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"Ye shall know the truth"

May 5, 1995

### National and International News

☛ One out of two Americans imprisoned in Iraq was briefly hospitalized for medical tests Wednesday. According to Information Minister Hamed Yousef Humadi, he was then returned to his cell when no problems were found. Humadi would not release which prisoner was hospitalized.

☛ The Oklahoma City death toll is up to 145 people, including another child found Wednesday. There are still 28 people unaccounted for, and no one has yet been charged responsible for the terrorist attack. The search is now limited to machinery due to the extremely dangerous condition of the building.

☛ Republican budget cutters want to replace \$1 bills which wear out in 17 months, with \$1 coins which last 30 years. This plan is projected to save the American government \$120 to \$180 million per year.

☛ Gov. Evan Bayh signed into law legislation imposing stiff new penalties on deadbeat parents who fail to pay court-ordered child support. This law allows the courts to suspend the driver's and professional licenses of those who fall behind by three months or \$2,000, and the authority to report the delinquency to credit bureaus.

## University housing philosophy divides administration, students

by Julie Bollinger  
campus editor

As the year comes to a close and preparations for next years housing begins, administration strives to hold to their philosophy as upperclassman struggle to get off campus.

Taylor has always been a residential campus, according to Denise Bankerink, director of housing. There is the expectation for students to live on campus in the Taylor community for their four years.

Often misunderstood, off campus is not a choice or option for upper classman rather it is used for

over flow, Bankerink said.

Before deciding on the number to be let each year, Bankerink works closely with those involved with admissions of the incoming students and past trends of enrollment.

It is important to not have a lot of empty beds, Bankerink said. This would result in a loss of income.

According to Bankerink, they are not focusing on letting upperclassman off-campus to get experience of a transition from a tight community to independent living after graduation.

To focus on this would be going against the residential phi-

losophy which emphasizes the leadership and model roles that upperclassman play in the resident

**"Building lifelong relationships is much more easily fostered in a setting you are all comfortable with - being one of your choice."**

- Chad Hanes, senior

halls with underclassman.

It is not just a housing issue that keeps the majority of students on campus their last year. According to Bankerink, if they were to

allow all who wanted to be off their last year, it would mean expanding the enrollment in order to fill all the beds. This in turn would mean going beyond the capacity of most of the facilities on campus.

"When enrollment settles around the 1800 mark, there will be less off," Bankerink said.

This year the number of students denied off-campus approval has been significantly higher than previous years as a result of the amount who applied. The number of students who applied this spring include 121 women and 125 men plus those living in Fairlane apartments pulling the number well over 300 total. Last year only 71 women and 96 men applied giving a difference of approximately 133 students.

According to Bankerink the number doubled partly because it is a larger class.

The group average of hours of those applied this year is 105 hours which is slightly larger than previous years.

The selection process is objective and done strictly by hours. The hours are accumulated, rank, and a line is drawn at the number of students allowed off.

"If you do it at any other criteria the process becomes very sub-

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photo by Rachel Williams

PICKIN' AWAY- Seniors Clay Rassi and Tim Blackiston play a duet during the Variety Show on Wednesday night.

### Campus Calendar

Friday, May 5

- ✓ Jazz Ensemble Concert 7:30 p.m. R/A
- ✓ Play: "MacBeth" 8 p.m. Mitchell Theatre

Saturday, May 6

- ✓ Taylathon
- ✓ Play: "MacBeth" 8 p.m. Mitchell Theatre

Sunday, May 7

- ✓ Ringers & Bell Choir Concert 7:30 p.m. Recital Hall

Tuesday, May 9

- ✓ Sounds & Brass Choir Concert 7:30 p.m. Recital Hall

Wednesday, May 10

- ✓ SAC Movie: "Maverick" 8:15 p.m. R/A

Thursday, May 11

- ✓ Taylor Family Dinner 6:45 p.m. Isely Room

compiled by Laurie Hunderfund

## Taylathon tradition

by Stephanie Ringgenberg  
associate reporter

The Taylathon, a time honored tradition which conjures images of hay bales against light posts and bicycle helmets, once again cycles into the horizon Saturday, May 6.

