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# Taylor to confer four honorary doctorate degrees

Three to be honored at commencement

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Each year Taylor University bestows honorary doctorates and other awards to individuals during and before commencement.

According to a recent university update email, three individuals will be recognized this year during the 2023 ceremony, with another being given an honorary doctorate during Heritage Day on April 28.

"A tradition whose roots trace back to the Middle Ages, conferring honorary degrees is an opportunity to publicly recognize people whose life-long achievements and personal values reflect the Christian principles of servant-leadership, vocational excellence, and Christ-honoring commitment that we value so highly here at Taylor," University President Michael Lindsay said.

Jamie Haenggi, Tom Lin and

Russ Pulliam will each receive honors as a part of commencement, while Billy Kim will have his degree conferred during the morning chapel service on Heritage Day, where he will be the primary speaker.

Kim, a South Korean native, is a prominent evangelist and humanitarian. He was previously president of the Baptist World Alliance and the Far East Broadcasting Network, an international Christian radio network. The church he pastors has a membership of over 15,000. His ministry has provided scholarships to Taylor and he has worked closely with Jay Kesler, president emeritus.

He will receive the doctor of divinity degree, *honoris causa*.

Haenggi is the president of ADT Solars — a part of ADT Security Services, one of the largest security monitoring corporations in America. She has served for over 25 years in marketing, sales, customer experience and operations. In addition to her role at ADT, she is a member of Taylor's Board of Visitors. She will receive



Billy Kim will speak in chapel on April 28.



Jamie Haenggi is the president of ADT Solars.



Tom Lin is the president of InterVarsity Fellowship.



Photos provided by Taylor University  
Russ Pulliam is a longtime journalist.

the Doctor of Business degree, *honoris causa*.

Lin is the president of InterVarsity Fellowship, a college campus ministry that establishes chapters at schools throughout the country to build witnessing communities and also oversees InterVarsity Press in Illinois, a leading Christian publisher. Lin has authored two books and has served as an InterVarsity campus minister at both Harvard University and Boston University. He will receive the Doctor of Public Service degree, *honoris causa*. Lin gave the keynote address

at Taylor's commencement in 2020.

Pulliam is a longtime journalist who has worked with both The Indianapolis News and The Indianapolis Star. Pulliam has funded numerous scholarships for the university and for students interested in journalism, as well as providing support through the Pulliam Journalism Center. Pulliam has provided \$60,000 in multimedia journalism scholarships for the current school year, plus a recent donation of \$120,000 for 2023-24 and an additional

\$120,000 for 2024-2025, Alan Blanchard, associate professor of journalism, said.

These scholarships have been named in honor of a variety of Christian journalists throughout history.

"I have asked the Lord for a new generation of news reporters to bring the wisdom of the Bible to bear on their reporting and analysis of current events," Pulliam said. "I hope they can follow worthy examples of Abraham Kuyper, Hannah More, McCandlish Phillips, William Allen White and Doctor Luke in the Bible."

He will receive the doctor of humane letters degree, *honoris causa*.

Taylor has historically awarded these doctorates to exemplary individuals in the university's history, and to those who have made an impact, as a way of celebrating them and their legacy.

THE ECHO will continue to share information about the 2023 commencement ceremony as it becomes available. The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 20.

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## TU assists transfers from Trinity International Dining Commons close temporarily

TIU is ending undergrad program

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Taylor University is working to assist prospective transfer students from Trinity International University (TIU) after it announced the discontinuation of its residential undergraduate programs. The change will be effective after the end of this spring semester on May 13.

The Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in Illinois and Trinity Law School in California will continue in-person programs. TIU's graduate program will only be available online starting in fall.

After the school's announcement Feb. 17, TIU hosted a college transfer fair Feb. 27 with Taylor University being among the universities who attended.

Jared Burgess, Taylor University assistant director for admissions, went to the fair. He said TIU students were able to engage with admissions faculty and provide them with transcripts for further evaluation.

"We understand they did not choose this, they did not walk themselves into this," Burgess said. "And so we want to give as much grace and compassion there and that looks like flexibility when it comes to some of those options."

Each case is different, but



Photo provided by Trinity International University

The Chicago-area school will discontinue its residential undergraduate programs after this spring.



Photo provided by Trinity International University

TIU hosted a transfer fair for students who would be unable to continue their education, which Taylor attended.

Burgess said admissions standards and financial eligibility will remain the same for transfers as they are for every Taylor applicant.

Nevertheless, Nancy Dayton, Taylor University Dean of Arts, Humanities, Business and Higher Education, said the university is working to be flexible with transfer credits for students from TIU.

"What we were trying to do is help them make a transition to Taylor as smooth as possible, given the circumstances," she said.

The university will be evaluating and comparing core requirements with TIU's. Taylor's department chairs will assess respective majors. University Registrar Janet Rogers and Registrar Operations Specialist Cindy

Ruder have been the main point of contact for this process.

The school has a 50% rule in place where transfer students can bring in 50% of the credits needed for graduation and 50% of the credits needed for their major. For TIU students who may have already finished a majority of their core classes, Taylor may be willing to waive the 50% rule, Dayton said.

That is, with the note that every transfer case is unique. The waiver may only occur if the core curriculum is similar to Taylor's.

"We're not looking at this as, 'Oh, we're getting more students,'" she said. "We're looking at this as, you know, 'we want to help, and this is unfortunate.'"

Andy Gammons, Taylor University executive director of admissions, said six students from TIU have applied so far with three others who are interested. As of this past fall, the university anticipates 40 transfers annually.

TIU is among the list of schools that have closed after the repercussions of COVID-19, due to decreased enrollment and struggling finances. An article from the Trinity Newsroom said the school's current plan to discontinue their residential undergraduate program will position the university for long-term growth and excellence.

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D.C. re-opened on April 14

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On Thursday April 6, the Hodson Dining Commons closed after breakfast to address a pest issue. It remained offline until Friday, April 14. An email from Chief Financial Officer Stephen Olson explained that the university had partnered with an exterminator to solve the mishap. On Thursday, April 13, Olson shared in an email that operations would return the following day for breakfast.

The default dining venue, LaRita Boren Campus Center continued to have normal dining hours and, in light of such events, additional food options. Parkhurst provided dining options for students with food sensitivities or allergies for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The Boren meal swipe limit was waived for this time as well.

Students also had access to food trucks —eligible for meal swipes— from local food services such as Pappies Smokehouse & Lunch Box and Payne's Restaurant.

"Increasing the quality of our dining experience — including not only the food served, but also the environment it is served in — is one of our top priorities," Olson's email said.

Employees who worked primarily in the Dining Commons were moved to Boren to account for student meal demands.

While resolving the pest issue, the university performed additional construction work.

Olson also said they have removed the entire East serving line in Hodson as they continue to fully eradicate the pests. Parkhurst has made adjustments to accommodate dining options previously in that area. Additional details about such renovations and other advancements in the DC would be announced soon.

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The Hodson Dining Commons temporarily closed on April 6.

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# DNA sequencer opens doors for new research

Biology department benefits from tech

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CO-EDITOR IN CHIEF

The biology department's most recent achievement has arrived in the form of a small black box — no bigger than a large iPhone.

The new DNA sequencer, though underwhelming in appearance, represents months of effort and a wealth of future opportunities for Taylor staff and students.

In a nutshell, sequencing DNA involves determining the order of the four chemical building blocks present in every DNA strand (nucleotide bases A, C, G, T). Sequencing technology acts as a translator that interprets these genetic codes and allows further study of an organism's make-up. Having sequencing technology on-hand opens the door to



Photo provided by Taylor University

Taylor's new DNA Sequencer allows new possibilities.

new research opportunities for Taylor's scientific community.

"I had already been involved in the research for a portion of the fall 2022 semester, so when we heard that we received the grant that Dr. (Sarah) Justice and Prof. (Elizabeth) Hasenmyer had worked really hard for, it felt like a major win," junior Grace Kintner said. "This whole project has become a labor of love for a lot

of us, and hearing that we had received the money was really exciting. Immediately, we were asking, 'When do we start?'"

Assistant Professors of Biology Elizabeth Hasenmyer and Sarah Justice began the purchasing process in August 2022 when they applied for funding from the Women's Giving Circle — a group of women combining their resources to support Taylor

academics. The department was awarded a grant from the Giving Circle in October, and the technology was delivered in February 2023. The equipment has since undergone an extensive troubleshooting process.

