issue of sex in marketing, I find I've been looking for it more and have been shocked at how often I encounter it, especially with products that seemingly have nothing to do with sex, like chewing gum! [We are writing] to let the company know that people are unhappy with



Photo by DJ Horton

Senior Mandy Reusser (left) and local resident Mary Whybrew (right) enjoy insightful conversation at the Red Barn. A senior seminar group recently hosted a discussion on image issues with local teens. Although only two local girls attended the meeting, the group was encouraged. The small showing allowed for a more intense talk in which the girls learned from each other.

Swaagman agreed, "I was amazed by their Scripture knowledge. I think that they taught me more about having a positive self-image than I was supposed to teach them."

The sisters, students at Eastbrook High School, admitted they learned from the discussion.

"[I learned] that beauty is an inward thing and that God thinks we are beautiful in his sight," 15-year-old Naomi said.

The two also thought of positive ways to use this knowledge.

"[I want to] talk to my

sue of biblical versus cultural beauty] a lot, especially since getting married," Schmidt said. "I have come to appreciate the efforts women have to make to not fall prey to the stereotypes presented in society. If I were to offer advice to guys, I'd tell them to keep an eye out for women who care more about what the Lord thinks of them and less of what the media thinks of them."

Schmidt and Williams have planned a letter writing campaign to two media companies, Dentyne and Victoria's Secret, because of their sexual marketing campaigns.

this approach to marketing and will actually be avoiding their products because of it," Williams said.

Although the letter writing campaign is important, the group aims its main message at teens.

"We just want to remind girls that they are worth so much more than what they may think they are," Reusser said.

It may be just a class project, but this Senior Seminar group knows being made in God's image is everything.

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## Wild at heart



**JOE RINGENBERG**  
OPINIONS EDITOR

Taylor has a reputation as a conservative school. We're not allowed to smoke cigarettes. You can't even drink unless you go to a party at Ball State. Even then, it's probably a good idea to pretend you're from IU, Purdue or Wheaton just to be safe. Now there are certainly some benefits to Taylor's conservative identity and stances on many cultural issues. These benefits (ideological homogeneity and free chapel), however, come with some baggage.

There are many old-school traditions that seem to be carried on simply on account of their being old. There are a lot of things we believe just because we're used to them. Furthermore, it's easy to unify our belief systems and conclude that, because we believe in Jesus and that, say, Tara Reid is a tramp, those two beliefs have anything to do with one another. Our Tara Reid beliefs and our religious beliefs get lumped together. We end up feeling that anyone who likes Tara Reid must hate Jesus.

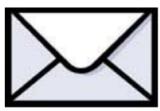
One example of this can be seen in our conservative Christian view of gender roles. The roles of men and women have been so engrained in the history of Western civilization that we take their assumptions for granted. Furthermore, it's easy to lump these beliefs in with Christianity because our faith informs so much about our lives. We end up assuming traditional gender identity is a religious issue when the majority of its claims aren't biblical at all.

It's been a while since I've read "Wild At Heart," but I think it's a fine example of this. The implicit message seems to run as such: men like killing animals. Women like men who kill animals. God made men to kill animals and he made women to like men who kill animals. Therefore, Christian men should buy guns and marry girls who like men who kill animals. Animals, I suppose, might as well go along with it too and try to be as tasty as possible by rolling around in some nice seasonings before wandering onto the highway.

I think many Christians feel this way. I think it's wrong. Just because you are Christian and want to kill animals, it doesn't mean God wants you to kill animals. I, for instance, have recently been thinking about killing a grizzly bear with my bare hands. Although this would make me pretty tough, it would not make me a better Christian or even more of a man.

Along those same lines, girls who want to kill grizzly bears or ask guys out on dates should not feel like they are not godly women. It doesn't matter if some Christians would rather see them stay in the kitchen, away from dangerous grizzlies, letting single guys just come to them.

So get out there, girls! Kill some bears, ask a guy on a date and, if you're really feeling empowered, hold the door open for a guy. Fellows, it's still okay for you to do that stuff too. Except the part about asking a guy on a date. That would be weird.



# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Show respect for veterans

By **ANDY LONG**

Just a small note to say that I'm disappointed that Veteran's Day wasn't addressed in chapel last Friday. Granted it was still WOW, but someone still could have mentioned it.