The Taylathon day of events, sponsored by Interclass Council (ICC), kicks off at 1 p.m. with the introduction of the triathlon team members. Each team is comprised of eight female members from the freshman, sophomore, junior and senior classes.

The triathlon race itself begins at 1:15 p.m. Upon its conclusion,

the bicycle teams are set for introductions beginning at 1:45.

The National Anthem, sung by Taylor Sounds, is scheduled for 2 p.m. and the race gets off to its brutal bicycling beginning at 2:15.

The Taylathon, for the novices who have yet to experience the phenomenon, is a 64-lap bicycle race comprised of four teams of eight members. Each member of the team rides eight laps, one at a time, although it is not against the rules to go for two laps at a time.

Winners of both Taylathon and the trike race receive individual trophies. In addition, the grand

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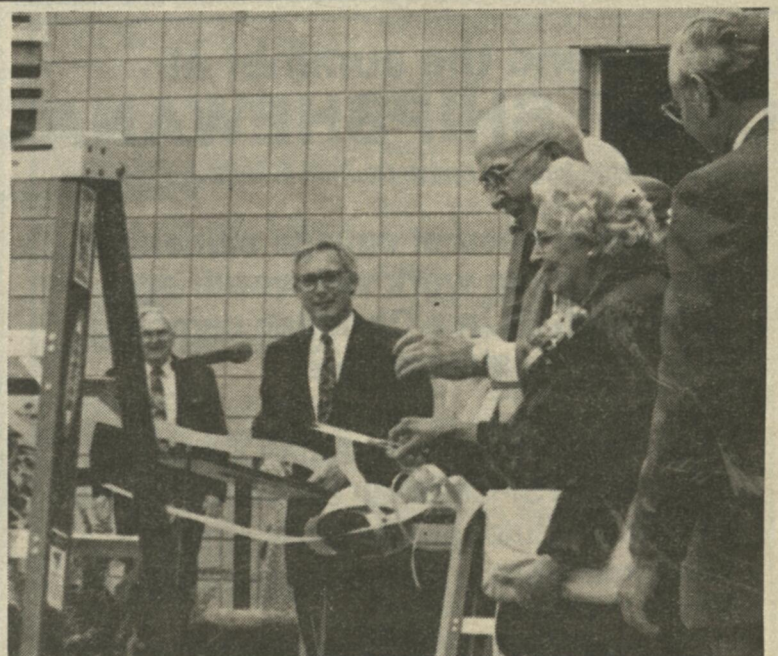


photo by Rachel Williams

DEDICATING THE LADDERS - The Boyds, for who the building is named, participate in reopening of the new maintenance facility

# Perspectives & Issues

In two short weeks we will be leaving. Finals will be over, term papers will be done and those last minute projects...well, who knows. Our only assignment aside from a summer job will be to relax and work, if it can be called that, on our tans. It seems strange, as we finish our finals and start packing our things that some of us won't be returning as students again.

I was asked by a freshman today, to share all the wisdom I have learned over four years here. I have to admit amidst the busyness that the end of the year brings, I have spent little time reflecting on my years here at Taylor, or the "wisdom" (if you can call it that) that I could impart.

But when I think about it, my four years have taught me a great deal. It's part of the Taylor Tradition, but I have learned to integrate faith into the rest of my life. When I first came here, my faith was something I kept neatly boxed. I never felt quite comfortable sharing my faith or imposing my morals on someone who wasn't a Christian. I will leave here, not with a neat little box, but with a secure, well thought out faith that I am willing to share.

When we leave, either for the

summer or as graduates, we take with us the friendships that have been so much a part of our lives.

These are the people who we have laughed with at 3 a.m. over something that just doesn't seem quite as funny now. These are also the people who have been with us when we just needed someone to turn to. They teach us about ourselves and help us to grow.