Once the technology is fully set up, virtual training sessions provided through Oxford Nanopore Technologies (the company responsible for developing the sequencing technology) will teach faculty and students how to interact with the sequencer.

Justice emphasizes that the sequencer is a big win for a school Taylor's size.

"I did my Ph.D. at IU School of Medicine, and they have rooms of (sequencers)," Justice said. "So they're common at (larger) universities, but not universities of our size."

The benefits of this purchase are myriad.

As a molecular biologist, Justice notes that the sequencer was one way to adapt her expertise to something attainable. An important but manageable piece of equipment, the sequencer allows for a variety of experimentation with state-of-the-art technology.

Additionally, students interacting with the sequencer are now able to develop specific skills they can use post-college. Two students will have the opportunity to work with the sequencer 40 hours a week for eight weeks this summer. As one of those students, Kintner said that they will be mapping and documenting plants digitally — tracking similarities between the plants based on location and exposure to sources of nutrients.

Justice highlighted educational experiences like this as one of the sequencer's most compelling "pros."

"We particularly wanted to

do it ... for the educational standpoint, so that our students can leave here saying, 'Yeah, I've done DNA sequencing and not just, like, sent my samples off — I've actually used the sequencer,'" Justice said. "And so for them to go on to ... grad school or work in a lab, to already have done that is a pretty great skill set. And that will set the students apart too."

The sequencer also brings with it a financial advantage. While it is more cost-effective for Taylor to send off smaller sequencing samples for testing, larger projects will now be cheaper for the biology department to perform with their own sequencer.

On top of these benefits, the sequencer will advance one of the department's biggest projects.

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# University cracks down on phishing with new system

School tightens cyber security

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Taylor University is rolling out a new anti-phishing system, known as KnowBe4, to increase cyber security.

KnowBe4 is a system that runs simulations and provides training to avoid phishing scams. It uses AI to assess the legitimacy of a message by comparing it to other emails in the system.

Chris Jones, chief information officer at Taylor University said the university receives multiple reports



Photo by Claire Tiemens

Chris Jones is Taylor's CIO.

of potentially harmful emails daily.

When a potential scam email is received, the recipient has the option to click a button, flagging it as a possible phishing attempt. Clicking the button sends the email to the IT department and gives

feedback on whether the email was a phishing attempt.

Fake phishing emails will be sent out to test the effectiveness of the system.

The system also automatically flags logins that occur close to each other in time, but far apart locationally.

"If someone falls prey to it (a phishing scam), they can be the start of a chain that can be devastating," Jones said.

Once a hacker gains access to a single email, they can use it to deceive others, which can quickly exacerbate the problem.

These phishing scams have already worked with varying

degrees of success on Taylor's campus this year.

"Hackers tend to prey on individuals who are busy and those of older generations," Jones said.

Hackers are aware of this trend and will try to target those who don't have time to properly review an email's legitimacy.

Jones said the best thing to do is isolate the incident by shutting down the account to protect it from spreading to others.

Many cases of phishing originate overseas. Another step Taylor University is taking is to block international internet connections on faculty and staff member's school devices.

Prevention of such cases is the aim of this new system.

The university will also be looking to update their two-step authentication process and change the password requirement for logins to a minimum of 16 characters.

Password reuse is one of the biggest threats to security, Jones said. Requiring passwords to be unique and longer in character count will aid in hindering unwelcome access from unauthorized parties.

"We're trying to balance usability and security," he said.

Jones thinks the problem is only increasing. He said with the pervasiveness of such attacks,

even a very small percentage of successful phishing attempts can be hugely profitable.

The goal isn't to make Taylor University immune to these phishing scams but to make it difficult enough for hackers, so they'll seek out an easier target.

The expectation is that the whole Taylor community will become more aware of the problem and help in the prevention of future attacks and scams.

"I would love to hear feedback from students and would be open to chatting over email or lunch with anyone who has questions or concerns," Jones said.

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## Jeff Cramer: reflections and renewal

A look back on Jeff Cramer's time at Taylor

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"The older you get, the more you start to realize that your life only makes sense looking backwards," Jeff Cramer said.

Yet as the man of many hats prepares to take on a new role in life, he's found there's also a sense of anticipation and renewal that comes from this season of transition.

Working at Taylor for roughly 25 years, Cramer has served as the associate professor of computer science and engineering, the director of the Honors Guild and one of the four professors in charge of the all-freshman and transfers course, foundations of the Christian liberal arts. Yet Cramer's excitement for the next phase of his life largely stems from a hope of returning to the roots of his identity.

"I didn't realize what happened," Cramer said, "but [one thing] I have really been enjoying during this transitional year is there's a sense in which I'm looking forward to not being Jeff Cramer, the Taylor professor, but just going back to being Jeff Cramer ... just the regular guy that I am who wants to live his life the same way he's been trying to teach students."

It's a message that has long come across through his foundational core section, which focuses not only on creating a "right relationship with creation," but on finding purpose as a child of God living in a world of apathy and self-righteousness.

It's a message, too, however, that Cramer hopes to spend the rest of his life fully living out — doing more than just presenting a way of life to the students he's taught over the past 10 years of teaching and restructuring foundations.

"I'm just ready to leave here



Photo by Ben Laithang

**Jeff Cramer has served as the associate professor of computer science and engineering and the director of the Honors Guild.**

and go do the things I've talked about for so many years," Cramer said. "I want students to want to know God better and to see that their love of God will lead them towards action in this world, and for them to see that there is good work that needs to be done in the kingdom."

It's about realizing that our gifts matter today — playing some small part in building

up the kingdom of Heaven.

For Cramer, this has meant taking on a role with Footstep Ministries, a partner of Taylor University. But following the passing of his father last year, it's also meant reflecting back on another idea presented in foundations: that of eschatology, or the study of the future and its connection to us in the present.

"Just over a year ago, when

my dad passed away, is when I started to have serious thoughts about, 'What do I want to do with the rest of my life?'" Cramer said. "Because it causes you to think, 'Wow, life is short. Is there something beyond Taylor for me?' and as I thought about it, I quickly started realizing that I was feeling a nudge that maybe there was something next."

Without any sort of path

forward, Cramer chose to act on the sentiment, declaring that this school year, the year of fall 2022, would be his last year teaching at Taylor.

Still, with God's provision, it seems Cramer won't be taking a step fully in the dark.

"The exciting thing that happened in this process is I found what I'm doing next," Cramer said. "And starting this summer, I am going to be working with Footstep Ministries leading student trips to Greece and Italy."

The role is one that plays to many of the professor's interests. Having numerous opportunities to travel previously, Cramer's passion for learning, global relationships and teaching have aligned in ways he had never truly planned for.

Yet looking back, Cramer now has the opportunity to combine many of the stepping stones of his life so far, and, more than that, has the chance to live out what he deems are the two most important things for Taylor students to take away from their own time at the university.

"Learn to love God more. And learn to love learning more," Cramer said. "Taylor was extremely transformative for me. Three really big things happened to me at Taylor. I learned that I want to serve God and love Jesus for the rest of my life. I learned that I like to learn and I wanted to learn more ... and I got serious about it."

It's that seriousness — that dedication — that has allowed Cramer the pathway he's taken up today.

And while that path hasn't always been obvious, the professor certainly had it right in one respect: sometimes, life doesn't make sense until you're looking back, reflecting on the past even as you prepare for the renewal of the future.

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## Allison Eckardt: acknowledging God's gift of relationships

Getting to know the new marketing director

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Everyone faces fear, worry and doubt in all walks of life. Marketing Director Allison Eckardt believes that people travel through life to aid their growth toward God and toward one another.

The morning began with a forecast of high winds and a tornado-watch.

Eckardt reassured her son, Ezra, before school that everything was going to be alright.

What she didn't tell him was that she needed reassurance — someone to tell her that it was all going to be okay.

Eckardt grew up in Marion, Indiana. Her mom used to drop her off at Taylor University for violin lessons.

When the time came, she attended a state school because of the amenities it offered.

Being at a secular college, she realized the importance of having a solid community.

"I had to be very intentional and seek out my church community and my social group," Eckardt said. "And then I realized once I got there — you can only take advantage of so much."

But she didn't stress about finding or taking advantage of those relationships.

God simply placed certain people in her life at just the right time. God did the work, not her.

One of those relationships came about at an unexpected

time.

In her sophomore year of college, Eckardt broke her leg. To compensate for the time she used to recover, she took summer classes — living in the campus church on the parsonage side.

"It was... a beautiful little half-timber church, built in the 1800s. And the little stairwell that I went down — it would pass the pastor's office," Eckardt said.

