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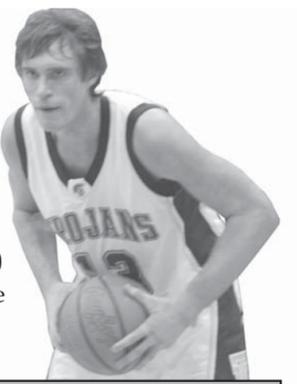
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## Maher, Stallings win primary Student body president hopefuls talk for top spot

## 48-hours of prayer

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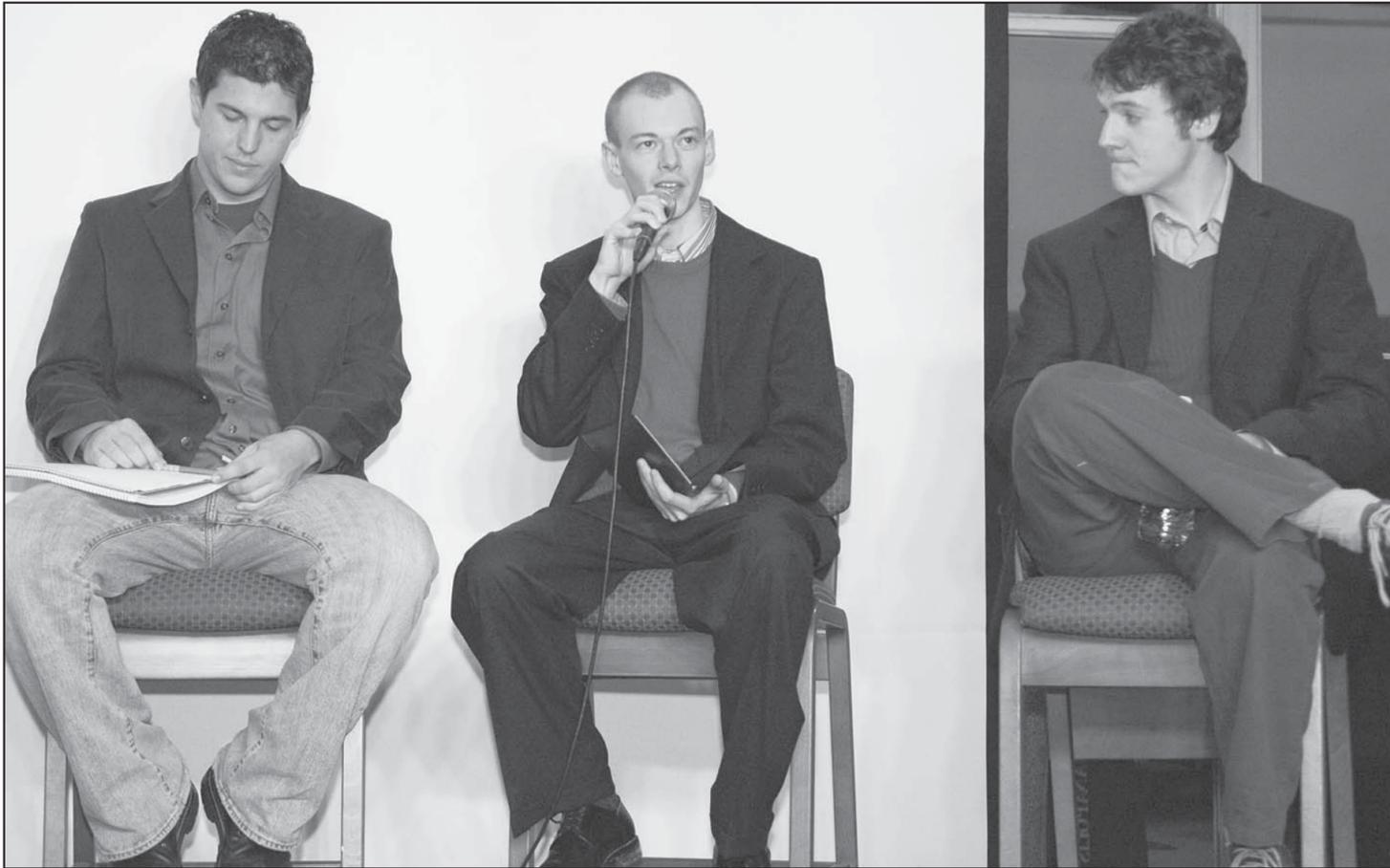


Photo by Alisse Goldsmith

Juniors Matt Stallings, Brent Maher and Austin Bennett share their aspirations during the primary debates for student body president. After Tuesday's primary vote, Maher and Stallings move to the final round of voting. Students will cast their votes for student body president on Tuesday via TOWER.

BY KATIE GARBER  
CONTRIBUTOR

On Tuesday, juniors Brent Maher and Matt Stallings won the primary for student body president elections.

The three original candidates were Austin Bennett, Brent Maher and Matt Stallings. Senior Zack Barker moderated the primary debate Tuesday.

All three candidates spoke about the main role of a student body president and what they plan to do if they are elected. Barker asked questions to each candidate that specifically focused on possible weaknesses.

Bennett answered by explaining why he would wish to leave his leadership position in AHANA. Maher counteracted the idea that he has spent all of his time in the music department. Stallings explained his long-time wish to be student body president is a strength not a weakness.

The three were also asked what distinguishes them from the other two candidates.

Stallings said his experience, particularly as vice president of student senate, along with his professional interactions with the current SBP, have prepared him for this position.

"Through student senate, I have built relationships with faculty and students all over campus. I not only know the faculty, but have sat in their offices and worked with them on projects associated with their role here at Taylor. I believe these relationships will prove invaluable. I feel like I know exactly what to expect," Stallings said.

Maher discussed the breadth of his leadership experience, from small group leader to chapel assistant and much in between.

"I am currently serving as the chapel intern and an officer to the Taylor Chorale," he

said. "Both of these positions are based around organizing and shepherding—two major responsibilities of the student body president."

Bennett said his leadership experience has prepared him to fulfill his goal of representing every single student in the community. He called himself a metaphorical "white light," which contains all colors of the spectrum in harmony.

After questions from the audience and senate about specific issues, such as making all dorms co-ed (an idea of which all three disapproved) and Habecker's goals for global engagement, the candidates each had three minutes for final statements.

Bennett highlighted once again his vision to be a "white light" and spoke of his desire to utilize and develop more statistical research from the student body as a resource for making decisions about

Taylor's future.

Maher referred to Colossians 1 and spoke about his goal of inspiring others to find and use their passions in life.

Maher also has specific goals for the presidency.

"I place a large focus on encouraging more men to pursue leadership positions and serve in ministries," Maher said. "I would like to address this issue by bridging the gap between PAs, DCs, DAs and TSO. I am convinced that our discipleship staff, the men and women working in the residence halls, are most aware of our struggles. Those who are begging men to lead and serve need to be communicating with those [who] are trying to inspire men on a very relational level."

Stallings laid out his specific plans for the development of a men's library and a women's library.

"My passion in life is seeing

men actively pursuing their God and seeking to fulfill the calling he has given us," he said. "I am in the midst of establishing a men's library on campus that will house an elite selection of books focused on men being godly husbands, godly fathers and godly leaders. My biggest motivation for this library is the desire to see men prepared for loving their wives and raising their children."

Stallings emphasized his desire to see students not only prepare for careers, but also grow in their walks with Christ.