But one of the most important items we take with us is the sense of belonging to a community and a family. It's hard to explain what it is that draws us to Taylor and why we come back each year. Really, how much fun can you have in a cornfield? As much as I wish I could explain it, I can't describe how Taylor, even in the middle of a cornfield, becomes a second home.

The best part of it is that it doesn't diminish with time, so I am told. I've heard countless alumni, of varying ages, say that no matter how much Taylor changes, it always feels like home when they return. It's comforting to know that as much as we will take from this place, that we will also bring back a sense of belonging whenever we return.



Heather McCready  
Student Body President

## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

Room draw and the off-campus decisions have a lot of people nervous and frustrated these days. (Even me, and I'll be in Indianapolis student teaching next fall.)

Room draw in the dorms makes everyone crazy. The system is so confusing: you have to give up your room to move elsewhere, you have to have a roommate to keep your room, etc. etc.. Perhaps improved organization could make the process easier and people happier. For example, what is keeping upperclassmen without roommates from being hooked up with transfer students, or incoming freshmen so that they can keep their rooms? Or, just maybe, the students of Taylor have the ability to organize and agree upon a process of keeping or switching rooms, wings, or even halls.

Dear Editor,

The Life Together Covenant directly says that the only reason social dancing is not permitted on or away from campus is because some evangelical Christians view it as a morally questionable activity. This is not a solid reason to make the rule for the entire student body. Many Christians have different views on different issues, but this does not mean that all Christians should try to conform to one standard of living. Christians disagree over many moral issues. Drinking alcohol is an example. Just because some Christians think it is wrong to drink (when at legal age), doesn't mean that all Christians shouldn't drink. Nowhere in the Bible does it say drinking alcohol is a sin. As with dancing, just because drinking is questionable to some, should not mean it should be outlawed for everyone.

The problem with the off-campus process seems to lie less in organization and more in the policy itself. Basically there seems to be a conflict of interest between student desires and the system.

When it comes to our senior year in college, I believe the whereabouts of living should be a matter of choice. By this time we shouldn't have to struggle to be able to take responsibility for our accommodations.

I appreciate the Taylor community, but our perspective of the community doesn't need to be limited to dorm life. Our commitment to each other and Taylor is strong enough to extend past "campus." As adults we should be given the freedom to choose our place in the community.

The financial aspect of the hous-

ing policy is one I don't know too much about, but like any business, I'm sure that money plays a large part. Taylor has to pay the bills and the desire for a limited number of students increases the financial burden; however, Taylor should organize enrollment and building projects to compensate for finances. Whatever the unfortunate financial bind or enrollment ideals, these issues shouldn't limit the deserved choices of Taylor students.

I don't intend for this letter to come across as foolish complaining and I am well aware that there is a lot behind the housing policy. But we are the students and I think we all ought to voice our opinions so that we can continue to make Taylor a better place to be.

Karen Lauck, junior

Dancing is a fun activity that many people enjoy with friends and is also a great way to meet new people. It is a way to exercise and have fun at the same time. Most students, whether in college or high school, really enjoy it because it is something different to do, as opposed to the regular activities such as movies and bowling. People might say dancing is wrong because of different types of dances that may lead to un-Christian thoughts, feelings, or actions, which is probably why some Christians are against it. If this is another reason dancing at Taylor is not allowed, or if there are any other reasons, it should specifically be stated in the Covenant. Having un-Christian results, however, is not a stable argument against dancing. Not all dances are as bad as some people think. Tele-

vision and movies portray many sexual and sensuous dances that are very un-Christian, but these are not the only dances that exist. Also, as Christians, we are responsible for all of our actions. If students at Taylor were allowed to dance, and then found that they were in an uncomfortable situation or dancing in an un-Christian manner, they are responsible to remove themselves from the situation. Christian students have many responsibilities, and they should be trusted in their judgment of activities. Taylor should omit the dancing rule in the Life Together Covenant and students should be trusted in their actions and their responsibilities with dancing.