The pastor's study overlooked the sanctuary — all the little windows and nooks and crannies.

"I was able to say, hey, Pastor, let's talk about angels. And then I'd go to class, and I'd come back, and I was able to ask him all the questions," Eckardt said. "So, I guess I created my own (like) private Christian school."

The pastor became a good friend — one Eckardt is still in touch with.

Those relationships Eckardt made in college continued past her undergraduate years and into her new job as the marketing director at Taylor University.

She has continued to form those kinds of special relationships here at Taylor.

Working at Taylor University has been a gift in her life. Not only do the college's values and beliefs align with her own, but she and her co-workers also share the same goal: to make Taylor the best it can be so that the school can serve God's kingdom.

"It is super special to be surrounded by the creative,

hardworking minds on the marketing team... to get to work alongside the faithful stewards on advancement, who are raising money and are building those friendships and connections... I didn't do anything to earn the amazing people he's placed in my life and the amazing opportunities," Eckardt said.

Everyone goes through the hard times and the good times — the highs and lows.

Eckardt faces the challenge of being a mom and trying to be the best example to her son as possible.

She does her best to serve Taylor and serve God. These are the current challenges she faces.

But she does not face them alone. She is navigating life with the people God has placed before her — people like her pastor and her co-workers.

Life on earth is short. Eckardt is convinced that life is about the kinds of relationships we don't deserve.

She advises not to worry or stress about when those relationships are coming.

"God just places those people in your life — whether you want a broken leg or not," Eckardt said. "He's working all things for the good of those who love him. I truly believe that."

But just as she poured into her son, Ezra that morning and told him not to worry, her co-workers poured into her.

"Don't worry about the tornadoes," Eckardt said.

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**Allison Eckardt is the new marketing director at Taylor.**

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An old Our View examines how we judge convenience vs. cost.

## Dollar General Shapes Student Culture

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In a town like Upland where the nearest Walmart is more than 20 minutes away, “convenient” is not a word thrown around much.

Even the nearest stores such as Dollar General and the Walnut Creek Country Market, located less than a mile from Taylor's campus, can be inconvenient for students who don't have access to a car. However, the addition of the Reade Ave. Market (RAM) this fall has provided a much-needed level of convenience for students.

Selling products from food to personal hygiene items and medicine, the RAM is perfect for students who suddenly run out of shampoo or are in need of a late-night snack. However, students with access to a car, or who are friends with a driver, often compare the prices of the Reade Ave. Market with those of the Dollar General and choose the slightly less convenient Dollar General in order to save a few dollars.

A package of Oreos costs \$6.25 at the RAM and \$3 at Dollar General. Similarly, a bottle of shampoo costs \$5.05 at the RAM and \$3 at Dollar General.

Nate Haugh, director of dining at Taylor, explains that the items in the RAM are supplied by a vendor in Michigan. Because Taylor has

such a low buying power, the prices attached to these products are slightly higher than those found at a Walmart or Dollar General. “The entire purpose of (the RAM) was to make it convenient for students, to make it easy,” Haugh said. “Dollar General is not very far, but if you don't have a car you have to hoof it. We're not trying to make money, we're just

**“At THE ECHO, we believe that mindfulness when making shopping decisions is important. Though lower price or convenience may be your primary goal in shopping, a consideration for how your dollar impacts a local economy is an essential part of being a good steward of the resources given to us.”**

trying to make it easy and give students the ease of getting the things that they need.”

Another consideration besides convenience and price in choosing where to shop is support of local businesses.

One study done by the Institute for Local Self Reliance revealed that a typical grocery store

experiences a sales drop of about 30% after a Dollar General opens near it. Although Tom Lafferty, the sales director at the Walnut Creek Country Market, has not noticed that decline, he still highlights the importance of a community supporting local businesses.

“It is important that small towns attract businesses willing to invest in markets that are underserved,” Lafferty said. “This circulates dollars in the local economy. It is equally important that the community attempt to support them.”

Lafferty also cites a possible correlation between last year's attempt at getting a Starbucks on campus and the closing of local coffee shop Joe on the Go as a reason to shop locally.

At THE ECHO, we believe that mindfulness when making shopping decisions is important. Though lower price or convenience may be your primary goal in shopping, a consideration for how your dollar impacts a local economy is an essential part of being a good steward of the resources given to us.

For some, choosing a cheaper price takes priority. Others rely simply on what they can access with the most convenience.

However, for all of us, being aware of how our decisions impact others in our communities is a large factor in maintaining environments that are welcoming and supportive of all.

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## Christians must get out ahead of AI

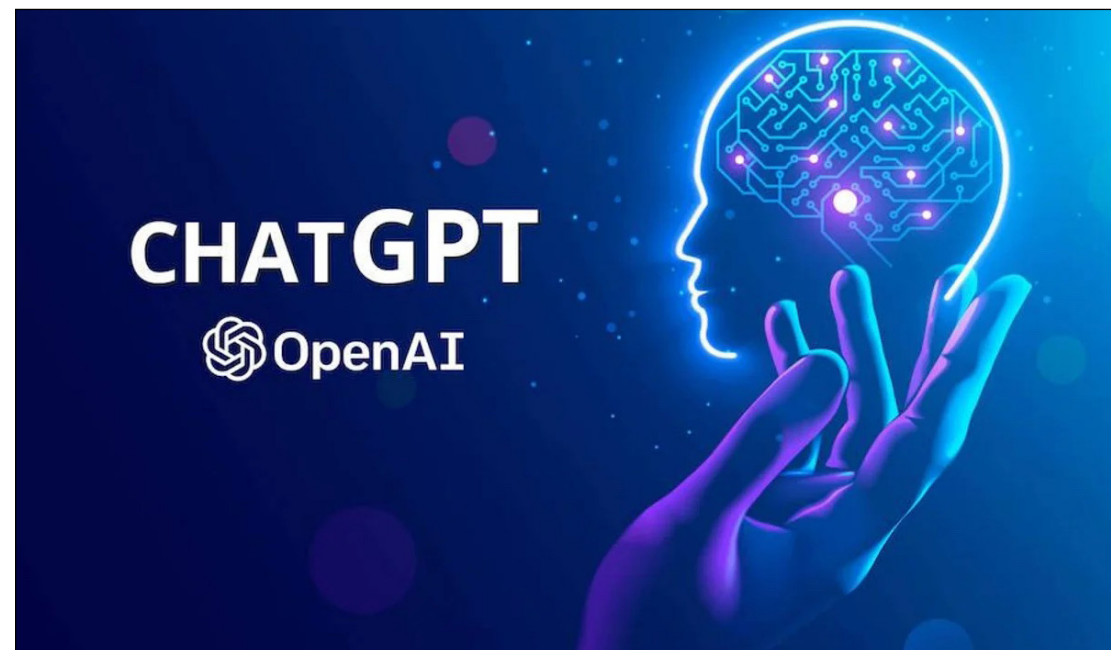


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AI tools like ChatGPT have become increasingly popular in discussion.

How do we reckon with new technology

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Artificial intelligence, particularly language models like ChatGPT, have made significant strides in recent years, transforming the way we live and work.

While there are certainly benefits to this technology, it is important to recognize the potential dangers that come with it. From misinformation to privacy concerns, the unchecked proliferation of AI could have severe consequences for our society.

In this editorial column, I will examine these dangers and call for greater caution and accountability in the development and deployment of AI technology.

What if I told you that the first three paragraphs of this column were entirely generated by the language model, ChatGPT. A quick ten-word prompt provided me with a ready-made opening for a column on the dangers of the same application that I used to write this.

Odds are, you have heard of ChatGPT. And if you haven't, you would have heard of it from someone other than myself fairly soon. To sum it up, ChatGPT is an “artificial intelligence chatbot developed by OpenAI and launched in November 2022.” “They (AI Chat Bots) are doing their work based on searches across huge amounts of written information,” Art White, professor of computer science and engineering, said. “And they're able to collate what appeared to be reasonable answers, but they're not really reasoning.”

It can do impressive things. Type a short prompt, and the bot will provide you with something that is likely to surprise you in both its accuracy and its authenticity.

What if I wanted it to write an opening to an article about a 76-72 Taylor basketball win over Indiana Wesleyan?