"If we allow students to leave this campus prepared to design databases and run businesses, but do not teach them how to love their spouses and raise their kids, I believe we are making a terrible mistake as a university," he said.

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## Bell signs on to coach Trojan football

BY ROB KOLUCH  
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The Taylor football program has a new trojan on board.

Taylor introduced James Bell as the new head football coach during Monday's press conference in the Kesler Student Activities Center.

Bell was most recently the head coach at NCAA Division I Jackson State. He held the head coaching position there for three years.

"James not only knows football but has a vibrant faith in Christ," provost Steve Bedi said. "We feel that he will be a wonderful fit to become our head football coach

and build on the legacy that is in place with the Taylor football program."

Bell is excited about the opportunity to become the head football coach and be part of the Taylor community.

"Everybody that I've talked to, talks about the atmosphere, talks about the direction you're going," Bell said. "So I said, 'My goodness, it sounds like this is the place to be for the future, for a long time.' It just got me excited and I said, 'Man that'd be a great place to be.'"

Coaching football on the college level for 25 years, Bell has earned a reputation as a strong defensive mind. Bell has held defensive coordina-

tor positions at North Texas, Wake Forest and Indiana. Bell also served as defensive backs coach at Louisville. Bell's defense was ranked 18th in NCAA Division I during the 1999 season at Wake Forest. The Demon Deacons finished 7-5 and won the Jeep Aloha Bowl that season. In 2001, Bell's defense at Indiana was the second most improved defense in the nation.

Despite Bell's drive for excellence, he keeps his focus on Christ and the people around him.

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Photo by Alisse Goldsmith

James Bell, new head coach of the Taylor football team, speaks at a press conference in the KSAC on Monday. Bell comes to Taylor after coaching at Division I Jackson State for three years.

# AHANA draws speakers for Black History Month

By CRYSTAL POLLOCK  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Every February Americans celebrate Black History Month. Taylor students joined this celebration by holding numerous ethnic activities this month.

Last night AHANA and Taylor Black Men (TBM) co-hosted a lecture by Carl Kerby. Kerby comes from Answers in Genesis, an organization that equips Christians to defend their faith, focusing on questions regarding the book of Genesis.

Kerby's lecture, titled "Racism: All I ever needed to know I learned in Genesis," covered the question "Is there an answer to racism?"

The lecture challenged students to view race in a

different way.

"This is an issue in the church today," he said.

Kerby pointed out that the Bible never talks about races, except when it refers to running.

However, it does discuss "one blood" in Acts 17:26. Also, at the tower of Babel, God separated languages, but not races. Kerby said there is only one race the human race.

"When the census bureau asks 'What race are you?' I write 'I'm human,' Kerby said.

Six percent of Taylor students are American ethnic or international students states the Taylor's Web site.

"I do wish there were more ethnic and international students on campus, because people can learn so much from those who

come from different ethnic backgrounds," AHANA president Tamara Shaya said. "As a mostly Caucasian campus, most students have not interacted with many other ethnicities outside their own, so it is understandable that some students would not recognize the issues facing minority and international students."

Black History Month exists for this reason.

The celebrated month began when African-American Harvard scholar Dr. Carter G. Woodson noticed a distinct absence of African-American leaders from history books.

Woodson organized a celebration during the second week of February in 1926 to honor the birthdays of black supporters Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. This week grew into a month of education and celebration of African-Americans.

Other activities coordinated to celebrate black history month included the Three Rivers Jenbe Ensemble performance of native music from the Malinke people of West Africa and a Scratch Track concert co-sponsored by IFC.

Shaya desires students to be sensitive to minority students' perspectives throughout the year.

"[I hope that students] do not just simply tolerate the ethnic student on their wing or the cultural events on campus, but engage in these opportunities," she said.

Shaya affirmed that AHANA and related events are for everyone.

"Sometimes people say they do not think they can come to AHANA events because they think they are not 'ethnic.' AHANA's goal is to incorporate all of the student body. God has created a mosaic of unique people and colors and it is his desire for us as a campus to appreciate each other's differences and perspectives."



Photo by Alisse Goldsmith

Carl Kerby from Answers in Genesis spoke to students during an AHANA venue Thursday night.

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Maher would also like to see students continue to be challenged to grow deeper in our faith.

"We need to discipline ourselves to follow Jesus even when it is tough. Complacency is at the heart of so many problems. We need to commit ourselves to following Christ in the midst of distractions and obligations that consume much of our time."

Stallings would also like to add a class in the Christian education department about

the Holy Spirit.

"The most significant change I hope to make is to work with the Bible/Christian Education department to establish a class on understanding and interacting with the Holy Spirit. There is clearly an interest among students. I personally believe there is a great deal of power God has offered us through the Holy Spirit and we fail to recognize this truth and take hold of what is there."

Yumi Kim attended the

debate, and although she enjoyed hearing the candidates speak, she thought the questions could have been more useful.

"A lot of the questions seemed like they weren't deep enough for what they should be at this point in the election," she said.

The primary elections were held on TOWER on Tuesday. Stallings and Maher took the top two spots. Final elections will be held Tuesday on TOWER.

in the right direction, and he is excited to lead the team.

"It's all about attitude, and the president has brought that attitude," he said. "I feel that same attitude and desire. Having that enthusiasm is going to catch on. I'm going to take my enthusiasm with my coaches and it will rub off on the players. It's an exciting time to come here."

Dr. Angie Fincannon, chair of the physical education department and member of the search committee, said Bell fit every aspect Taylor needed.

"James has coached at some very solid levels," she

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"You don't compromise your faith just to win a football game," Bell said. "My philosophy - You don't win at all costs, you spend your time preparing your people completely, the holistic approach."

Bell believes this philosophy may have contributed to his release from Jackson State after three consecutive losing seasons.

"We knew that we had too many issues that were differences of philosophy and it

was best for us to part ways," Bell said. "And so that's what we did in a very professional manner. [I've] still got a lot of friends there, very supportive [friends]."

Bell's experience at JSU prepared him for his time at Taylor.

"The Jackson experience, was my first college head [coaching] job," Bell said, "and that gave me an opportunity to get better."

Bell is confident the Taylor football program is headed

# TU to gain dollar sense

By ANNA DANIELS  
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The Pro Shop's money management seminar, "Keys to A Healthy Financial Future: What I Wish I Knew about Money Before I Entered the Real World," will be held from 9 to 2 p.m. tomorrow.

The seminar will feature David Briggs of Barrington, Ill. Briggs is the director of stewardship ministry at Willow Creek Community Church. He will address aspects of money management, including compound interest, credit cards, 401(k) plans and credit reports. He will deal with questions such as, "What role should credit cards play in my financial

life?" and "How do I pay off my college debt?"

"I figure that I'm going to have a lot of college debt to pay off, so I should probably learn to manage my money," sophomore Tracie Vriezema said.

Vriezema hopes this seminar will show her how to plan her financial future.

Freshman Nadeah Bikawi hopes to gain wisdom from the seminar on making investments so she can be a better steward of her money.

"I want to learn how to best use money as a tool for ministry while experiencing financial increase," Bikawi said.

Bikawi realizes that many times she thinks she is spend-

ing pocket change, but it adds up.

She added that it would be better to save it in a special account for a car or another long-term investment.

For \$6, students will attend three sessions during the day. Lunch will be provided between sessions.