Sincerely,  
Kamarah Ziel, freshman

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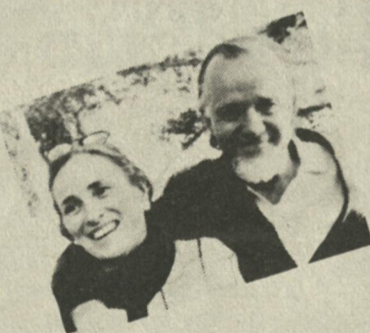
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# Taylathon - The early days

by Jason Berner  
staff writer

The sacred bikes stand pristine against the backdrop of anxious spectators. The excitement builds as the riders confidently stroll up to the starting line. From the naive freshmen to the experienced, race-ready seniors, one thing dominates their thoughts; "Who will win this year's extemporaneous speaking contest?"

"Excuse me, did you say extemporaneous speaking contest?"

Extemporaneous speeches were just a small part of the enticing activities that used to take place during Taylathon. In 1964, students, overwhelmed with school spirit, were involved in activities like soccer, kickball, archery, tennis, weightlifting, class quartets, a class comedian contest and the bikathon.

As the 60's progressed, more events were added to the week long festival, including, in 1968, ping pong, coed softball games, relays, volleyball, and barbershop quartets.

With the dawning of the 70's, Taylathon continued to expand involving more and more students in the spirited activities. In 1973, the ugly man contest and paper bag skits were just some of the new events added to the exciting line up.

As liberated women began to become prevalent on Taylor's campus, they felt a reasonable sense of equality was missing from the Taylathon activities. So in 1979, the Trikathon was officially recognized as an integral part of the festivities. Also in 1979, the TU Barrel became affectionately known as the Trojan Horse we know today.

As the 80's rolled in, Taylathon changed to keep up with the fast moving pace of the new decade. The Tarzan and Jane Contest, which involved a Tarzan call, Jane eating bananas, an egg toss, and an extensive and demanding obstacle course, became an annual event along with the Hot Dog Eating Contest and the attractive Belch Relay.

Today, Taylathon centers around the 64 lap bikathon race, although the Bell Tower Classic has given it strong competition in recent years. So this May as your standing in Suicide Corner waiting for the next biker or triker to go careening through the hay bales, skidding to an excruciating stop on the pavement, remember the rich past that is represented in Taylathon and above all, remember your school spirit.

## Taylathon

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prize trophy which is passed on from year to year, will be engraved with the winning team's class.

Each class will also receive points on the basis of their final standing. For example, the win-

ning team will receive 500 points, while the fourth place team will receive 200 points.

"The Taylathon is an exciting tradition and one in which ICC is well represented because of the class competition. Individuals compete, but Taylor as a whole is

involved," Kristin Theard, president of ICC, said.

Announcers for the 1995 Taylathon are students Jeff Johnson, Matt Aalsma, Mike Styer and Mike Arnold.

A new aspect to the announcing of Taylathon this year is the addition of faculty member Dave Burns.

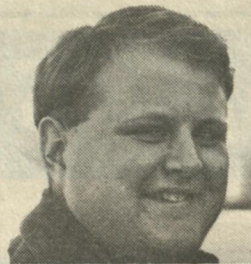
Burns will be bringing color commentary to Taylathon with years of professional car race announcing experience.

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by Herb Harjes

Don't Forget the View

## I was thinking...

Well, the year is nearly over. By the time you read this, the countdown to graduation will be under 400 hours.

I have thoroughly enjoyed writing for you this year. For the most part, you have been very supportive.

However, there has been one critic who has pestered me much akin to the manner in which the black plaque inconvenienced Europe. "Herb, you have the Taylor students eating out of your hand, take a stand on something and make them follow you!"

Well, my reaction was two-fold. First, I stuck up for all of you. "Mr. H, (that's what we'll call him) I will not manipulate people like that," I exclaimed, "It's just wrong and I'll have no part in it!"

(That space was a pause for your hugs and applause. After all, defending the honor of 1800 students can tire a guy out.)

My second reaction was to think, "He was right, it is about time I took a stand on some issues."

Some might say that I am bowing to a special interest group, but I see it differently. So, here it goes - my opinions...