It can do that. In a highly anticipated matchup between two of the top teams in the Crossroads

League, Taylor University emerged victorious over Indiana Wesleyan University, 76-72. The game was a thrilling back-and-forth affair, with both teams trading leads throughout the contest. In the end, it was Taylor's clutch shooting and tough defense that sealed the victory, sending the home crowd into a frenzy. With this win, Taylor solidifies its position as a top contender in the conference and sets its sights on bigger goals as the season progresses.

It can provide code for programmers (I won't provide an example because sifting through python or C++ script on a newspaper could be difficult).

Taylor actually had to enforce an A.I. policy within course syllabi and its plagiarism policy.

It reads, “Examples of major infractions include taking significant portions of text from any source with no attribution or having a peer or AI software help write the paper.”

Professors were also encouraged to add class policy on AI software like ChatGPT.

“Professors have kept us in the loop with new things that are developing in our classes, whether or not it was entirely relevant to the course material,” junior computer science major Nathan Erickson said. “In courses like machine learning and Intro to AI, we have explored more into the technology”

The question is, how do we deal with this new technology, not only at an academic institution, but as Christians?

“I don't think people should be panicking,” White said. “I think they should be educating their students about what these tools are and what they can and can not do.”

Unprecedented technological innovations are nothing new. And the church attempting to find answers to them is also nothing new.

John Dyer's book, From the Garden to the City, reads, “While God's words are eternal and unchanging, the tools we use to access those words do change, and those changes in technology also bring subtle changes to the practice of worship. When we

fail to recognize the impact of such technological change, we run the risk of allowing our tools to dictate our methods. Technology should not dictate our values or our convictions. Rather, we must use technology out of our convictions and values.”

For example, smartphones have effectively permanently altered the way that we access both God's words and in many instances, have changed the way we worship. If we aren't aware of this change — it can be easy to fall into a pattern of allowing our phones, rather than our convictions, to influence our life and our worship.

It can be easy for the Christian community to be behind on technological advances. We don't have clear answers on such technology and instead of being proactive, we can become reactive. It's almost as if we can wait to see what the world around us does, in regards to something like smartphones, before collectively deciding if their usage is ethical and God-honoring.

But, that's a whole other topic.

However, this is a request to all of us to seriously consider AI technologies like ChatGPT. When we read our syllabi in February, few of us probably took that section seriously. But its influence on the world around us will only continue to grow.

Talk about it with brothers and sisters in Christ. Contemplate why your professor has brought it up in class. I applaud the university's attempt to be proactive, rather than reactive, when it comes to this.

Don't mindlessly follow what the world says about this new technology. Deeply consider what, if any, impact this could have on your worship and your faith — and attempt to recognize that ahead of time.



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In the 03/06 edition it said: “Hank Voss got to know Davis when he worked at World Outreach Ministries.” It should be “World Impact” not “World Outreach Ministries.” This has been updated in the online version of the story.

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## Foodie Fix: Editor takes on local LA cuisine

Tinseltown overflows with great food options

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New York and Chicago may be great food cities, but there's no competing with Los Angeles. It's a vast metropolis that would take multiple lifetimes to taste every taco, savor every sandwich and devour every donut.

Why is THE ECHO dedicating a Foodie Fix to LA? Because someday you might find yourself in Los Angeles for business, on vacation or visiting family. You need to know where to eat. And you can only go to In-N-Out so many times.

News Co-Editor Will Riddell spent spring break eating his way through as much of LA as he possibly could. These are the spots that left him salivating.

**Grand Central Market — 317 South Broadway, Los Angeles, CA**

Go to Eggslut first because the line can get long in a hurry. Order the Fairfax, a chive scramble fluffier than even the softest cloud. Caramelized onions and a slice of cheddar cheese are the perfect supporting cast, and a spicy sriracha mayo kicks up the heat to just the right level. Tacos Tumbras a Tomas — where asada (beef) and carnitas (pork) are piled onto tortillas — is another vendor not to be overlooked. Wash everything down with a watermelon agua fresca from La Fruteria.

**Randy's Donuts — 805 West Manchester Blvd, Inglewood, CA**

Since 1952, Randy's has been serving warm cups of coffee and donuts fried to perfection. Offerings range from a simple plain cake to a maple yeast topped with mini crispy fried churros and drizzled in caramel sauce. The chocolate and maple long johns are injected with a rich, custardy cream. Vanilla yeast donuts get a garnish of either Fruit Loops or Oreos. As one local told me while we were waiting in line, "It's not just the big donut (on top of the building), they know what they're doing."

**Earle's on Crenshaw — 3864 Crenshaw Blvd, Los Angeles, CA**

I could write an entire feature piece on Earle's for Marissa Muljat, but I don't think Sydney and Kendall would appreciate me taking up the entire page. After starting out hawking their dogs at Venice Beach in the 1980s, Carie and Duane Earle's hot dog empire now includes the brick-and-mortar on Crenshaw and clients like Jay-Z and Beyoncé. But that stardom doesn't stop them from providing outstanding customer service to every person who steps through the door.

Don't be surprised if Duane checks in on you as you're biting into one of their perfectly smoky, spicy franks. Welcome to hot dog heaven.

**Cielito Lindo — East, 23**



Photo by Will Riddell

**Randy's Donuts in Inglewood has been serving fried perfection since 1952.**

**Olvera Street, Los Angeles, CA**

The beef taquitos are tasty on their own, but it's what they get covered in that has made Cielito Lindo a hit with locals and travelers since 1934. Anthony Bourdain featured the joint and its taquitos on season nine of "Parts Unknown."

Don't bother with the red sauce or their super hot sauce. The avocado sauce is what you want coating your fingers after you're finished munching. It's cooling and it's addictive. I was ready to lick the paper plate clean.

**Yangban Society — 712 South**

**Santa Fe Ave, Los Angeles, CA**

I've saved the very best for last. The \$65 tasting menu was worth every penny. Every. Single. Cent. You don't think pears and avocado go together? Think again.

The wings, with their crackling coating, were miraculously sweet, salty and a touch spicy all at once. A flaky buttermilk biscuit was smothered in a savory Korean gravy. Garlic and dill tots need to be dunked in whipped crème fraiche. Chilled acorn noodles need to be spun and slurped.

There's a reason Yangban was ranked #2 in Esquire's best

new restaurants of 2022. The restaurant, which is tucked away in an alley, is serving arguably the best Korean food in the country. Come with an open mind; leave with a full stomach and a new understanding of how delicious and satisfying food can be.

So, once you arrive at LAX, have a plan, but be ready to adapt. Hit the ground running. Don't count on the person working the front desk at your hotel to know the best places to eat. His job is to make the tourists happy.

You're not a tourist. You're a traveler. Find out who the locals

are and see where they're eating. If you wind up at the Spyder surf shop in Manhattan Beach, ask the dude working the register what you need to try. Trust me, he'll have a few suggestions.

Finally, I wanted to say thanks for reading. It means a lot. And thank you to the L&T editors and Markus and Kay for letting me run with this.

Now, I think it's time for you to plan a trip. And remember: Go as a traveler, not a tourist.

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## Spring Spotify: Welcoming the season with fun, uplifting songs

Songs that capture the feeling of spring

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Longer days and warmer weather draw people outside to make the most of the day. Creating the perfect spring playlist adds on to the joy the season naturally brings.

**Here Comes the Sun — The Beatles**

The perfect spring playlist needs a classic, and what better song than "Here Comes the Sun?" After feeling tired from the cold winter, it's exciting to see warmer weather in the forecast. When this song starts playing, it is hard not to hum along while walking or getting spring cleaning done.

Even if it is a rainy spring day, the song still manages to evoke warmth through the calming instrumentation. It is a timeless classic that invites every generation to welcome spring.

**Heaven — Niall Horan**

Spring finally brings out the sun again and brings new life. The best kind of spring playlist has a proper mix of old and new songs. For a lot of people, spring

is associated with romance and the hopeful beginnings of something that could potentially last forever. While "Heaven" by Niall Horan was released back in February, it has all the right production and themes to make it a great addition to the spring playlist.

It is a repeat-worthy song, and it will be featured on Horan's new album "The Show" coming out June 9. If anyone wants something to look forward to, this is it!

**Flowers — Miley Cyrus**

"Flowers" by Miley Cyrus is another song that was released earlier this year. Even though it was released in the middle of winter, it absolutely deserves to have a spot on the spring playlist. Especially since you cannot get any more spring-themed than flowers.

"Flowers" is all about moving on from a bad relationship and discovering that there can be so much more to life than being in a relationship.