Someone could have briefly announced it and then led us into "God Bless America", preceding our regular worship time. Or we might have included our service men and women, past and present,

in our prayers when we gathered in small groups.

I think it's fair to say that we all know several soldiers who have served and/or who are currently serving overseas. Veteran's Day is a special day to honor those who have risked and lost their lives to save ours. We should never forget them or fail to acknowledge their efforts, no matter what our event schedules look like.

## Jesus follows you home

By **HANNAH DERIGIBUS**

We often hear how to be good witnesses to non-Christians and to be patient with those around us here on campus. We are taught what it means to have good character (some of us were not taught such tips before we came here)—to form relationships with the staff and administration, men are encouraged (hopefully) to hold doors for women, and we are all encouraged to seek God on our own.

We all know one of the truer tests of how all this knowledge has really affected you in how you are able to handle the temptations and new responsibilities you will inevitably face outside Taylor. But I have news for you: the tests come much sooner than that. When you go home for Thanksgiving, Christmas, J-term break, Spring Break, and especially during the summer, you are thrust back into the environment that helped birth your habits, your behaviors of upbringing.

How is it that it is easier to witness to our high school friends or even a random person on the street than it is to our siblings, parents, grandparents or guardians? The answer, of course, is because these are the people that know how to push your buttons like no one else can, whether they do it on purpose or not.

When parents/guardians left after Parent's Weekend, was there not a resounding sigh of relief over the campus? Sure, it may be easy to spend two or three days with them, but what about longer than that?

I remember my brother and sister each upon coming home being significantly

changed. When home for a short break, they both were cheerful, eager to help our parents, and my brother even waited to eat before my mom took her first bite at mealtime. I am not saying that these happily-accepted actions were quickly tossed out the door; they were die-hards. But some people find their parents even more difficult to get along with.

There are some visits to houses (not all, mind you) I have made on breaks that I have been unpleasantly surprised at the character change in my friends toward their siblings and parents. As P. G. Wodehouse writes, "Out pops the cloven hoof!" Patience snaps at tiny offenses. Voices are raised and arguments evidence of years of intimate living.

Let me just say that your home life is not an exception to Christian living. We are here to break down the barriers that we have long built inside ourselves, yes, but we are also here to build up strength and patience barriers to fight that raging, impatient bull inside us.

Seek to change yourself in all circumstances and environments. Seek to love the way God does with compassionate forgiveness. And, if necessary, you may need to confront a family member. When you get to college, you may realize like many do that your parents may have been doing things that were unacceptable. Confront them with a church member if necessary but if this is not an option, I urge you not to conform to the behavior we in the Christian community here at Taylor see as unacceptable. Seek help from the counseling center, if needed.

### Goofus and Gallant



Gallant asks God to protect the heart of his future wife.

## Million dollar miracle

"Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it..." ~ Malachi 3:10 ~

By **VALERIE LONG**

What if Taylor raised one million dollars to join the fight against the AIDS pandemic that is crippling nations across the globe? Although the challenge seems overwhelming, it is the prayer of AOA that our campus will look at this challenge for what it truly is; a chance to witness a miracle.

Giving for the sake of the Kingdom involves both time and material possessions. Amidst the hectic schedules and small budgets of college life, it is no secret that both our time and our finances can get pretty tight. It would seem perfectly reasonable to just "do what we can"—only what is 'comfortable'—and pray that God would place His blessing upon our sacrifices. However, as long as we stay in this mentality, we are missing the more important point—that when we try to hold onto our gifts, we are not robbing God, but ourselves.

Why should we not, as a student body, take Jesus up on His words when He says, "Give, and it will be given to you"? "Test me in this," He calls! If Peter had never taken that first step, would he have ever known that with Jesus Christ, he had the ability to walk on water? What kinds of amazing signs, miracles,

and spiritual awakenings could have occurred among the people of Nazareth if they had not refused to go out on a limb for Jesus? (Mk. 6:6)

May Taylor University not be cheated out of such an opportunity to see Jesus work in amazing ways. Isaiah 58 says, "For day after day they seek me out: they seem eager to know my ways...[but] if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will be like the noonday... The Lord will guide you always...[and] you will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail..."