The seminar will conclude with a question and answer time. This session will give students like Vriezema and Bikawi the knowledge and tips needed to make wise decisions in the future.

Pro Shop workers hope the seminar will help students begin managing their finances early in their lives, whether tackling debt or planning for retirement.

# Markos lectures on Lewis

By BETHANY HOWARD  
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

Louis Markos spoke in chapel today about wrestling with pain and suffering.

"Like Taylor, my university, Houston Baptist University, is a Christian liberal arts university," Markos said. "I am committed to helping students at such universities wrestle with the major issues of our day."

In his chapel message, Markos shared Lewis' thoughts on "God's free-will experiment," meditations on the nature of creation, the fall and disobedience, and examples of how God uses pain to stir a deaf world. He based his speech on Lewis' book "The Problem of Pain."

Markos authored "Lewis Agonistes: How C. S. Lewis can Train us to Wrestle with the Modern and Postmodern World." His hand-out with today's message was taken from the fourth chapter of this book. He has written and published many articles, reviews and lectures as well.

This chapel message followed last night's address to the C.S. Lewis and Friends Society. Lewis enthusiasts from the Taylor community and the surrounding Indiana community gathered to listen to Markos' lecture.

Markos started the evening by sharing his thoughts on the strengths and weaknesses of the recently released "The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe" movie.

He reenacted Lewis' "The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe," focusing on the children's awe of Aslan.

"I thought he was a wonderful speaker," freshman Catherine Barnett said. "He really captured my attention, especially the part where he was telling the story of Narnia. There were so many direct quotes, and he told it so well."

Overall, Markos felt Walden Media stayed true to Lewis' story. However, he felt the movie domesticated the lion. Lewis, on the other hand, captured both the "tornado and the cat" in Aslan.

Markos currently teaches English at Houston Bap-

Markos earned his bachelor's degree in English and History from Colgate University with high honors. He also received his master's and doctorate in English at the University of Michigan.

Markos said, "For me, the Christian faith is not a dry

**"For me, the Christian faith is not a dry academic thing, nor a set of legalistic codes, nor a stick to beat others with, but a love affair, a living personal relationship that imbues everything I write and enables me to find sees of God's beauty and truth in all ages and all peoples."**

Dr. Louis Markos

tist University. Some of his courses include Romantic, Victorian and 17th Century Poetry and Prose, The Film, Mythology and C.S. Lewis.

"I am dedicated to the concept of the professor as public educator," Markos said. "I firmly believe that knowledge must not be walled up in the academy, but must be freely and enthusiastically disseminated to all those who have ears to hear."

In addition to teaching at HBU, Markos regularly speaks around the United States and abroad. His speaking engagements usually focus on C.S. Lewis, but he also lectures on science, the arts, education, the New Age and apologetics.

Markos and his wife, Donna, have two children, Alex and Stacey. He is a faculty sponsor for the English honor society and leads a home Bible study for students and an ESL Bible study for international students.

Before starting at HBU, Markos taught at the University of Michigan. He has received teaching awards at both universities. He was also named in "Who's Who Among America's Teachers" in 1996 and 1998.

academic thing, nor a set of legalistic codes, nor a stick to beat others with, but a love affair, a living personal relationship that imbues everything I write (whether it be sacred or secular) and that enables me to find seeds of God's beauty and truth in all ages and all peoples."

Markos will return to Taylor this summer to be a plenary speaker for the C.S. Lewis Colloquium.

For more information, visit the Web site at <http://fc.hbu.edu/~lmarkos/>.

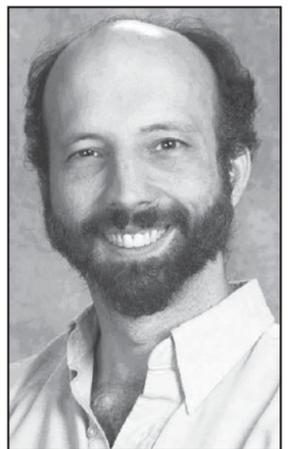


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not just talking about trying. Competition means I can compete when the game's close. I make the right decision at the right time on a consistent basis—that's being competitive. That's what we have to do."

Bell also feels his strengths as an innovator and a motivator will reap benefits for the Taylor football program.

"You have to be motivated to be committed. You have to be motivated to give good effort," he says. "I hope that we will be well-rounded enough that we can do a lot of things well."

"Coach Bell brings a new a

presence to the team; we are very excited to have him here to begin a new era in Taylor football," sophomore Drew Cowan said. "Coach Bell strongly emphasizes discipline, which will really help to improve the team."

Bell will also teach courses in physical education and human performance, which he also taught at other universities.

Bell earned his bachelor's degree from Central Arkansas and a master's degree in education and athletic administration from Northwest Missouri State.

# Messer educates educators

BY MIA WALES  
CONTRIBUTOR

History Professor Dr. Steve Messer, took a sabbatical from the classroom to instruct Taylor faculty in the history of the Civil Rights movement by guiding tours through the southern United States.

Messer begins his tours in Memphis, Tenn. at the Lorraine Motel. The motel became the National Civil Rights Museum after Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated there in 1968.

The tour continues to the Rosa Parks Museum in Montgomery, Ala. then through Selma, Ala., the site of Bloody Sunday and many of the voting campaigns of the Civil Rights Movement.

The tour concludes in worship with the congregation of 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., which was bombed in 1963 by the Ku Klux Klan.

The tours start on a Thursday and end on Sunday, but Messer covers a lot of information in that brief time.

"It [was] a packed four

days," Messer said. "But we learned a lot about ... heroic people who sacrificed ... to make this country better."

Messer has already led two tours and will be leading his final tour this weekend.

Larry Mealy, associate dean of students, went on a tour with Messer last week.

"I [was impressed by] Dr. King's insistence on non-violence," Mealy said, "[I realized] the courage it took for Rosa Parks to say, 'I'm not going to move anymore.'"

These tours are similar to student tours Messer leads

during his Civil Rights class over J-term. This was the first time Messer was able to take Taylor faculty.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed sharing this with my faculty colleagues," he said. "They have been asking great questions and making thoughtful observations."

Mealy learned a great deal on the tour and recommends that students research this dark period of American history.

"I kept thinking [about] the Civil Rights movement... The African American people ... were young people, some of which were college age," he said. "[Taylor] just recently hosted the seminar on AIDS. I ... wondered if there were college students on Taylor's campus that would be called out to aid this pandemic, just as there were young people that were called to help out in the '60s."

After the tour, Mealy said he was grateful to live in a country that does not hide its mistakes and thankful Taylor faculty were able to have such a valuable learning experience.

"Steve Messer did a wonderful job," he said. "On the way back we talked about the privilege of living in a country where we can have museums ... that preserve the information about a not-so-positive part of our history ... that [has] become very significant. It was, for me, a life changing experience."



Photo provided by Dan Treber

Steve Messer has been leading his colleagues through the southern United States, touring the popular Civil Rights monuments. The Lorraine Motel (above) is the site where Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated. Later, this motel was turned into the National Civil Rights Museum.