Leaving J-term the way it is - FOR IT.

Making chapel mandatory - AGAINST IT

Campus safety - FOR IT

Campus safety giving me tickets - AGAINST IT

Sunday morning services on campus - AGAINST IT

Morris Hall being torn down - AGAINST IT

A new Morris Hall being Co-ed - EXTREMELY AGAINST IT (Sammy would roll over in his grave)

The position of student body president - FOR IT

Draining Taylor Lake - AGAINST IT

The tradition of the Trojan Horse - FOR IT

Big money for the Echo staff - FOR IT

The Hurl - FOR IT (Think how boring that side of campus would look with only the playground to spice things up.)

Space Grip (Main entrance sculpture) - AGAINST IT

Palm Tree (D.C. sculpture) - AGAINST IT

Relationship Week being so close to Spring Renewal Week -

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### AGAINST IT

Longer open house hours - MARGINALLY AGAINST IT

Co-ed floors - AGAINST IT (You'll wake up with the opposite sex when your married, until then, enjoy your freedom.)

Herb working at Taylor next year - FOR IT

Taylor relocating to upper Nova Scotia - AGAINST IT (but think of the view)

Dancing on campus - AGAINST IT (Although many of you have never seen me bust a move)

Living off-campus - FOR IT (And highly recommended)

Giving all seniors the chance to live off-campus - FOR IT

The smiley face on the water tower - FOR IT

Jay Kesler being paid whatever he makes - FOR IT

Fall Break next year - FOR IT

Fall Break the year after I graduate - what do you think...AGAINST IT

These are just a sampling of the issues running around in my head. The list is far from exhaustive as I'm sure you are well aware. I didn't touch on Clinton's foreign policy or the whole spotted owl thing in Washington State.

The concept behind taking a stance on an issue is that there will always be someone to disagree with you and they will believe in their cause just as passionately as you do, fully believing they are right.

The frightening aspect of the whole thing is - They might be right!

And you could be wrong.

This isn't a column to discourage taking a stand, but rather to encourage opinions to be voiced.

While I'm back of the subject of opinions, here's another of mine. Don't fight over insignificant things. The exact location of Jesus' birth is of little consequence to my faith. And arguing about it with someone is of even lesser interest to me.

Don't take a stand for the sake of taking a stand. Generation X seems to be littered with people who are "against the system" just because it seems to be the thing to do.

Stand for something that you care about - regardless of public opinion.

But more importantly: Don't be afraid of being wrong and even changing your mind.

# Taylathon '95

## The Riders...

### Senior Class - The defending champs

by Andrea Anibal  
basic reporting

Eight members of the senior class are preparing to participate in their final Taylathon this Saturday.

Experience will be a key in the senior team this year, with six of the eight riders coming into the race with two or more years of experience each.

Newcomers to the team are Steve Austin and Kurt Zurburg, while captain Andy Peterson, Nathan Smith, Adam Ness, Erik Eklund, Mark Reed, and Tim Blackinton are returning.

According to Eklund, a four year member of the team, the seniors have been practicing for the race since before Easter and "really know how to work together."

Most of the team members think their competition will come from the sophomore and junior teams.

"The way it looks, the sophomore teams ride faster in general, but we tend to be more technically consistent," Zurburg said.

Austin and Eklund also looked to the sophomore as a threat while Greg Siefert, who has been the team's catcher for four years, pre-

dicted stiff competition from the juniors because "they've had three years of practice, and they're quick on the changes."

Several members said their

chances of winning this year are good. According to Peterson, "if we intend to win the race, we can't afford any penalties."



photo by Rachel Williams

Andy "Wheels" Peterson attempts to time his handoff perfectly with his senior teammate.