For the rest of this school year, spend yourself on behalf of the things that break God's heart. Give beyond what you are able. Spend hours in prayer that you do not have in your schedule and watch God work. We ask you to look at a million dollars as an opportunity to unite as a campus and answer the call, as the disciples did in Luke 5, to go out and let down our nets in deeper water, and then watch our own nets begin to break with blessing. Would you like to see a million dollar miracle? Let's bring to Jesus all of

our water and watch Him turn it into wine. Although our prayers and offerings may seem feeble, He can make them great and powerful, and at the end of the year (just as Jn. 2:9 records) may "the servants who had drawn the water" be delighted to know that Jesus Christ has performed a miracle in our midst.

The Taylor Christmas Catalog is just one opportunity to respond tangibly and through our own sacrifice to bless an individual, a family, or an entire community. As a community blessed with so much, we have the opportunity to sacrifice our wants to meet others' needs in 5 communities where our gifts will be appreciated beyond what we can even imagine.

We realize that there are those on campus who have already devoted themselves utterly to this cause and to other causes as well. You see the needs in the world and you want God to use you. To you, we say, keep up the good work. God knows your heart. He knows your willingness and He has seen every effort, heard every prayer, and seen every tear shed on behalf of these people who are so precious to Him. Well done.

### Catty and Chastity



Chastity asks God to protect the heart of her future husband.

by **Brad Johnston**

## What defines you?

"It's not who you are underneath, it's what you do that defines you." ~Batman Begins (2005)

By **DAVID AUKERMAN**

At the beginning of chapel on Friday, November 11, a short video prepared by TWO was presented in an effort to encourage Taylor students to sign up for Spring Break missions trips. This well-produced video included many pictures of children (and others) in need of the gospel of Jesus Christ, and it involved instrumental background music and thought-provoking phrases and sentences designed to challenge observers' assumptions about what might transpire in their lives next March.

One particular sentence caught my attention: "It's not who you are underneath; it's what you do that defines you!" I find this statement extremely problematic because it goes against the grain of biblical teaching and classical Christian thought. Reading James 2 in its entirety, one finds that "faith without works is dead" (v. 26), but works always proceed from a life of faith (v. 18).

Martin Luther (and the subsequent Protestant Reformation) affirmed that works-based righteousness is antithetical to the heart of the gospel. "What you do," simply speaking, cannot define you. Rather, as Christians we understand ourselves to be defined by the saving work of Jesus Christ.

Salvation is due to the work of Christ alone, and only when one believes in Christ can one truly be

saved. One's status before God, "who you are underneath," is fundamentally changed at the moment of justification. From that point forward, "who you are underneath" determines "what you do." This relationship is causal in nature, and it must be causal in order for an action performed in the name of Christ to hold any meaning whatsoever.

It is because of who I am in Christ that I teach at this institution, my alma mater. It is because of who I am in Christ that I love my wife and accept her love in return. It is because of who I am in Christ that I give a tenth of my income back to the Lord. None of these actions mean anything unless they proceed from a re-

deemed and thankful heart.

Taylor students, you are defined by your association with our crucified and risen Savior. Do not sign up for Spring Break missions trips out of obligation or out of a desire to define your identity. Sign up for these life-changing experiences because of who you are and because of whom you follow.

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Goofus hearts Catty

### Letters to the Editor

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# 'Rent' owns Hollywood

BY ALISSE GOLDSMITH  
PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR

Based on the opera "La Boheme," the musical "Rent" and its new film version tell the story of a group of friends struggling to survive on the streets of the East Village in New York City.

The friends' everyday lives are eclipsed by an overwhelming sense of depression. Each character struggles with something infinitely more challenging than a commonplace problem.

Several characters struggle against AIDS. Some are challenged by former drug addictions. Others face a disgruntled society because of their sexual preference.

Although I have long loved the musical for its songs, the film introduced me to a completely new side of this famous story.

"Rent" is about more than the music and the issues. It is about the characters and how they dealt with the issues in their lives.



Photo courtesy of Rottentomatoes.com

Adam Pascal and Rosario Dawson face the challenges of urban life in "Rent." Chris Columbus directs the film version of the Tony Award-winning musical of the same name.

The storyline itself is basic, brief and captivating. Chris Columbus's ability to dazzle with his cinematography will reward audiences, regardless of how they may feel about the characters.