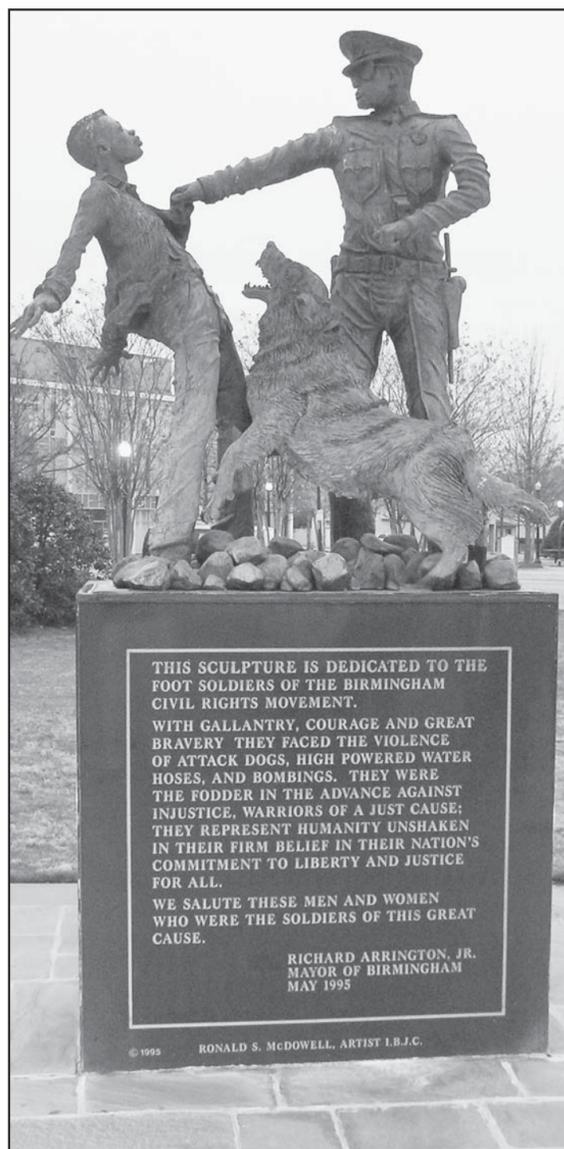


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Some sites visited by Messer's colleagues include the Rosa Parks Museum, the 16th Street Baptist Church that was bombed by the Ku Klux Klan in 1963 and a sculpture in Birmingham (above).

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## Kim moves on, moves out

### Bergwall hall director leaves after six years

BY JENA FREY  
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Four-year-old Mary Kim announced she wanted a puppy. For James Kim, his daughter's request further affirmed his recent decision to leave Taylor University after six years as Bergwall hall director.

Ironically, when Kim accepted the hall director position in 2000, he made no long-term commitments.

"I said I'd stay as long as I sensed this is where I needed to be, but that I was also open to the possibility that God might call me somewhere else," Kim said.

He had no idea that nearly six years later he and his wife, Deb, would still be at Taylor, raising two young daughters in their small apartment in Bergwall Hall. Kim admits he was not fully prepared to raise a family on a college campus.

"I didn't really know what it would mean - being a hall director and having kids," Kim said. "It's an unusual lifestyle, especially when you're just starting a family."

The birth of their first daughter, Mary, adjustment for Kim.

"Having your first child is a big deal," Kim said. "You're just trying to figure everything out - like what it actually means to be a dad. When you're balancing all that with a job where you

need to be available for students, it gets hard."

Privacy is a major issue. "You're surrounded by hundreds of college students on a daily basis. Our bedroom is right next door to a student's room. You're basically on call 24 hours a day, and you have to be able to handle that," Kim said.

Along with lack of privacy come other minor inconveniences.

"As a hall director, you're only allowed to travel away from campus one weekend per month," Kim said. "You can't just pack up your bags and take a family trip anytime you feel like it."

The biggest concern for Mary, however, continues to be Taylor's policy concerning dogs. No pets are permitted in residence halls, including the hall director's apartment.

Despite the demanding nature of his job, Kim believes his family has truly benefited from the special opportunities living in a residence hall provides.

"We realized that even though I don't have traditional work hours, my schedule is really flexible," Kim said. "I normally don't have to be anywhere specific during the day, so it's easy for me to spend time with the kids."

Even in emergency situations, Kim has never had a problem finding someone to watch his daughters.

"Deb works on campus, so it's not hard for her to come home on short notice. Plus, there are always plenty of students willing to babysit," Kim said.

In Kim's mind, the close relationships established between Taylor students and his family are worth the inconveniences associated with his career.

"College students are surrounded by peers and professors every day. It's a nice break for them to get to spend time with a child, especially for those who plan to work with children in the future," he said.

Kim is quick to point out that these relationships are an equally important part of Mary's personal development.

"After being surrounded by college students for the past four years, she knows how to relate to and talk to older people," Kim said.

James and Deb agree that

although they have faced their fair share of challenges, they never regretted raising a family at Taylor. At the same time, they recognize they are now being called in a new direction.

"You can only be a hall director for so long. There comes a time when you realize you need to move on," explained Kim.

Kim admits he does not know what the future holds after he leaves his position in the spring, but he is confident God will continue to provide for his family.

Within the next year, he hopes to obtain another student development position that would allow his family to live off-campus.

After serving as Bergwall hall director for the past six years, he is ready to purchase his own home - complete with a doggy door for one long-awaited puppy.

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**JOE RINGENBERG**  
OPINIONS EDITOR

Kids these days often put off planning for retirement. We assume those days are far in the future and, anyway, by the time we're way old, our society will probably have progressed to a point where old age is not so bad. There will be virtual reality systems to allow us to relive our youthful glory days when the world was young and we were not bed-ridden.

We may even have monkey butlers to do our bidding, retrieve small objects and do simple tasks like changing the channel or mixing drinks at social get-togethers.

Although we don't like to think about it, the future is sneaking up on us. Our days of gray hair, colonoscopy bags, and dinner-through-a-straw are just around the corner. With that in mind, I would like to discuss a few ways to prepare for our inevitable death.

The first, most obvious thing to do in the face of impending death is to start living. Like I said, we don't have much time. With the clock ticking down, it's absolutely necessary to get a leg up on death and start living life to its fullest. Have you always wanted to try something new but decided to put it off until tomorrow? Well get on it, friend. You'll be dead soon anyway, so you might as well party like it's 2049. This entreaty, of course, doesn't extend to sinful things like cigarettes, drinking, dancing, experimental drug use, talking with "outdoor" voices whilst "indoors," rock 'n roll music or having fun.

If you're looking for something fun and crazy to do that won't get you kicked out of Taylor or heaven, try getting married prematurely to your college sweetheart who you've only dated for a semester and a half. What better way to fight off the dark advance of time than to find a passable spouse, hop in the sack and get started on the next generation?

For those of us terrified by the responsibility involved in a serious relationship, there

are always other ways to prepare for the future. Making a will, for example, can be a fun way to pass the time. If you die today, who's going to get your stuff? Make a list of your most prized possessions and try to think of who should get it all (your favorite *Echo* opinion editor, for example). If you don't have any friends, you can always give your money away to an organization that will, in turn, name a building or a small, circular stretch of road in your honor. That way, generations from now, your name will still live on devoid of any meaning, context or connection to the actual person you once were.

The best thing to do in the face of your own eventual physical decline and death, the financial planners will tell you, is to start saving for the future. If you put a thousand dollars into an IRA plan every year starting fifteen years ago, by the time you are dead you could be a billionaire. This is, at least, what the experts say.