The song contains an empowering message about self-love and growing through difficult trials. If there was a word that defined spring, it would definitely be "growth." This song shows a hopeful future after getting out of a relationship

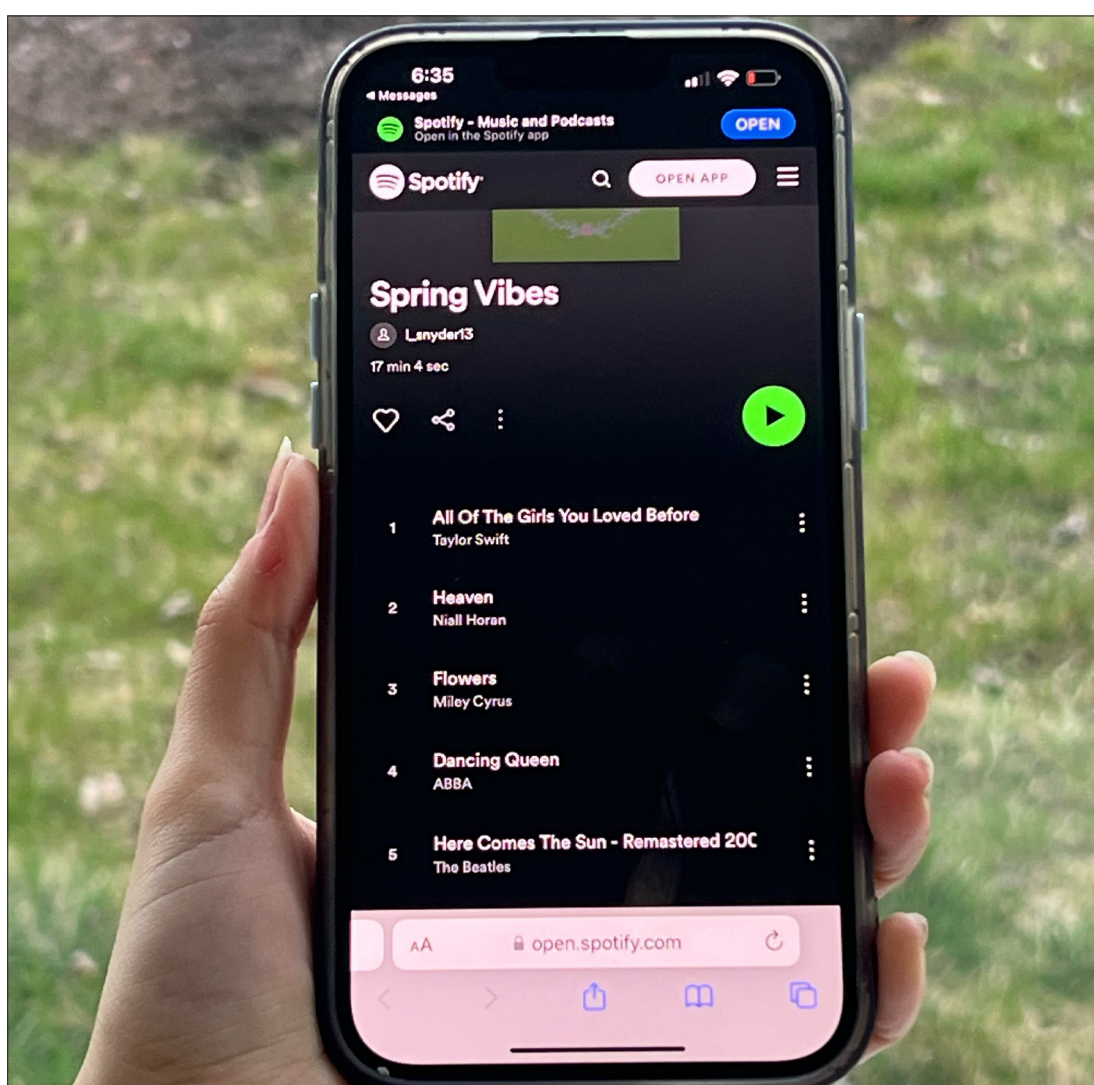


Photo by Genesis Garcia

**Check out Lilia's spring playlist on Spotify!**

and encapsulates one side of growth.

**All of the Girls You Loved Before — Taylor Swift**  
Spring music feels hopeful

and lively much like Taylor Swift music. Recently, she just released a new song called "All of the

Girls You Loved Before" which was an unreleased song from her 2019 album, "Lover." The song shows yet another side of growth and what it looks like within a relationship. It is a natural part of life for many people to have different relationships, and that might eventually lead to the person you are meant to end up with for life.

**Dancing Queen — ABBA**

It seems right to end a spring playlist with a classic, and there is no song more fitting than "Dancing Queen" by ABBA. Dance season is right around the corner with formals, weddings and proms. When "Dancing Queen" comes on, it is nearly impossible not to run to the dance floor and jump around to the high-energy piece that ABBA is so well-known for.

"Dancing Queen" also has a youthful feel to it, which lines up perfectly with the new life that grows around the world during this season.

Light, fun, peppy music is essential to have in a spring playlist, and while there are so many more choices that fit the spring season, these songs capture the atmosphere spring contains.

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## 10 key lessons from one year as Taylor's student body president

Reflections on 'life and leadership'

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During the 2022-2023 school year, I have had the privilege of serving as Taylor University's student body president. This role has exceeded all the expectations I held entering this position and has taught me an abundance

of valuable lessons about servant-leadership.

I am so thankful for this opportunity and have seen the Lord working in remarkable ways at Taylor through the faculty, staff and student body. Taylor is such a special place and has instilled in students like me priceless leadership experience and spiritual growth.

As my time in this role is quickly coming to an end, I have made a list of 10 of my favorite

lessons about life and leadership I've learned during my time as SBP. In no particular order, here they are:

1. The best leadership begins with servanthip. Leading others in a Spirit-filled way involves putting our own desires aside to ensure the needs of others are being fully met.

2. Investing in relationships with others is one of the most important and fun parts of any job. Cultivating relational

leadership is an essential skill to have in order to build trust with your co-workers and make a positive difference in the world.

3. Remember people's names and smile often.

4. It is important you are taking care of your own whole-person development and well-being (spiritual, physical, emotional, mental). You are not filling others up with your leadership if you are empty.

5. You are never too old to

play childish games! It leads to great team bonding and funny memories.

6. Maya Angelou said it best when she stated that people will remember how you made them feel more often than they remember what you said or what you did.

7. Failing doesn't mean you stop; it means that the Lord is refining you. Pivot and keep moving forward!

8. Good food leads to good

conversations.

9. As a leader, you must have perspective from the balcony and dance floor (read more here).

10. Life is a matrix of grace and truth. You must have both to call people into the good work you're doing.

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## Inter-Class Council presents Airband 2023 with theme: 'Footloose'

Tickets available for both shows

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The 80's at Taylor gave birth to one of Taylor University's most iconic yearly traditions. Associate Professor of Computer Science & Engineering Jeff Cramer, Professor of Education Quinn White and Chief of Campus Police Jeff Wallace were among some of the original Airband participants, back in the 1980s — and this year's Airband theme transports us to that time period with 'Footloose.'

'Footloose is a 1984 film that follows a city teenager who moves to a small town (not dissimilar to Upland) where rock music and dancing have been banned, and his rebellious spirit shakes up the populace.

Senior Inter Class Council President Madelynn Palmer said,

"The decorations are going to be 80s, with neon colors and bright, fine, funky designs to incorporate the Footloose theme."

To complete the ambience of the decorated Rediger Auditorium, Masters of Ceremony Josh Walgreen and Colton Power will shimmy their way through the program — leaving the audience in splits as they perform skits, make wisecracks and perform with special guests like Jeff Wallace (and a surprise individual whose identity is yet to be revealed).

This year's performance themes heavily feature science fiction and Disney acts, promising to bedazzle the audience and leave them enthralled. The performances are highly coordinated due to the hours of practice put in by each group, with groups even practicing at Pierce Church!

The judges for this year's Airband boast diversity in age

and occupation — ranging from previous I.C.C. president Kaleb Sena to Head Volleyball Coach Erin Luthy — and promises the participants a fair and unbiased criticism of their routines.

Airband has enabled students to meet individuals from other dormitories, majors and academic years due to the varying groups. Additionally, it promotes a sense of cooperation and encourages individuals to come together around a common objective outside of the classroom.

"Students are able to express their gifts and their talents in ways that are honoring and glorifying to the Lord amongst the community in a unique way that is special to Taylor," Palmer said.