As for the transition from

stage to screen, Columbus did a fantastic job of merging the two media.

Unlike most musicals, which are turned into staged dialogue with songs haphazardly thrown in, the film focuses on the music. This

emphasizes the importance of art in the characters' lives.

Rock songs and ballads are the main features of the film. The faithful treatment they receive should be appreciated by fans of the musical.

The stylistic methods of

Columbus also stand out in this film. He employs simple transitions from scene to scene. It is a simple yet effective technique for a film of this type.

The film's best feature by far is how it ties everything together. The story is told from the perspective of the struggling filmmaker, Mark Cohen (Anthony Rapp).

Columbus allows the film to be told from Cohen's point of view without making his perspective intrusive. For example, Cohen uses an old winding video camera to film the lives of his friends.

Columbus uses this style of filming in a decent portion of his own movie. Cohen's characteristics shine through in the movie's style.

This film not only does the musical justice, but also makes it more accessible.

By employing most of the original Broadway cast, the film allows the die-hard fans of "Rent" to connect with a new generation of filmgoers.

## Listener comes home

BY JOE PENNINGTON  
CONTRIBUTOR

The words hip-hop and potluck are not generally used in the same sentence. The same words are used even less in conjunction with rural Indiana. However, on Wednesday, Nov. 9, underground hip-hop artist Listener brought his unique style to a small home in the heart of downtown Muncie.

The show was part of the Listener Tour of Homes in which Dan Smith, a.k.a. Listener, tours the entire U.S. The shows take place in small homes in almost every major city and many smaller ones.

At each house all attendees are encouraged to bring a dish to share before the show. The potluck dinner combined with the intimate atmosphere of the home made the show special, not only in the realm of hip-hop, but in the entire spectrum of music.

I was sure I was not going to know anyone at this tiny show. To secure our popularity and acceptance by these strangers, my roommate and I went to Marsh and bought a delicious chocolate cake to contribute to the potluck.

The house was a very spacious two-family residence with a huge attic, where the actual performance would take place. We walked in, paid our five dollars and handed the cake to Paula, one of the gracious hosts of the evening.

Soon, dinner was served. The meal consisted of a delicious Thai-meets-Indian dish. I certainly did not expect to find such a wonderful meal at a tiny hip-hop show in Muncie. The almost sensual chocolate cake we brought topped off the dinner.

After having my fill of tasty Indian food, I talked to Zack and Gala Bent, two of our very own Taylor Professors. After dinner, the host beckoned us up to the attic so the show could start.

The attic was beautiful. Crossbeams lined the ceiling and divided the attic into three separate spaces. A large Listener banner hung triumphantly as we walked up the steep stairs. It assured us we were in the right place, in case there was still any doubt in our minds.

The rest of the setup consisted of a few small lamps scattered about and speakers flanking the banner. A small desk lamp was attached to the microphone stand, providing more direct lighting.

Finally, Listener stepped up to the microphone only to tease the crowd by having a small question-and-answer session. Afterward, he hit play on the small CD player behind him. The intro track from his newest album, "Ozark Empire," started. He explained how he wrote the songs from the perspective of a middle-aged knife salesman who has become increasingly bored with his lifestyle.

Listener combined wit, a spoken word style and unique beats by DJ Equipt to provide a show worth much more than \$5.

Smith's talent is unmistakable. His unique delivery and performance are unforgettable.

## 'Z' mines old sounds

BY JARED BANE  
A&E EDITOR

My Morning Jacket debuted in 1999 with the instant classic "Tennessee Fire." Singer Jim James's voice has drawn comparisons to Neil Young and Will Oldham, placing the group in the tradition of dark folk and country. The band's music evolved over the years into an impressive blend of rock, psychedelic, folk and country.

Neil Young was a valid reference point. However, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Moby Grape and The Band represented more accurate comparisons.

"It Still Moves," the band's first album for Dave Matthews's ATO label, seemed to be a culmination of the country rock sound it had cultivated since its inception.

Not surprisingly, the band branches out on its fourth LP, "Z." The degree to which the sound has moved away from country and traditional rock, however, is drastic.

Country accents have always informed the band's most electrified songs. "Z" gets rid of them altogether. Instead there are elements of reggae, glam rock and progressive rock.