If you leave this article with nothing else, let it be this: the experts are wrong. Saving for the future is probably the last thing you should be doing. If you spent that thousand dollars on a sweet spring break trip to an exotic country, you'll have wonderful memories of being young that will last until you get old. Compare that with a thousand dollars when you're eighty. What are you going to buy? Another week in a retirement home? A new cardigan? A lot of yams or prunes or other old-people food? Granted, that thousand dollars will have grown into a fat million dollars, but what good is any money when you're too old to enjoy it?

No, friends, when you're faced with the specter of old age and decrepitude, don't let it scare you into living a dull life today. You still have time! The proverbial sun is still high in the sky! You are still young, virile and competent! You're going to have more time to remember today than you'll have to remember any day after today (obviously) so get out there and have a day worth remembering. After all, it's not all that long before Social Security kicks in and it all starts to fade.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Comments can affect eating disorders

By **JEFF WAYE**

Eating Disorder Awareness Week is next week. So why should we care? For starters, eating disorders are most prevalent in high school and college-aged people. In 2000 professionals rated the prevalence of these disorders at only four percent of the U.S. population, but suggested that much higher numbers go unreported or undiagnosed. Because of the social dynamic of these disorders, a more informed public regarding prevention may deter this growing issue.

I anticipate that some people checked out when they noticed a male was writing this article about eating disorders. However, I believe it is an often misunderstood topic with which men, along with women, need to deal. Ever since the Friday chapel when Todd Erickson spoke on his struggle with bulimia,

I have been thinking about the several friends and a close family member who I have watched endure similar battles. One of the most common things I hear from my friends with eating disorders is that they believe they won't be fully accepted until they are at the "perfect weight." Part of this irrational belief can be attributed to the increasingly unrealistic "thin ideal" that the media portrays. However it is not just the media. There is something to say about how one's peers reinforce this "thin ideal," through their actions or the things they say.

People of both genders can inadvertently make statements which promote eating disorders. From the men's side, comments about how small a man is can lead to an eating disorder called muscular dysmorphia in which the victim never feels they are muscularly big enough. From

the women's side, comments about weight, even positive ones, reinforce the attention given to being at the "right" weight. This is not to say that women cannot struggle with muscular dysmorphia and men do not deal with the "thin ideal," which enforces eating disorders like anorexia or bulimia. In fact, according to the diagnosing professionals, 10 percent of all reported cases of anorexia and bulimia are found among males.

I acknowledge that eating disorders are often centered on an individual's underlying emotional and relational struggles that surface as a need for control. However, at the same time our actions and words can have a very powerful effect on each other's body image and cannot be taken lightly. So let us follow the wisdom of Proverbs 12:18, "Reckless words pierce like a sword, but the tongue

of the wise brings healing." If you would like to hear more information about how to help a friend, yourself, or just want to learn more about the topic of eating disorders the following events are coming up:

**How to Help a Friend:** Wednesday, March 1 at 6 p.m. in Alspaugh. This session, led by counseling center staff, will address food issues, body image and eating disorders.

**Slim Hopes:** Thursday, March 2 at 8:30 p.m. in MMVA 002. Using over 150 ads, Jean Kilbourne informs as she entertains, allowing viewers to build an analytic framework for considering the impact of advertising on women's health. Join us for this 30 minute video presentation with discussion following.

### Community speaks against abortion proposition

In her article two weeks ago, "Salvation through abortion," Kate Garber pondered aborting babies as a way to ensure them an eternity in heaven as opposed to sacrificing them to the sin nature of humanity.

The responses were colorful and varied. While Dr. Ricke provided a pretty exhaustive treatment of the subject, many other people had an opinion on the topic. Please note that these selections by no means represent the articles as a whole and thereby do not represent each author's complete stance. Nor do they, naturally, represent the views of Taylor, the *Echo*, or the good people of Upland, Indiana.

It may, in fact, be commonly held that aborted children do go to heaven. But I think that belief is largely manmade.

We want God to bring aborted children into heaven. We simply can't imagine God rejecting them. After all, who among us humans can turn away from the smile of an innocent little baby? Surely he must have compassion on his youngest creations!

But if we think along these lines, aren't we ascribing human characteristics to God? I think that is very problematic. When our theology is based on human emotions over biblical revelation, we have drifted into dangerous territory.

-Prof. David Aukerman (Mathematics Department)

According to the National Right to Life website ([www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org)), the number of unborn babies killed in the U.S. since Row v. Wade in 1973 is actually over 47 million. To put this into perspec-

ive, there were only about 37 million civilian deaths and only about 25 million military deaths as a result of World War II ([en.wikipedia.org](http://en.wikipedia.org)). To put it another way, this tragedy is equivalent to taking every single person from Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Illinois, and Kentucky, including every single student here at Taylor and every single friend or family member of ours who lives in these states, and shooting them, execution style, in the back of the head. To God be the glory?

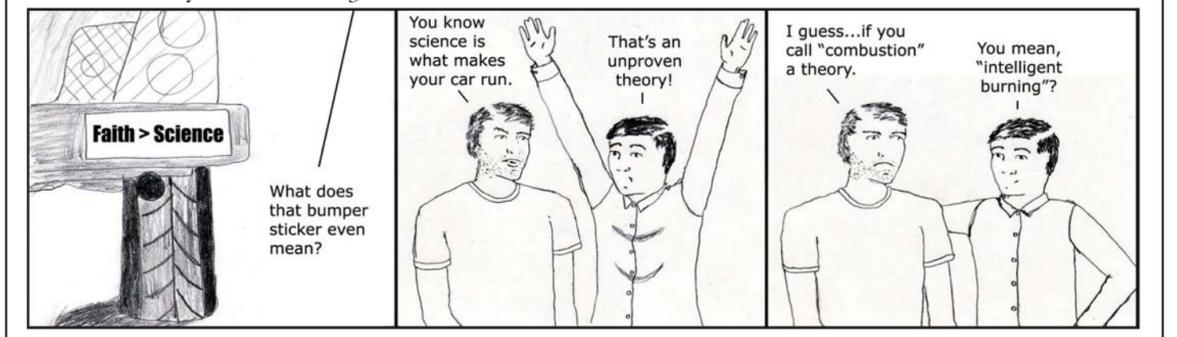
-Austin Beer

We don't intend to discuss Matthew 7:14-15 in an exegetical fashion, but we do intend to show how Kate's rendering of the verse potentially yields a noxious, inaccurate ideology. First, it's misleading to assume

that the verse applies exclusively to the select group of 30 million (to use Kate's figure). It seems to be much more inclusive, gathering all of humanity for its object. In different words, when Jesus said "many" and "few," He didn't mean for that to be applicable to limited groups; the concept behind His words isn't a statistic. Second, it's theoretically plausible that every member of the 30 million—if given the chance to live—could've been among the "few," so one can't logically judge and reduce another's life in this way, using only this passage. Kate said of those 30 million, "Were [they] to have lived... the 'eternal' result would be very different." We simply don't possess sufficient information to make that statement.

-Zan Bozzo and Marc Belcastro

The Model Taylor Student by Alex Frank



## Off-campus life proves unfulfilling Love thy neighbor as thyself

By **ERIC MOORE**

I wake shivering as my breath crystallizes in my bedroom air. The minuscule space heater labors furiously in the corner to push the temperature above freezing. Slipping out of the warmth of my bed, the impact of the cold hits me in full as my feet touch the bare wooden floor and I wonder, for the hundredth time, why again I moved off campus.