The leadup to Airband has been eventful enough with the tornado siren wailing mid-audition, sending the various groups and I.C.C. rushing down to the Taylor Student Organization office to



Photo by Danielle Pritchard

Airband team prepares for auditions.

seek shelter. Deliberations for who would be chosen to perform were made by the I.C.C. crew, huddled in the storage area — with the rest of casts outside, to prevent eavesdropping.

This will be I.C.C.'s last event of the year, and will be Palmer's last

event as president.

"It's exciting to come to a place with the cabinet where I feel like we've really given it our all," Palmer said. "It feels bittersweet but I'm excited for the new things we're already brainstorming and developing for next year."

Last year, more than 1,000 attendees watched the two shows. Make sure to buy tickets soon for the 6 p.m. and 9 p.m. shows on April 22.

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## Taylor Theatre to produce the fun-filled play: 'Noises Off'

The play within a play to wash worries away

**ELIJAH CHOI**  
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With many show dates and the guarantee of absolute hilarity, "Noises Off" is looking to make a big splash at Taylor. For the cast of "Noises Off," the end of the semester means that a truly entertaining show is just on the horizon.

"Noises Off" is a play within a play, junior and cast member Aidan Merck said. "It's about a theater company that is struggling to put on a show called 'Nothing On'... But things keep going wrong."

"Noises Off" is a play unlike any other. Cast members act as the cast,

crew and characters in the fictional play 'Nothing On.' This play within a play format will be a fresh and fun experience for any who attend it.

"I think that this play is really unique," senior and cast member Angie DeStefano said.

"Noises Off" is the funniest play I have ever read. It is so brilliantly written," Merck said.

Although the show will be a blast for both the cast and the audience, it is hard work to put on.

"What's been interesting about the play is that it's a British comedy, so we're using accents," DeStefano said. "It's been a lot of work."

Merck and DeStefano explained that the accents and the prop work have been difficult. According to them both, due to the nature of the

show, the cast is responsible for acting as characters and as the stage crew — moving props and set pieces on stage.

Despite the chaos, Merck and DeStefano have both enjoyed the process. The rehearsals and practices are pumping up the cast making them excited for the actual show.

"There is no point in the rehearsal process where we have not broken down in tears because the show is just so funny," DeStefano said.

Because the cast themselves find the show hilarious, DeStefano highly encourages as many people as possible to watch "Noises Off."

"The script and the story are just so inherently funny that any opportunity to see "Noises Off" is a good opportunity," DeStefano said.

Showing from the weekends of

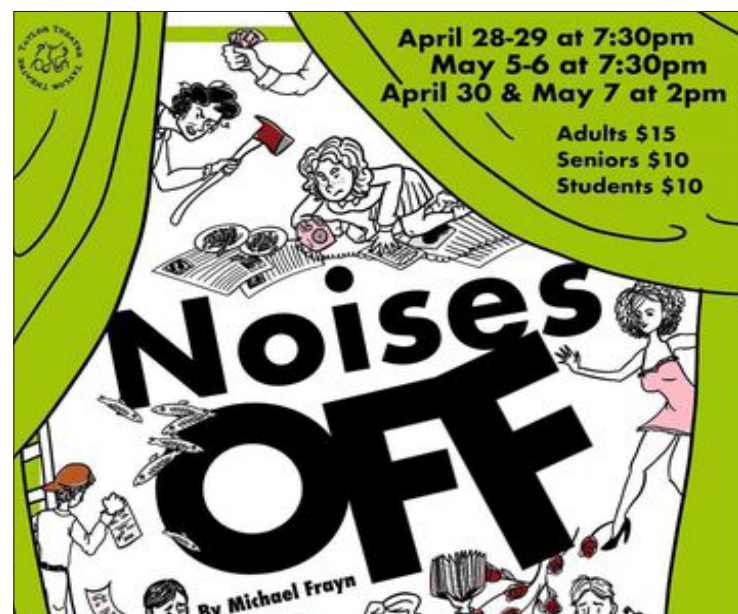
April 28 to May 7, "Noises Off" is placed perfectly to keep the stress of the end of the year at bay.

"We are trying to give Taylor some space to set all the 'stuff' down and laugh," said Tracy Manning, Co-Chair of the Department of Music Theater and Dance and director of "Noises Off."

This space for students will be much needed and the laughter is promised to make Dead Week much more tolerable.

"I will 100% guarantee that you will laugh more than you've ever laughed at any play in your entire life," Merck said. "That is a 100% guarantee."

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Poster provided by Taylor Theatre.

'Noises Off' will show on two different weekends.

## 'John Wick: Chapter 4' blasts its way through theaters

The fourth does it bigger and better than the rest

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Staff Writer

Much can be said about the character of John Wick, but his action is better left observed or passed on through urban legend. The latest installment of the John Wick franchise has taken theaters across the world by storm. This review will be spoiler-free.

"John Wick: Chapter 4" (2023, rated R) sees the return of the titular John Wick, and his latest attempt to clear his name from the High Table — a high-level crime organization with strict rules and laws that Mr. Wick has broken in previous films, setting himself as the object of the High Table's obsession.

This sequel sees the maniacal rise of high-ranking High

Table member Marquis Vincent de Gramont (Bill Skarsgård) and his quest to finally bring an end to talented hitman John Wick (Keanu Reeves).

The film advertises a nearly three-hour long runtime jam-packed with stylized action and thrilling gunfights, with some slower emotional beats to keep the audience's adrenaline steady. These traits have been effortlessly combined in the three previous installments and remained in Chapter 4 as well.

Possibly the best aspect of this film was the understanding of light and color within the frame. It is very possible for larger films that are part of a franchise to skip out on light and color and merely focus on advancing the story, but "John Wick: Chapter 4" seemed to display the best lighting that has been seen in the franchise.

A recent fad in the John Wick franchise has been the different

locations Mr. Wick finds himself. This trend continued in the fourth installment as well but seemed to do it better than the previous three. Each different country or location that John visited felt very unique and distinct, all because of the way that it was colored. Japan was light blue with red undertones, France bathed in swathes of yellow, and Berlin stuck to green and orange. Color is almost its own character in this film, and the intensity of the hues really brings out the moody atmosphere.

Cinematography is another element in this film that deserves high marks as well. This film has sweeping landscapes, aerial shots that would make the Grand Canyon jealous and tight-knit close-ups to really highlight the stress on the character's face. Each shot felt very purposeful, with very little filler.

As typical with any John Wick film, realism isn't the strong suit. The fourth installment felt the most

removed from reality when it came to injuries that John Wick sustains throughout the film, such as falling from the fourth floor of an abandoned hotel and somehow getting up and walking it off later. It is important to note, however, that John Wick isn't known for its realism, but for its entertainment from stylized, almost videogame-like action. On this front, "John Wick: Chapter 4" really succeeded. However, some of the events that John somehow survived felt very difficult to just dust off. The unrealism in some of the events that happen really took the immersion out of the film at points.

The action felt choreographed well and was very engaging. The action was almost comedic at times, considering the ways that John is able to creatively take out his enemies. There were some parts that felt a little drawn out for the sake of flashy action, but for the most part, the gripping stunts and action hold the audience's attention quite well.

The two newest characters, Caine (Donnie Yen) and Tracker (Shamier Anderson) both brought different fighting styles to the table that seemed to fill in the gaps that John Wick's sense of "beat them til' the candy comes out" can't quite reach.

Speaking of Caine and Tracker, their characters were actually very dynamic and brought a lot to the film. Both actors delivered performances that most might not expect from a John Wick film. A lot of the cast of previous John Wick films felt forgettable and unimportant, but these two felt like they had enough character development to warrant their own films or spinoffs.

Over the nearly three hours of runtime, a case can be made that the film didn't necessarily do anything new. John is still on the run with the whole world on his shoulders, with his few friends in constant danger of his wrongdoings. The biggest folly of this film was the lack of any substantial addition to

the plot, aside from the two new side characters.

Fight scene after fight scene had the audience gripping their seats, even to the credits. Stylish action with death-defying stunts couples well with the creative team's usage of color and cinematography to create a behemoth of an action film. However, the pretty shots don't do a great job of covering up the platform that the franchise has been standing on since the second film.

Is this film worth a rewatch? Maybe with a family member, or if there's a desire to watch something that doesn't require deep levels of thought. Who is this movie perfect for? Any action lover who needs a break from the modern CGI mess. To wrap it all up, "John Wick: Chapter 4" earns a 7.5 out of 10.