My Morning Jacket often uses reverb to unify the disparate elements of its sound. "Z" continues this tradition with "Wordless Chorus," which begins with echoing organ thumps and Jim James's piercing tenor voice.

"Off the Record" includes big guitar upstrokes and a spy movie soundtrack coda. The song trails off into atmospheric lounge jazz reminiscent of Air's "Moon Safari." Again, what brings the song together is the spaciousness of the production.

Elsewhere, James sings himself hoarse on the rollicking "What a Wonderful Man He Was" and "Anytime." The raggedness of James's voice on these songs is unexpected. In the past he has sounded alternately placid and soothing or soaring and dominant. Here, for the first time, he sounds unhinged. Perhaps not coincidentally, these are two of the best songs on the album.



Photo courtesy of Mymorningjacket.com

Jim James and My Morning Jacket are currently touring in support of "Z." It is the band's fourth album and second for ATO Records.

Another highlight, "Lay Low," bounces and rolls like Elton John's memorable hits. The influence of country and honky tonk music resurfaces in this song. However, James manages to bypass his genuine Tennessee roots to portray the rhinestone pop glitz of vintage Nashville country music.

Short subdued tracks provide good segues between the bold epic songs. "Into the Woods" bridges "Off the Record" and "Anytime" with carnival organ and disturbing images. "Knot Comes Loose" provides a wistful slide guitar respite between "Lay Low" and the closer "Dondante."

"Dondante" takes time to get rolling. Once it does, however, it brings the album to a thunderous and satisfying end. For the majority of its 10-minute length, the song glides on a fluid bass line and subtle drum flourishes. Soon, however, the track explodes with James's yearning vocals and a fierce guitar solo.

"Z" represents a bold new step for the band. Moving away from the sound that inspired its initial success could have been disastrous. James's music traverses dangerous territory. Usually when a band resorts to making a progressive rock album, it means ideas have run dry. There are rare exceptions, such as Radiohead's "Ok

Computer."

Comparing "Z" to Radiohead's masterpiece is completely unfair. However, "Z" should play a similar role in My Morning Jacket's career. In several years, My Morning Jacket's fans will still view "Z" as a burst of creative energy from a remarkably productive time.

One note of consumer concern bears mentioning. "Z" is on the list of Sony albums featuring copy protection technology, which the company has admitted may leave PCs susceptible to virus attack.

According to a statement on ATO's Web site, "We at ATO Records are aware of the problems being experienced by certain fans due to the copy-protection of our distributor. Neither we nor our artists ever gave permission for the use of this technology, nor is it our distributor's opinion that they need our permission."

Other albums containing Sony's anti-piracy software include Switchfoot's "Nothing Is Sound," Santana's "All That I Am" and Our Lady Peace's "Healthy in Paranoid Times."

Sony has discontinued the use of this software. It is unclear what further actions Sony will take to resolve the problem. Until more is known, the best suggestion is to purchase the album on iTunes.

## Why? grows up

BY JAMIN CLUTCHER  
CONTRIBUTOR

Many rock bands today seem to follow in the well-worn footsteps of The White Stripes and The Strokes. It is refreshing to find musicians still willing to look for an original sound. So, when an album like Why?'s "Elephant Eyelash" comes along, hold on to it until the life is drained from your cold fingers.

Led by Yoni Wolf, Why? walks a fine line between nearly all genres of music, never falling into one particular category. The band has an indie, hip-hop, folk and electronic vibe that mixes flawlessly. It's safe to say I've never heard anything quite like it.

Wolf's nasal voice is off-putting at first, but adds another unique quality to the band. It lends a familiar comforting feeling, as if one should be listening to this music in the car on a sunny day with the windows down and an open road ahead.

The band's borderline nonsense lyrics are reminiscent of Neutral Milk

Hotel. Like Neutral Milk Hotel's lyrics, Why's lyrics also carry bold and moving meanings. Although the band maintains a fun attitude, their songs occasionally take on a more mature nature. In "Fall Saddles" Wolf sings, "You carried God like a bouquet of balloons ... I also play 'led by the Lord day' in my own way."

One of the most moving songs on the record is "Gemini (Birthday Song)." Wolf writes of an ending love, saying, "Then I wept with my face in your night shirt, trying hard as hell to say 'until death separates us.'" Each song is written with lightness and a touch of sardonic humor, adding to the band's creativity.