At breakfast, I give up on my oatmeal after the fuse blows three times while I try to use the microwave. Welcome to the off-campus "White House."

So many students entering their senior year pray to

make it onto the blessed list of Lori's favorites, I mean... off campus approval. Little do these unwitting and innocent Taylorites realize, off-campus isn't always all it's cracked up to be.

As my housemates and I have discovered, a lot can go wrong when you leave the nurturing walls of The Loop. If you are thinking about moving off campus, consider carefully the following: 1) Those ladies in blue that so kindly barricade you from the bathroom with that "cleaning in process" sign don't come for you. Now guys, think long and hard about this. 2) Utilities are not your friend. Due to the incredible energy inefficiency of our furnace, our bill last January (to our shock and horror) hit four digits. 3) I, for one, really missed the social outings that come with being in the dorm. Pick-a-dates, broomball, snow football, and streaking life on FOSO are elements of Taylor life that really made the college experience what it is. 4) It really doesn't ever end up as cheap as you think it will. I haven't computed the actual cost for groceries, utilities and such, but I would be amazed if I really saved much, if anything, by coming off campus.

This is not to say that living off-campus cannot be a great experience or even that it was terrible for us, but I would encourage you to think through all implications. If you are moving into a house, check with the former inhabitants, examine the furnace, and read the fine print. If you live in Gerig... don't move. Ever.

There is a black man whom I pass almost everyday when I go to school. He has a long black beard and nappy, uncombed hair. He has been wearing the same clothes for the past six weeks. He never really begs, but it is obvious that he needs. Every time pass him I ask, "Do I really love my neighbor?"

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is willing to part with pocket change to fund this man's trip. I can't help but ask "How much do I love myself and my money?"

There is a non-English speaking immigrant that lives on the train. By "lives" I mean that he can't find a job anymore and he must panhandle all day. Before I think too hard about why he can't speak English, I realize that he has had to work all his life so his family could eat. When was he supposed to learn?

The issue of poverty becomes real when you live in it. When there is no bypass that will take you around the downtown and bad areas of a city, no car that takes you only to the places where you want to go and no mode of escaping the pain of another, poverty is illuminated. I cannot help but think of Matthew 25:31-46. What will

God say to me when I enter eternity? What will he say about our compassion? Have we allowed the systematics of Christianity to deter us from what it means to be a Christian?

We mustn't ignore the systematic factors that add to man's poverty. The same system by which we live and from which we benefit, others die from. But we also must not ignore the personal actions that influence poverty - not the actions of the poor, but rather ours.

Our vast materialism, our expensive homes, cars, clothing, these are luxuries we choose to own. What if we chose to live in moderation instead of in excess? What if we chose to love our neighbors as we love ourselves?

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### Letters to the Editor

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# Scenery, story shine in 'Brokeback'

BY DUSTIN MCLEAN  
CONTRIBUTOR

Mountains are beautiful. That may be the only thing viewers can agree on after watching the celebrated, but controversial film, "Brokeback Mountain."

Directed by Ang Lee ("Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"), the film is based on a short story by Annie Proulx. It follows the lives of Ennis Del Mar (Heath Ledger) and Jack Twist (Jake Gyllenhaal) after they meet while tending sheep in 1963.

The key to the film is simplicity. The plot is simple, the men are simple, the soundtrack is simple, and even the dialogue is simple.

However, from that simplicity comes an intricate and complicated story about two men who seem confused about who they truly are and where they belong. Although the elements appear simple, the film raises complex questions, which will sound in viewers' minds days after the credits roll.

The plot focuses on two characters who would rather

give soulful glances at flocks of sheep and distant mountains than talk. The two meet in the mountains of Wyoming and through the years continue to return to Brokeback Mountain for what they call, "fishing trips," despite the fact they both have wives.

Eventually Ennis' wife, Alma (Michelle Williams), realizes her husband's heart is not hers and leaves him. Jack is never satisfied with his wife, Lureen Newsome (Anne Hathaway) and their son, but he makes an effort to keep them happy.

The tensions at work in the two men seem basic on the surface, reinforcing the theme of simplicity, but the pain of hiding their relationship represents a bigger war of ideological differences.

There is little doubt that Ennis is the sort of man who would vote a straight Republican ticket. At the same time his homosexuality allies him with a lifestyle many conservatives would label liberal.

Ledger convincingly portrays thirty years of Ennis' life with the maturity of

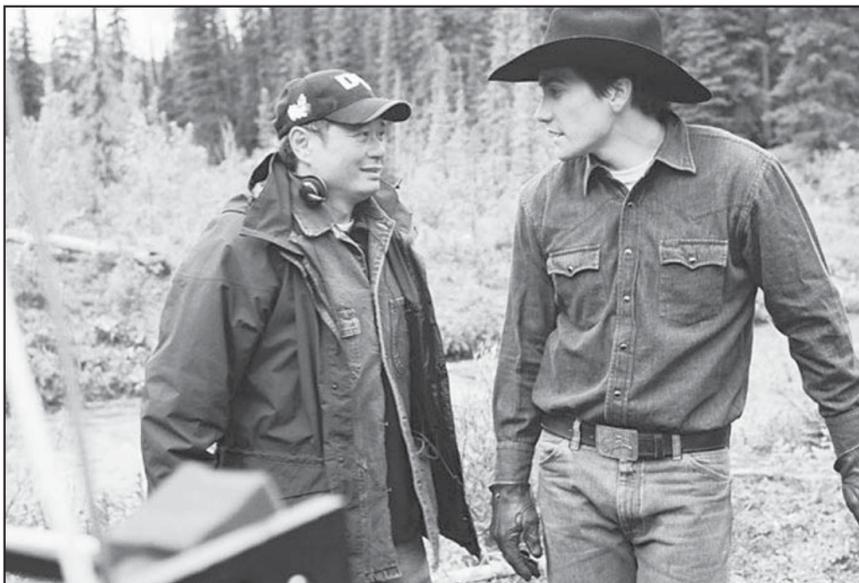


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Director Ang Lee instructs his young star, Jake Gyllenhaal, during a break in shooting in the mountains of Wyoming. Lee and Gyllenhaal were nominated for Oscars for Best Director and Supporting Actor, respectively.

someone who has actually lived that long. His performance is quiet and subtle, yet incredibly nuanced and detailed.

Likewise, Gyllenhaal takes Twist from a twenty-something pushover to a forty-

something who can handle himself.

Williams and Hathaway develop deep and rich characters with relatively little screen time.

Like the film's theme song, which begins as a

simple guitar riff and builds each time the riff is repeated, the story and characters become more multifaceted with every meeting of Jack and Ennis. Both characters carry so much dissent in themselves it is no wonder

many will leave the theater confused about Ennis and Jack's true thoughts sexual orientations.

The Oscar-nominated cinematography makes watching the movie like watching postcards at 24 frames per second. Lee has an eye for scenery, lighting and atmosphere and displays his strengths in "Brokeback Mountain."

From all the hype and hearsay, one might think the film preaches about homosexuality. However, the movie never seems to find its way to a soapbox. Instead it cunningly depicts the conflict and heartache Jack and Ennis' relationship causes them and everyone close to them. It does so without looking or feeling like anything other than a quiet little story about a couple of cowboys who accidentally get in over their heads one cold Wyoming night.

Yes, mountains are beautiful, and regardless of one's opinion on homosexuality, it will be hard to leave the theater and insist that the movie was not as well.