## The Course...

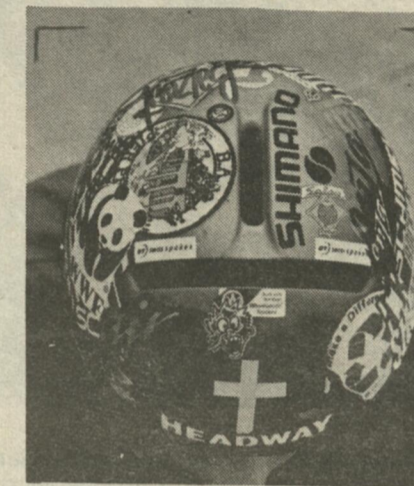
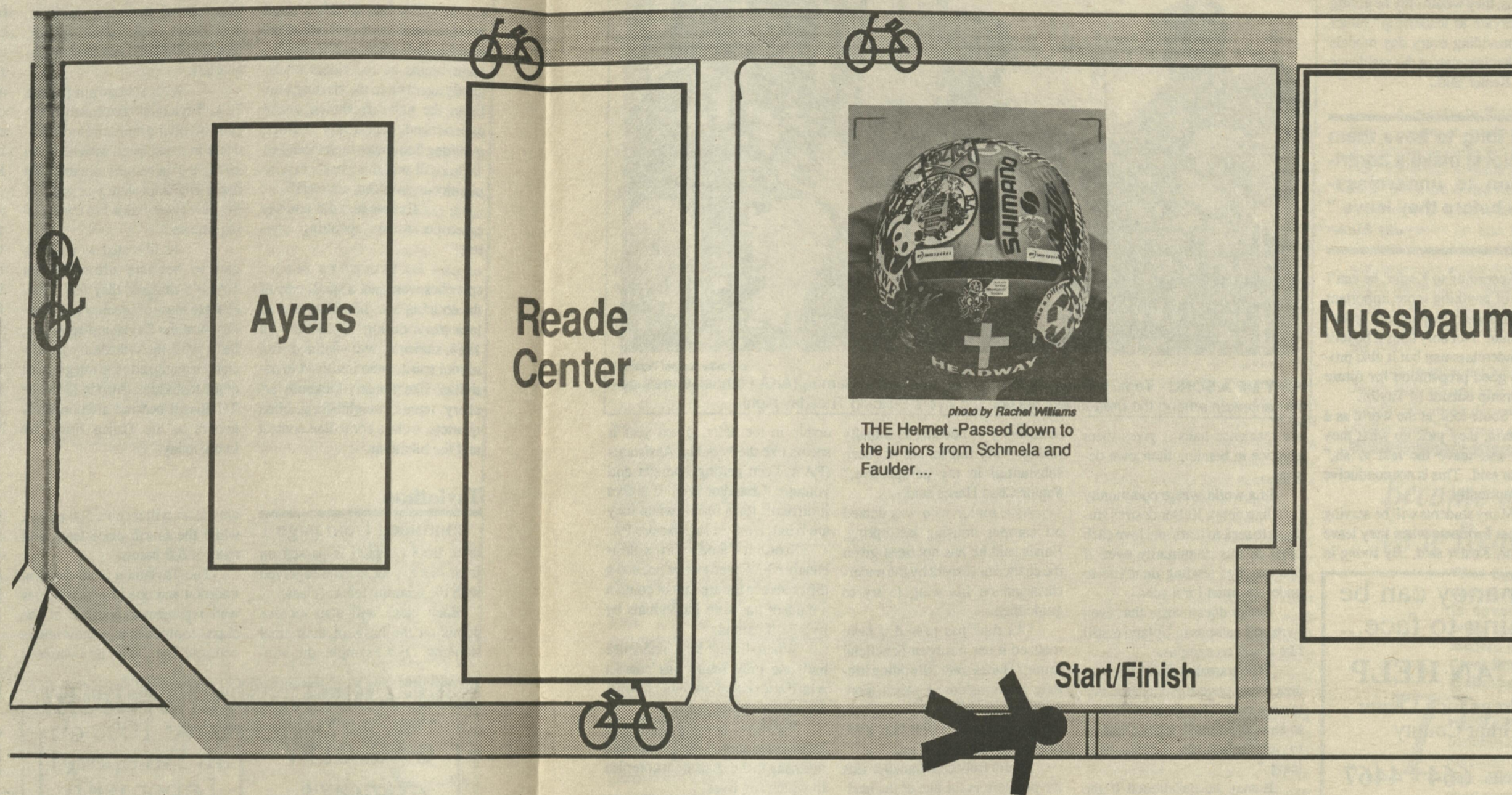


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THE Helmet - Passed down to the juniors from Schmela and Faulder....