This is Why?'s best record to date. Earlier albums show talent, but mostly point to the sparkling promise of good things to come. With the release of "Elephant Eyelash" those promises have been fulfilled. Listeners should not be afraid to try something new. This band could very well be leading rock music in an exciting direction.



Photo courtesy of Anticon Records

"Elephant Eyelash" is Why?'s second record. Yoni Wolf also performs as part of the experimental hip-hop group Clouddad.

# Two Taylor runners go national

## Short shorts equal short times for TU

BY ANDREW NEEL  
STAFF WRITER

Taylor's cross country teams finished their seasons strong. Each team placed one runner in the NAIA nationals.

The men's and women's cross country teams both ran at the National Christian College Athletics Association cross country meet this past weekend. The men finished-fifth and the women placed eighth. Head Coach Ted Bowers said it was a highlight to see both teams run good times consistently.

"I was extremely pleased with the attitude we took as a team," Bowers said. "A good race was not enough—they were racing to win."

The NCCAA meet brought a successful season to an end for both teams.

The men's team came within only eight points of qualifying as a team for the NAIA nationals after finishing third at the Mid-Central Conference meet and fourth at the regional meet. In the MCC meet, three Trojans ran down their opponents in the final 200 meters to secure a third-place finish for Taylor.

Senior runner Lance Vanderberg said the men's team ran the best they could, battling through obstacles.

"We ran despite injury and illness and we set a good base for the next couple of years," Vanderberg said. "We basically tied the fifteenth ranked team in the country."

The women's team placed fifth at the regional meet. It is a young team that improved all season. The team is losing only one senior.

"I think we have great potential for next year," junior Lolly York said. "All of our top seven runners are returning and the girls are improving their times."

The season may be over for the teams, but there is one race remaining for both Vanderberg and York. Both runners qualified for the individual meet at the NAIA nationals tomorrow in Louisville, Kentucky.

Vanderberg is excited for the chance to compete at nationals. He has a goal to place in the top 30, which would give him All-American status. At the Christian Nationals he ran a 24:58, his personal best time for the 8K. He hopes to duplicate that success tomorrow in his final meet in a Trojan jersey.

"I love competing and I would like to run another personal best time tomorrow," Vanderberg said. "I've learned a lot from my coaches and my teammates

in my time on the team, and working towards a goal with a close group of friends has been really rewarding."

York went to nationals last year as well. Her time at regionals ensured her return this year. York ran a school-record 17:58 5K to qualify this year, earning her the title of Region VIII champion.

"Lolly ran a very smart race," Head Coach Cindy Callison said. "She held off for the first mile, caught up over the second mile, then left [her opponents] in the dust."

York's senior teammate Kari Olson expects great things from her at nationals.

"I am so excited for [York]," Olson said. "She has a lot of potential to do really well at nationals, and she's taken off almost a minute of her time from last year."

Olson will be returning next fall for her final season. She has treasured her time on the team.

"Being on the cross country team has been amazing," Olson said. "I can't even put it into words how much it means to me. This team has been like my family."

Both York and Vanderberg will be traveling to Louisville, Kentucky, for the national meet.



Photo provided by Carylton Bettebridge

Senior Lance Vanderberg runs to a strong fifth place finish Saturday, Nov. 5 at the NAIA Region VIII cross country meet in Grand Rapids, Michigan. His top five finish qualified him for the national meet in Louisville, Kentucky tomorrow, where he will be joined by teammate junior Lolly York.

# TU knocks off #16 St. Xavier

## Trojans 4-0 after two tournament wins

BY ROB KOLUCH  
CONTRIBUTOR

The Taylor men's basketball team put together a strong performance over the weekend at the St. Ambrose Tournament. Outstanding defense and great teamwork carried the Trojans to two victories, including a victory over NAIA Division 1 #16 St. Xavier.

The Trojans remain unbeaten. They were able to improve their record to 4-0 on the season.

"It was a great weekend against some really good competition," junior Josh Merrick said. "It was really great to see us play well and win these games against this high level of competition."

On Friday, the Trojans took on #16 St. Xavier. The Trojans got off to a slow start. They went into halftime trailing 27-23. However, they came out of the locker room to play stifling defense.