## Chorale toasts Mozart

BY JARED BANE  
A&E EDITOR

Two-hundred-fiftieth birthday celebrations are usually reserved for nations and other institutions larger than the legacy of any individual. In Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's case, his life is the single cause of the festivities.

The music world has joined together to mark the birthday of a man who many believe was its greatest composer. Mozart's home, Austria, is marking the occasion by a year's worth of events and concerts.

Taylor's music department has also joined the celebration. Earlier this month the Taylor opera theatre performed Mozart's "Cosi Fan Tutte."

The Marion Philharmonic Orchestra will join the Taylor chorale on Sunday to continue paying homage to Mozart. Together they will perform his "Symphony No. 1" and "Coronation Mass."

The program will conclude Mozart's "Piano Concerto No. 20" played by the pianist Simon Mulligan. Mulligan is a world-renowned accom-



Photo courtesy of Simonmulligan.com

World-renowned pianist Simon Mulligan joins the Taylor chorale and Marion Philharmonic to celebrate the life of Mozart.

panist and arranger who debuted with the London Philharmonic at age 19.

Mulligan can be heard on many television and film scores, including Michael Kamen's score for the

HBO war drama "Band of Brothers."

The concert will be held in Rediger Auditorium at 3 p.m. on Sunday. The cost is \$8 for faculty and \$6 for students.

## Oscars offer close race

BY JARED BANE  
A&E EDITOR

The movie industry's annual Academy Awards, or Oscars, have much in common with the NFL's Super Bowl. Each is supposed to be a culmination of the year's best performances, yet both are often overshadowed by the accompanying pageantry.

In light of the heartache emotional investment can cause, it is best not to take either too seriously and simply enjoy the bizarre celebration. I offer a light-hearted set of predictions and preferences concerning which actors and films may take home golden statuettes on March 5.

Philip Seymour Hoffman is favored to win Best Actor in a Leading Role. He is nominated for his portrayal of notorious literary celebrity Truman Capote in "Capote." If he wins, it will be a deserved victory. It would, however, be interesting to see Terrence Howard win for his thrilling performance in "Hustle and Flow."

Best Supporting Actor is a more open category at this point. George Clooney is favored to win for his role in "Syriana." Matt Dillon's conflicted cop in "Crash" also has a chance to take home the Oscar. My preference would be for William Hurt to win for his scene-stealing performance in "A History of Violence." Because the role gave him so little screen time, however, it is surprising he was even nominated.

Many have lamented the fact that the Johnny Cash biopic "Walk the Line" was not nominated in the best picture category. Perhaps it will be some consolation that Reese Witherspoon is the clear frontrunner to win Best Actress in a Leading Role for her portrayal of June Carter Cash. If any of the other nominees win over Witherspoon, it will be one of the biggest upsets in the history of the awards.

Michelle Williams emerges as the favorite from the Best Supporting Actress category. Rachel Weisz, however, has already won several awards for her per-

formance in "The Constant Gardener." This category will be a dead heat until the envelope is opened.

Ang Lee is favored to win Best Director for his surprise box office hit "Brokeback Mountain." Lee has been nominated once before for the kung fu romance "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon." Despite the presence of heavy hitters like Steven Spielberg ("Munich") and exciting newcomers like Bennett Miller ("Capote"), Lee will most likely win the award.

The hype surrounding "Brokeback Mountain" may have worked against its chances to win Best Picture. The intersecting lives of Los Angeles citizens in "Crash" may impress voters enough to make it the surprise winner.

My personal choice of the five nominees would be "Munich." Most critics and academy members, however, do not consider it a Spielberg film on the level of "Schindler's List" or "Saving Private Ryan."

## Sigur Ros gives heavenly performance in Indy

BY JAMIN CLUTCHER  
CONTRIBUTOR

I have never been serenaded by a host of angels. Surely, however, the night the unsuspecting shepherds were told of Jesus' birth they were graced by something similar to the sounds of Sigur Ros filling the night sky. The audience at the Murat Theater in Indianapolis Monday night was treated to this experience as well.

Sigur Ros, for those who may still be unfamiliar with the best thing to happen to music since the microphone, is an Icelandic four-piece band.

The band sounds like nothing I can describe. However, here is an attempt: Imagine how tipsy fairies on Prozac dancing on rainbows and sunbeams must feel while falling in love. Now put that feeling to music. This close to what it is like to see the band play live.

Jonsi Birgisson, the band's

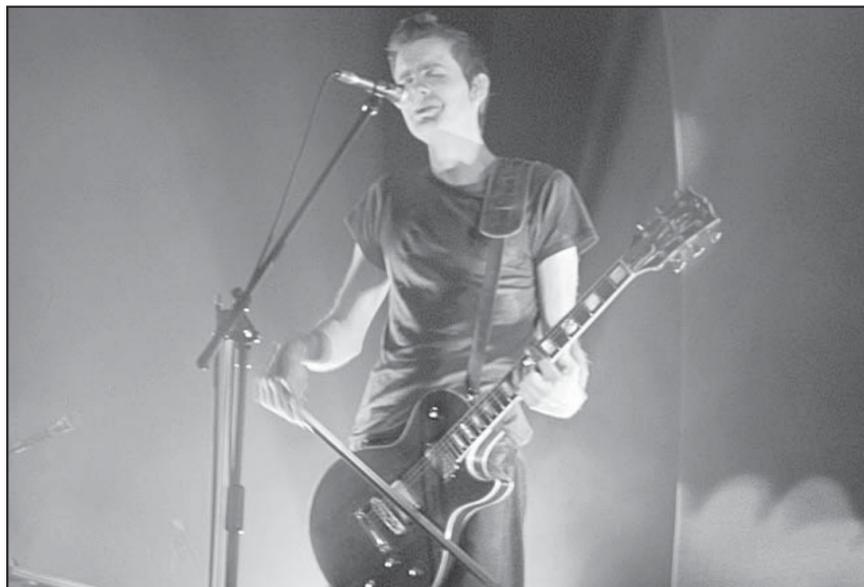


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Jonsi Birgisson, the lead singer of Sigur Ros, takes a page from Jimmy Page's book by playing his guitar with a violin bow. Sigur Ros came to the world's attention with their 2001 album "Ágætis Byrjun," which won the Shortlist Music Prize.

front man, has a beautiful, unearthly voice. The sound was somewhere between whale songs and Bjork at her

most uninhibited. Although no one understood a word he said (not even people who spoke Icelandic), it did not

seem to matter.

As if this was not enough, he played his guitar with a violin bow, providing a full,

melancholy and stunningly beautiful sound unmatched by any other band working today.

The other band members brought a spectacular level of musical knowledge to the songs. Kjarri Sveinsson maneuvered around seven or eight keyboards during the set while also playing guitar, bass, xylophone and lending his complementary vocals to the wonderful harmonies.

Goggi Holm, the bass player, was without question the backbone of the band. His solid bass lines were simple, but steady. They were responsible for most of the intense driving beats throughout each song.

It is difficult enough to describe Sigur Ros' music to untrained ears, but the live show offers more than music. There is also the amazing light show and beautiful video projections, which the respectful sold-out audience certainly appreciated.

I must also mention the

opening band, Anima. Going through the details of an Anima set alone could take weeks. The four girls played an insane number of instruments, including organ, cello, violins, saw, keyboards, xylophone, service bells and many others.