## Sophomore Class

by Craig Hider  
basic reporting

The mornings have been cold, early, and sometimes wet, but that hasn't stopped the sophomore riders from practicing.

The eight man team is ready for the Saturday afternoon race. The sophomore team includes; Dave Burden (captain), Clint Erickson, Tim Piston, Aaron Miller, Jerney Joyner, Scott Graber, Jay Curry, and Craig Hider.

Burden will start the race with his fastest lap ridden at 57 seconds. "I am excited. We have a lot of good riders. We are fast, so fast," Burden said.

Erikson will be the second rider. "It's fun, but hard to get up in the mornings," Erikson said. Being new to the team, Erickson brings a lap time of 59 seconds.

The fourth rider, Graber, was one of the three riders on the team that rode a 56 second lap. "Tayla-

thon is three weeks of pain for one hour of glory." Graber said.

"Supporting your class is important," Jay Curry said. Curry is the fourth rider for the team with a lap time of 58 seconds.

"Taylathon is like the Indianapolis 500 except without the cars and the infield," Johnson said. He will be riding fifth.

"I'm very nervous for the race," Miller said. Miller is the second rider to ride a 56 second lap. He is very consistent in riding and time.

The last of the new comers, Joyner, is another who can ride a sub-minute.

"We have a very solid team this year," Hider, the anchor man, said. He has also ridden a 56 second lap in practice.

The sophomores have their hope of winning, but they all know it's going to be a battle in trying.



photo by Rachel Williams

Sophomores Dave Burden and Craig Hider work in unison.

## Women Trikers

by Vic Worthington  
basic reporting

This year's trike race promises to be one of the best in its 16-year history, with all four classes bringing powerful teams to the competition.

Experience is the common thread that connects all three of the upperclass teams. Of the 24 women riding for the sophomore, junior, and senior classes, nearly half have previous Taylathon riding experience.

The senior class is ready to make a strong showing this year, armed with their top secret "Power Trike" prototype (which is rumored to be a product of Harley Davidson's tricycle division). Team officials also confided that they were working on a new hand-off technique known as the "Superman," but refused further comment.

Senior trikers include; Holly Hilger (captain), Carolyn Flynn, Tara Bibbee, Angela Federspiel, Kari Manko, Esther Krocker, Dana Steckley, and Michele Moore.

The juniors bring their work-

horse red trike known as "Trusty," which has served the class of '96 in all three of its Taylathon races.

Riding for the juniors are co-captains Jana Weir and Melodie Ringenberg, Jen Hamilton, Heather Waliczek, Gretchen Newhouse, Paula Hartzler, Jodi Simons, and Beth Gortner.

The sophomore hopes lie with their extremely stable "Green Machine" trike to win this year's race.

Sophomore riders include; Gretchen Voskuil (captain), Julie Palm, Jen Byron, Julie Huston, Jamie Sonnenburg, Liz Fields, Grace Morrison, and Joy Telego.

The freshmen, in an interesting strategy move, have held their practice times to a bare minimum, apparently in hopes of keeping their legs fresh for race day.

Representing the freshman class are Jennifer Hester (captain), Jania Elsesser, Tricia Hopp, Becky Mullian, Jawn Kunkle, Elizabeth Cannell, Jeannette Banashak, and Nancy Wolford.

All four teams wish to express extreme gratitude to their sponsors.

## Junior Class

by Amy Fagan  
basic reporting

The junior Taylathon team will race this Saturday with high hopes. They have faced some challenges, but believe that they are ready.

The team of eight men started this year with five inexperienced members. "We had five new bikers this year, so we were nervous at first," Rob Durbois said, "but I think that we've really improved a lot."