The Trojans held St. Xavier to only 4 for 16 from the field

and 1 for 8 from beyond the arc in the second half. The offensive intensity picked up. The Trojans rallied to come back and win the game 56-47.

For the game, they held St. Xavier to 34 percent from the field and 20 percent from behind the three point line. Offensively, senior Eric Ford led the way with 16 points. Senior Doug Bell was next in line, finishing with 14 points as well as grabbing eight rebounds. Senior R.J. Buecler contributed 12 points and three assists to the win.

"Our defense in the second half was huge," junior Kevin Wright said. "We were able to dominate the second half and go on to victory."

On Saturday the Trojans played in their second contest of the weekend against IU-South Bend. The Trojans' stellar defensive effort in the win over St. Xavier carried over into this game. They held IU-South Bend to only 26 percent shooting, gaining a 37-25 lead in the first half.

The Trojans used a strong second half to coast to an 80-54 victory. Bell led the Trojans offensively, scoring 25 points. Ford contributed 19 points. Buecler added 15. Wright had seven assists. Merrick added four of his own.

"We had a great overall performance in this game," Wright said. "We dominated inside and that was a huge advantage for us."

Head Coach Paul Patterson felt good about the wins.

"The game from St. Xavier was a very big win for us," Patterson said. "We got a lot of really solid defensive play. We went in to the locker room down by eight, and our defense helped us to get back into the game and close it out. The next night we stepped up with a solid all-around effort."

The Trojans will next be in action tonight against Indiana Tech at the Tri-State Classic. The team faces TSU/P-NC the following day.

#22 M. Basketball (4-0)  
W, 56-47 St. Xavier

W, 80-54 IU-South Bend  
This Week:  
Nov. 18 and 19  
at Tri-State Classic  
Nov. 22  
vs. Purdue Calumet

#24 W. Basketball (1-3)  
L, 77-97 Cedarville

This Week:  
Nov. 18  
at Illinois-Springfield  
Nov. 19  
at McKendree  
Nov. 22  
vs. Indiana Tech

Men's  
Cross Country  
Conference: 3rd  
Regionals: 4th  
NCCAA: 5th

Women's  
Cross Country  
Conference: 4th  
Regionals: 5th  
NCCAA: 8th

Football (0-10)  
L, 34-42 Ohio Dominican  
Season ended



Photo By Alisse Goldsmith

Freshman Jacob Bream skies for a shot over an OU-Zansville defender in the Trojan's 97-34 win on Nov. 5. The team played twice this past weekend, winning both games.

BY TREVOR KIGHT  
SPORTS EDITOR  
WITH ANDREW NEEL

Week 11 is here. Every team plays every week from now until the playoffs. Now that the byes are over, we get a feel for which teams are playoff material and which are not. Quick side note: I'm hearing a lot from Colts fans who are still mad at me for picking New England. You've made your point. Stop whining.

### Philadelphia at NY Giants

The Giants are reeling this week after last week's embarrassing loss to Minnesota at home. Eli had four picks meaning the NFL's #1 offense managed only 21 points. The Vikings appear better without Daunte Culpepper. Darren Sharper had a career day with three picks, one for a TD.  
Pick: Giants 34, Eagles 27

### Arizona at St. Louis

The Rams are solid at home, and they burned me last time I picked against them. Joe Vitt has done a good job as the team's interim coach and will finish out the season in the role. The Cardinals are still a work in progress — as well as an underachieving team — and are plagued by QB problems.  
Pick: Rams 27, Cardinals 14

### New Orleans at New England

The Pats are still the only team that can win the AFC East, which is well on its way to replacing the AFC North as the league's worst division. The Saints are the product of a broken home. They have many issues right now, both on and off the field, that's it hard to pick which to talk about first.  
Pick: Patriots 24, Saints 10

### Oakland at Washington

The Redskins are a perfect 4-0 at home this season. They still have a bad taste in their mouth after that last-second loss to the Bucs. Joe Gibbs and company are keeping themselves in the playoff hunt, but they'll have to start winning away from D.C. if they want to win the competitive NFC East.  
Pick: Redskins 21, Redskins 17