Agree with me? Disagree? Wanna talk about this film? Any film? Suggest one? Feel free to email me at devin\_smith@taylor.edu.

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## Seniors in the art department display art in senior showcase

Painting a path towards 'Kinship'

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Staff Writer

Every year, the seniors in the art department display creative celebrations of their time at Taylor. The students are split up into two separate art shows, with the first show featuring Art Education and Pre-Art Therapy. The second show takes place the following month, featuring Photography, Illustration and Graphic Design.

While these shows may differ vastly in composition, display and style, they each serve the purpose of celebrating the experience that students have gained over the past four years. This is demonstrated through a collision of projects from previous years, as well as pieces designed specifically for this event.

The artists bore the task of coming up with a theme and title as a group and then used past and present pieces to facilitate this artistic message. The theme "Kinship" ran deeper than the subject of their work — defining the senior showcase process itself. From collaborating on a theme to the guidance of their educators, the seniors not only illustrated this theme but embodied it.

Senior Pre Art Therapy major Katie Ito reflected on the difficult balance between highlighting her work as both an individual and a contributor.

"It's hard when you're making art to be cognizant of how everyone has their own individual style and be able to do this together without feeling like anyone's artistic voice is being stifled or not shown well. So I think that's been an interesting process of figuring out how we



Photo by Danielle Pritchard

Katie Ito shares her art with Darin Jordan and the community.

can facilitate individuality, but also community at the same time. Because I think those are both really important things," Ito said.

Creating a statement that embodies everything that the artist has learned over their career involves many layers. The students were required to take a senior exhibition course in the fall where they worked alongside a professor

to develop their concept. However, before this, they had a sophomore review where they met with all of the professors and delved into their work to decipher their strengths.

Although the artists were prepared for this exhibition through various general and specialized classes, the production of this show extended beyond the resulting paintings on the wall. Instead,

it was more focused on using these modes to articulate a message.

Head of the Pre-Art Therapy and Art Education Show, Professor Hannah Richardson, reflected on guiding the purpose of communication through this art.

"I don't do a lot of feedback on the formal things. I go from the lens of helping them determine whether or not they are communicating what they intend to. Because they have so much freedom in this, I view my role as helping to provide that. We don't give a lot of direction of what needs to go on the wall. Instead, we offer direction in figuring out how it's actually demonstrated," Richardson said.

In practice of correctly communicating the intended message, Ito expanded on the intention of embodying "Kinship" outside of the artistic display.

"Art takes a really long time to

make," Ito said. "It's easy as an artist to have to barricade yourself in your work. Taylor obviously is very good about intentional community and providing opportunities for that. And so if I'm here to make art, I'm also here to be intentional about including the community in my work. I think that when people come to see the work they'll be struck with this overwhelming sense of how artists don't just hide away and not let their work be influenced by anybody. But rather gain the impression that they are deeply embedded. That's my greatest hope for people to see in our work, not just because the theme is 'Kinship.'"

The Pre-Art Therapy and Art Education Show, "Kinship," opened on Friday, March 31, at 7 p.m. in the Metcalf Gallery and was on display for two weeks following its opening.

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## DNA: Biology department acquires tool

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Taylor's North American azaleas — most noticeable in the late spring, when they bloom in pink, yellow, orange and white — are unique to their species, and the department's primary focus for sequencing efforts. The genetic code of these flowers, which is currently unknown, is the desired end result.

"We have these crazy plants on our campus that normally grow on mountains, and they kind of get oranges thrown into them, right? I don't think anyone realizes how super cool they are," Justice said. "But yeah, (this project) really highlights how we have this really cool thing on campus that was worth funding and is worth actually trying to take care of."

Justice notes that students

also have the opportunity to participate in every stage of the project — weeding the azalea beds and maintaining the organism all the way to data analysis with the sequencer.

While securing the sequencing technology is a significant step forward, it marks the beginning of a long research journey. The sequencing process itself is both extensive and expensive.

The biology department is currently working on securing additional funding for the necessary equipment, consumables and chemicals — aiming for \$30,000 of additional grant funds that will allow for further sequencing.

"We have enough right now to sequence 12 of the plants we have," Justice said. "We have 406 plants, but we don't think

we need to sequence all of them. I think we're aiming for about 36."

Additional funding will allow the department to make full use of their new DNA sequencing technology — entering even further into research that will contribute to ongoing conversations in the academic community.

"DNA is the instruction used for creating all living things," senior biology major Jonathan Noonan said. "By looking at how the code is arranged, we can learn new things about organisms that (weren't) previously known. I can see this sequencer being used in several ways in our department, as many organisms are actively being sequenced in the field of science today."

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## Sudoku

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## Crosswords

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### Across

- Shipwreck signal
- Stan of Marvel Comics
- Catch in a trap
- Time period
- Off-roader's purchase, for short
- Quest for intel
- \*Instant in which emotional decisions are made
- Middle-earth menace
- Female surfer
- Times to remember
- Got a lift, in a way
- Popular mints
- Tea container
- Gradually come to be
- Wander about
- Pasture
- Where one may be taken to be reprimanded
- Verb in a recipe
- Like jobs with no future ... and what the start of each answer to a starred clue can be?
- Tennis court divider
- Family gathering attendee
- Pacific Coast st.
- Loch with a legend
- Ties to a post
- Rene of "Get Shorty"
- Show flexibility
- Dampen, as sound
- Help in a bad way?

- Coral named for its shape
- Wheaton who played himself on "The Big Bang Theory"
- \*Defeat soundly
- More despicable
- Talk trash to
- Cork's country
- Cowboy singer Gene
- Uneaten morsel
- Ship in Genesis

### Down

- \*Flaky type
- Cheerios grain
- Came down in flakes
- Plastering strip
- Value system
- Tied, as a score
- "Seats all taken" sign
- Archrivals
- Asian laptop brand
- Barrett of gossip
- Tolkien tree race
- Macedonian neighbor
- MLB's Astros, on scoreboards
- "Fiddle-\_\_!"
- Trifling
- Battering \_\_
- Spot on the tube
- Vote of support
- \*Employment field
- Keats works
- Vets' concerns

- Rave's partner
- Dog in the comics
- Brouhaha
- Owner's document
- Blunder
- Mad Magazine mascot Alfred E. \_\_
- Idle talk
- Bounced-check letters
- Reckless
- Racer's bathing suit
- Naturally brewed beverage
- Animal with a snout
- Vitality
- Santa helper
- Palindromic pop group
- Steady guy
- Toward sunrise
- Speedy
- "Do or do not. There is no \_\_": Yoda
- Title for Paul or Ringo

### Across

- Guys
- Overplay on stage
- Sting operation
- Rent-a-car company
- State one's views
- Penn or Brown, e.g.
- \*Bank form
- Oz's \_\_ Woodman
- "Smell Ready" deodorant brand
- Prepare to exit one's car
- Actress/inventor Lamarr
- Like Hammett's falcon
- Jamaican music
- In the thick of
- "Let me run that errand"
- Spoke like Daffy
- \*Surprise inheritance
- At some prior time
- Like A-listers
- \_\_ Piper: rat-removal fellow
- \*Venue for a license plate game
- Political candidate lists
- Key above Shift
- Some green sauces
- Org. in Clancy novels
- Support pieces above doors
- "Star \_\_ III: The Search for Spock"
- China's \_\_ Kai-shek
- \_\_ v. Wade
- "Justice League" actress Gadot

- With "on," not strong, as an argument ... and what might cause the ends of answers to starred clues?
- ER fluid hookups
- Soprano Fleming
- Allow to fluctuate, as a currency
- Service charge
- Heroic Schindler
- \_\_ Dame

### Down

- "\_\_ Secretary": 2010s CBS drama
- Echo Dot assistant
- Flap for a mic
- Moody music genre
- Insincere "My bad"
- Breeding environment
- Church niche
- Paper factory
- Troop groups
- Get-up-and-go
- Name, as sources
- "Metamorphoses" poet
- Part of a Wall St. address
- One with confidential info
- Thirty after the hour
- Dated stereo component
- Josh
- Credit card motion
- \_\_ for tat
- Milk, in Marseille

- TV show about a high school choir
- Cutlass automaker
- Myths, legends, etc.
- Informed of
- Ella's improv style
- Like stored Russian dolls
- Blistex target
- Bi- plus one
- Extended period of time
- Vampire vanquisher
- Partner of pains
- Spew lava and ash
- Introvert
- Everglades plant
- "The workweek's almost over!"
- Glowing review
- Above all \_\_: more than anything
- Slugger Aaron
- Swedish furniture chain
- Sign of a sellout
- Musician Yoko

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## Trojan baseball on a tear in conference

Conference battle for first is tight

**DALTON JONES**  
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Taylor baseball has been red hot as of late, winning 13 of 15 games between March 15 and April 10. They have swept Bethel University, Mount Vernon Nazarene University and only lost two games to Huntington University.