For most of Sigur Ros' two-hour set the girls from Anima played strings, adding the elegance one might expect to have lost in the transition from album to live performance. Sigur Ros played a wide repertoire of songs, covering tracks from their breakthrough "Ágætis Byrjun," "( )," and the newest release, "Takk."

I cannot stress the importance of seeing this band live at least once in a lifetime. It is worth any price for the best seats and worth the distance of any drive.

Throughout the entire set I was thinking, "I wish I could die right now so this would be the music I heard on my ascent to heaven."

# Trojans share conference title

## #8 Taylor set for crucial rematch against Indiana Wesleyan on Saturday



Photo by Amy Wood

Senior guard Eric Ford challenges a St. Francis defender during the Trojans 69-62 win over St. Francis on Saturday. The win gave the team a share of the Mid-Central College Conference title with Huntington College. The #8 Trojans faced Marian College on Wednesday night in the first round of the MCC tournament, with Taylor winning 61-52. The win sets up a second-round game with rival Indiana Wesleyan University with the winner advancing to the tournament final. The game is scheduled for 3 p.m. on Saturday.

BY ANDREW NEEL  
STAFF WRITER

With their backs against the wall, the Trojans used a balanced scoring effort down the stretch to advance to the second round of the Mid-Central College Conference Tournament.

Four Trojans scored nine or more points as Taylor (26-5, 14-3 MCC) defeated the Marian College Knights (10-14, 5-12 MCC) 61-52 at Don Odle Gymnasium.

The #8 Trojans (NAIA Division II) were locked in a tight game with the Knights throughout the night. Marian went on an 8-0 run, sparked by five straight points from Jeff Manley, to cut Taylor's lead to 50-49 with 4:18 remaining in the game.

The Trojans refused to let the Knights take the lead, however, and Josh Merrick found Doug Bell inside on consecutive possessions to give Taylor a 55-49 lead with 2:48 left.

"I wasn't doing a good job down low in the first half," Bell said. "In the second half, I came out more aggressive and my teammates gave me the ball right where I needed it."

Marian turned the ball over, and Taylor was quick to capitalize. Eric Ford got free from his defender for a jump shot from just inside the 3-point line to put the Trojans ahead 57-49 with 1:24 remaining.

Manley hit a 3-pointer to pull Marian within five, but the Knights missed the rest of

their shots down the stretch. Kevin Wright and R.J. Beucler both knocked down their free throws to seal the win for Taylor.

"We battled back and had a shot at the end to win it, but we didn't take care of the basketball," Marian head coach John Grimes said. "They made shots and we didn't."

Although the Trojans shot 52 percent from the field in the first half, Marian was only down 30-27 at halftime. The Knights were able to keep the game close because Jared Reeves and Derek Huffman each contributed with 13 points to lead Marian.

At the half, we knew we weren't playing our best basketball," Wright said. "We weren't as intense as we

needed to be. We came out in the second half looking to play better defense."

A number of Trojans turned in strong performances.

Ford, Taylor's leading scorer and the MCC Co-Conference Player of the Year, had 20 points to lead the Trojans offensively. The senior guard from Indianapolis, Ind. also grabbed six rebounds.

Bell and Beucler each had 13 points for Taylor, and Beucler had seven boards to lead the Trojans in rebounding.

Wright had a strong game for the Trojans. The junior guard had nine points, three rebounds, three assists and three steals. He was undoubtedly an important factor in Taylor's victory.

"Kevin's been playing big for us lately," Ford said. "He's filling his role and stepping up and hitting big shots."

Taylor will host the MCC tourney semifinal on Saturday at 3 p.m. against county rival Indiana Wesleyan (17-12, 11-6 MCC).

Saturday's game will be a rematch of the showdown on Feb. 4 when the Wildcats defeated Taylor 75-73 in Up-land.

"We're going to do better than we did last time [against Indiana Wesleyan]," Taylor head coach Paul Patterson said.

Ford echoed Patterson's words.

"It's a conference tournament game, so we've got to come prepared to play," he

said. "We know [Indiana Wesleyan] will give us their best shot."

### Trojan All-Conference Team Members

MCC Co-Player of the Year  
Eric Ford

All-MCC 1st Team  
Eric Ford  
Doug Bell

All-MCC 3rd Team  
R.J. Beucler

# Lady Trojans move on to semifinal

## TU fights back from 12-point deficit, defeats Bethel to advance to second round



Photo by Alisse Goldsmith

Junior guard Amber Bond drives by a Grace College defender during the Trojans' 72-63 win over the Lady Lancers on February 8. The Trojans have now won four of their last five contests, including a thrilling 74-69 victory over Bethel College on Tuesday. Taylor trailed by as much as 12 and did not lead until the about the 5:00 minute mark in the second half. The team was paced by sophomore Katie Madden's 8 of 8, 24-point performance.

BY TREVOR KIGHT  
& LUKE BURKET

After struggling though a physical first half, the Lady Trojans searched for answers in the cramped visitor's locker room at Bethel College on Tuesday. During the break, head coach Tena Krause told her team to pick up the intensity, keep fighting and have no regrets.

"If you think you're giving it all right now, give a little more," she said.

The Trojans emerged from break prepared to scratch and claw their way to a first-round Mid-Central College Conference Tournament victory. The Lady Pilots, however, remained in control of the game throughout the majority of the second half, leading once by 12.

However, the determination of the Lady Trojans never wavered, and by the 6:30 mark in the second half, the team had cut the deficit to six.

"Free throw shooting and defense were key for us," Krause said. "We knew we needed to keep getting to the line and making free throws to stop the clock."

As the clock ticked down, however, sophomore Katie Madden stepped up. Madden, who the finished with a game-high 24 points on 8 of 8 shooting to go along with nine rebounds, went on to shrink the lead to four. Two

possessions later, she tied the game at 58.

"I felt like we played like more of a unit in the second half," Madden said. "We played as a team and made good passes, which freed me up and gave me more opportunities. Everyone was a threat to them at that point."

Over the next three minutes, the teams traded free throws. With 2:00 on the clock, Taylor took their first lead 66-65 on a Madden finger-roll layup. Jenny Dawes stretched the lead to three with two free throws.

Natalie Young, who finished with 20 points, was quick to respond for the Pilots. The sophomore cut into the lane, drew a foul and completed the three-point play tying the score at 68.

But from that point on, the Lady Trojans dominated. On the ensuing possession, Bethel left Allison Easterhaus wide open at the top of key. The junior, not known for her 3-point shooting, drained the shot as the clock wound down and the Taylor bench erupted.

"I was scared to death [to take the shot]," Easterhaus said. "But I was also confident. It really gave our team a lift."

Easterhaus went on to ice the game with two free throws, leading the Trojans to a 74-69 win.

"This was a great win for

us," assistant coach Denise Johnson said. "It was such a team effort. We've been striving to get to the point all year where we could focus intensely throughout an entire game. It all came together tonight."

The team, however, had to refocus this week for tonight's rematch against the conference champion St. Francis Lady Cougars.

"We worked a lot of transition defense this week," Krause said. "St. Francis is an exceptionally quick team, so transitions will be key for us in the game. We also have to complement that by taking care of the ball."

Taylor (18-13) will play tonight at St. Francis at 7 p.m.

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All-MCC 2nd Team  
Katie Madden

MCC All-Freshman Team  
Stacie Myers

All-Conference Academic Team  
Allison Easterhaus  
Jenny Dawes