### Pittsburgh at Baltimore

The Ravens' season is falling apart faster than Drew Rosenhaus' credibility. The blame falls solely on the offense. Although Baltimore has the 3rd-ranked defense in the league, its 26th-ranked offense makes too many mistakes for the Ravens to be competitive. This team, like Arizona, wins the "Underachiever of the Year" award.  
Pick: Steelers 28, Ravens 6

### Jacksonville at Tennessee

The Jaguars and their top-five defense are on the brink of the AFC playoffs. Their easy schedule to close the season, however, will make them more than just a bubble team. Six of their last seven opponents, with the Colts being the notable exception, have a combined record of 12-42. Not exactly what I would call resume-building material.  
Pick: Jaguars 28, Titans 13

### Tampa Bay at Atlanta

The Falcons looked awful against the Packers. Tampa Bay quarterback Chris Simms is a rising star, passing for 279 yards and three touchdowns in the Bucs' win over Washington last week. However, the Falcons pass defense is simply too good for this Tampa Bay team.  
Pick: Falcons 17, Bucs 13

### Carolina at Chicago

I was offered tickets to the Boeing luxury box at Soldier Field this weekend, but I won't be able to make it because my schedule is busier than Chad Ford on NBA draft day. That said, I like the defense of the Bears too much to pick against them at home.  
Pick: Bears 17, Panthers 14

### Miami at Cleveland

Like I've said all year long, I usually don't take Gus Frerotte and the Dolphins on the road. Well, usually.  
Pick: Dolphins 20, Browns 13

### Detroit at Dallas

The Cowboys are in a stretch where they play three games in 11 days: at Philly, at home against Detroit and they host the Broncos for FOX's Thanksgiving Day special. Is this part of Paul Tagliabue's conspiracy to ensure that Eli's Giants make the playoffs? Maybe.  
Pick: Cowboys 23, Lions 13

### Seattle at San Francisco

Shaun Alexander is in the middle of his best season as a pro. His team is 7-2, he scores 3-4 touchdowns a week and he's finally getting respect with his contract. Meanwhile, the highest paid rookie ever, Alex Smith, is suffering on the 49er's sideline. This team could end up with another top pick — where they'd probably waste it again.  
Pick: Seahawks 28, 49ers 7

### Buffalo at San Diego

LaDainian Tomlinson is going to have a field day with the Buffalo defense this week. I think it's safe to say that he's currently the favorite for the MVP. However, that might hinge on his team's ability to make the playoffs.  
Pick: Chargers 34, Bills 14

### NY Jets at Denver

Denver is now clearly the second best team in football. "No-Mistake" hasn't thrown a football to an opposing player in 193 pass attempts, a franchise record. He's only thrown three picks this year. He had 20 in all of 2004. The Jets look nothing like last year's playoff team.  
Pick: Broncos 31, Jets 3

### Indianapolis at Cincinnati

The Colts are 9-0 and have clearly established themselves as the favorites to win the AFC. The Bengals, however, might be the last team with a chance to deny them a perfect season. Turnovers will be a significant part of this game. Cincinnati currently leads the league with a +20 turnover differential. The Bengals might not have the best defense, but they know how to make plays.  
Pick: Colts 35, Bengals 24

### Kansas City at Houston

The good news for KC is they get to host the Super Bowl in the future if they build a stadium with a roof. The bad news is they are 5-4, without Priest Holmes and probably won't make the playoffs. Houston, now 1-8, have been painful to watch. They desperately need an offensive line; Carr has been on his back 46 times already this year.  
Pick: Chiefs 27, Texans 10

### Minnesota at Green Bay

Samkon Godo made his first career start — 108 all-purpose yards, 3 TDs — after starting just two games at DIV I-AA Liberty in his entire college career. Not bad for a beginner.  
Pick: Packers 24, Vikings 17

Last Week - 10-4  
Season - 94-50



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## #2 Cedarville outruns Taylor

The Lady Trojan basketball team suffered its third loss of the season on Tuesday 97-77. The Lady Yellow Jackets ran a fast-paced offense that, in the end, was too much for Taylor. Taylor was off to an early 5-4 lead when the game was abruptly interrupted by a tornado warning. When play finally resumed, the Lady Jackets ran away with the game. Taylor made an impressive 15-0 run in the second half, but Cedarville kept the lead and held on for the win.