While Taylor has had success against their opponents, they have had some extremely close games. In Taylor's home game versus Huntington on March 30, they had to overcome a 4-0 deficit to start the first inning, but Taylor came back and won the game 15-11.

Great pitching has been vital for Taylor's success this year. Starting junior pitcher Alec Holcomb has been lights out on the mound for the Trojans this season. He has already pitched well over double the amount of innings from last year and has done well despite taking on a larger workload.

Holcomb has an ERA of 3.06 and opponents' batting average is at a measly .244. Holcomb has also already notched 52 strikeouts, crushing his old season high of 18.

Freshman shortstop Ben Kennedy has also played well for the Trojans this season. Kennedy has made the transition from high school baseball to college baseball look easy.

"(It's) so much more competitive and everyone has a higher drive to win," Kennedy said. "You can tell that everyone wants to be here and everyone loves the game."

His batting average sits at .269, and he has 2 home runs to his name. But the stat that grabs attention is his walks. Kennedy has been able to draw 11 walks so far this season. His plate vision is very good for a player so young.

Another player that has shined for the Trojans this year is 5th year senior outfielder T.J. Bass. The long ball has been Bass' specialty this season. He is currently tied for first in home runs in the Crossroads league. He also has a batting average of .285. Whenever Taylor has needed run support, Bass has been there to provide it all year long.

Sophomore outfielder Kaleb Kolpien has been a key offensive piece for the Trojans this season. His batting average is through the roof currently at .414. This is a large improvement on his batting average from last year, which was .387.

His on base percentage is exceptional as well sitting at .468. Kaleb has been one of Taylor's marquee players this season coming up big in clutch moments.

Taylor has been extremely competitive this season. They are currently second in the Crossroads League behind Indiana Wesleyan University.



Photo by Hugo Aleman

Taylor baseball split their series with Huntington.

There is only one game separating the two teams, and Huntington is only three games behind first place.

"I'm not sure any of the three of us are going to be able to pull away from the other

two," Head Coach Kyle Gould said. "It will likely come down to the last day of the season."

If Taylor is able to win the Crossroads League title this year, it will be their eighth Crossroads League title in 15

years. Taylor has a four game home series with Marian University starting on April 21 at 3 p.m.

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### WEEKLY PREVIEW

#### BASEBALL

04/21 @MARIAN UNIVERSITY DH 3:00 PM  
04/22 @MARIAN UNIVERSITY DH 1:00 PM

#### SOFTBALL

04/18 @GRACE COLLEGE DH 3:00 PM  
04/21 @SAINT FRANCIS DH 3:00 PM  
04/22 @HUNTINGTON UNIVERSITY DH 3:00 PM

#### TRACK AND FIELD

04/21-22 LITTLE STATES CHAMPIONSHIP

#### MEN'S & WOMEN'S GOLF

04/17 ACKERMAN-ALLEN SHOOTOUT

#### MEN'S LACROSSE

04/19 @MICHIGAN-DEARBORN 6:00 PM  
04/22 CONCORDIA-ANN ARBOR 1:00 PM

### SCOREBOARD

RESULTS FROM  
TAYLOR ATHLETICS

#### BASEBALL

04/06 BETHEL UNIVERSITY W 14-1  
04/06 BETHEL UNIVERSITY W 2-0  
04/10 BETHEL UNIVERSITY W 7-2  
04/10 BETHEL UNIVERSITY W 4-0

#### SOFTBALL

04/04 @MARIAN UNIVERSITY L 12-0  
04/04 @MARIAN UNIVERSITY L 11-2  
04/06 @MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE W 9-7  
04/06 @MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE W 7-6  
04/11 @SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY L 1-0  
04/11 @SPRING ARBOR UNIVERSITY L 8-1

#### WOMEN'S GOLF

04/03-04 ROADRUNNER INVITATIONAL 5TH/14

#### MEN'S LACROSSE

04/06 SIENA HEIGHTS UNIVERSITY L 13-11  
04/08 @AQUINAS COLLEGE L 18-5

## Spring sports looking to finish strong as seasons come to an end

Several teams have high hopes for postseason

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As spring season for all seven of Taylor's spring sports begins to wind down, several teams are making a strong argument for postseason success.

Coming in at no. 6 in the nation, the men's golf team has had a strong start to their spring season, losing to only three teams. They earned third place at the Showdown at Legends, losing out to no. 3 Lindsey Wilson and Crossroads League rival Marian University. They earned a second place finish at the Garn Championship, falling just 9 strokes short of NCAA Division III team Illinois Wesleyan who is currently ranked no. 13. Most recently, the team won the Purgatory Intercollegiate tournament. What's most important for the team is that they have beaten Crossroads League teams 10 times out of the 11 they have played.

While an experienced squad has certainly helped, what first year Head Coach Lorne Oke has done with this team is nothing short of exceptional — especially considering the



Photo by Payne Moses

A young Taylor softball team is off to a solid start with new head coach.

team has had much less time to practice in the winter on golf courses compared to teams further south.

The Crossroads League Championships for men's golf begin on May 1.

Oke has also done a great job with an inexperienced women's golf team, as they are currently ranked no. 10 in the latest national poll. At the Showdown at Legends tournament, they earned a third place finish, beating two Crossroads League opponents

and losing out to a top-five squad in Cumberlands and no. 18 Northwestern Ohio. At the Purgatory Intercollegiate tournament, they once again finished third behind Crossroads League opponent, Bethel and lost to no. 21 St. Thomas. In their latest tournament, the Roadrunner Invitational, they placed a strong fifth in a loaded field filled with six of the top 10 rated teams in the nation, one of them being Indiana Wesleyan — their

main rival this year in the Crossroads League. To win a Crossroads League title and do well on the national stage, the team will need to work on being more consistent before the Crossroads League Championships begins on May 8.

Baseball is once again thrashing their conference this season — winning five of the six series they have played in conference, while they split the series with Huntington. Both games they dropped against

the Foresters were decided by only two runs. The Crossroads League tournament begins on May 3 where the Trojans look to repeat as champions.

Under first year head coach Jessica Brown, the mostly inexperienced softball team is off to a solid start. The team is composed of only six juniors and seniors, with 15 freshman and sophomores. Freshman Livie Lehmann has been a bright spot for the team — hitting at a .321 batting average with a team high of four home runs and 28 RBI's.

Key wins over no. 3 Cumberlands and a sweep of no. 20 Mount Vernon Nazarene are highlights of the season for the team. They currently sit sixth in the Crossroads League, with the conference tournament beginning on May 3.

Both Taylor track teams at time of publication have only competed in one event, the Sunny and 65 meet. This was a makeup for the cancellation of the annual George Glass Invitational. The women's team won five events in that meet. Sophomore Emma Muterspaw won the 1500-meter race, freshman D'Arjha Davis won both the 100 and 200 meter races, junior Patience Sakeuh won the 100-meter hurdles and

sophomore Betsy Underwood cleared a height of 2.9 meters to win the pole vault.

The men's track team had four event winners in the same meet. Senior Damon Knowles hit an NAIA B-standard with a height of 4.70 meters in the pole vault, winning the event. Freshman Luke Harber won the 5,000-meter race, sophomore Braden Bixler won the 400-meter hurdle race and senior Liam Hesting won the shot put event.

Both teams still have numerous meets before the Crossroads League Championships meet that begins on May 4.

The men's lacrosse team is playing much better than their current 2-8 record shows. At time of publication, their past five opponents — all conference opponents — were ranked in the top 10 or just outside the top 10. The team nearly upset no. 7 Siena Heights in Upland, losing 13-11. The team continues to battle through a grueling schedule and have convincing wins over Thomas More and Missouri Valley College. The WHAC tournament starts on April 25.

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MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING	MAJOR	MANAGEMENT AND MARKETING
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	FAVORITE SPORTS TEAM	CHICAGO BEARS
SILENT NIGHT	FAVORITE TAYLOR TRADITION	SILENT NIGHT OR AIRBAND
THE OFFICE	FAVORITE TV SHOW/ MOVIE	PSYCH

**REID GERIG**  
LACROSSE



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