The team has been practicing every morning and evening for one hour. "The weather this year hasn't been too good," Chris Gygi said, "so we've been practicing now for about two weeks. But practices this week have been much better."

Returning for the third consecutive year, are team members Chris Gygi, Steve Wood, and Rob Durbois. Other members include; Curtis Strohl, Chris Dorn, Jonah Smith, Aaron McKinney, and Mark Rudy.



photo by Rachel Williams

Chris Gygi and his teammate begin to have a new respect for the early morning practices.

## Freshman Class

by Barbie Blackford  
basic reporting

This year's freshman Taylathon team is entering the race with a mixture of high hopes and realism.

Representing their class in its first Taylathon are Jeff Pearson (captain), Dan Rohweder, John Bastian, Adam Konopka, Doug Shrieve, Matt Piercey, Franz Forman, and Dave Falkenberg.

Pearson summed up the team's expectations by saying, "If we have a clean, good race, who knows how we might do?"

Plagued by bike breakdowns and changes in team makeup, the riders had not had a chance to practice together as a whole team as of Tuesday night. In their favor is many members' previous experience in bike racing.

From the team's perspective, varying team strengths have almost turned this year's Taylathon into two separate races, seniors vs. sophomores and juniors vs. freshmen. "Our goal is to beat the juniors," Piercey said.

Having heard that freshman teams often struggle in the race, Falkenberg said, "We could surprise people, or we could just be a normal freshman team."

Piercey described the Taylathon experience by saying, "It's like wrestling a great white shark (the sidewalk) when your only weapon is a bicycle."

**Housing**

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jective," Bankerink said. Students are given a chance to appeal the process once they have been denied. The appeal is more subjective and is reviewed by a committee.

The bulk of the students are approved by no later than mid July, with some exceptions following due to less cancellations in enrollment than expected.

Some juniors do get off-campus over some seniors because they apply with seniors with higher hours. Bankerink does acknowledge this as an unfair advantage.

Bankerink sees this as a "system that seeks to give everyone the same chance."

Although she is the prime enforcer of the resident philosophy, Bankerink said it is one that is enforced from the "top on down."

President Jay Kesler sees the housing issue as another way of creating the most effective leaders as well as the most beneficial way to create an environment conducive to community.

If all seniors were to live off campus, they would only be giving "lip service to leadership" rather than providing every day models to underclassman in the residence halls, Kesler said.

**"I long to have them [seniors] make a contribution to underclassmen before they leave."**

- Jay Kesler

According to Kesler, he can't think of anything more important than a senior leading an underclassman. Not only does it benefit the underclassman but it also provides good preparation for future leadership outside of Taylor.

"Some look at the world as a cafeteria, they pick up what they want and leave the rest to sit," Kesler said. This is not conducive to community.

Many students will be serving the less fortunate when they leave Taylor, Kesler said. By living in



photo by Rachel Williams

**PLAY ME A SONG** - Tom Hoffrage, Jason Hennie, and Jason Berner, (AKA Flannel Grasshopper) entertain among the breadsticks outside the Ayers Building Tuesday night.

the residence halls it gives them practice in bending their own desires.

In a world where community is falling apart, Kesler desires students to seek to learn and love each other in this community even if that requires lending their life to underclassman for a year.

Kesler does realize that even living off campus in Upland is still like living on campus.

"The transition into independent living once students graduate is easy to do," Kesler said, "I long to have them make a contribution to underclassman before they leave."

It may be questioned if the

philosophy of housing is actually reality. "My impact has not been substantial in my perspective," Senior Chad Hanes said.

As a senior who was denied off campus housing last spring, Hanes said he has not been given the chance or respect by the underclassman on his wing to try to guide them.

"As time has passed, I have realized it has not been beneficial to me," Hanes said. "Building long relationships is much more easily prospered in a setting you are all comfortable with, being one of your choice."

Senior Rebecca Chandler sees the problem in the age of the lead-

ership in the halls. Each year it seems like the Personal Assistants (PA's) keep getting younger and younger, Chandler said. It makes it difficult for a senior when they are being led by a sophomore PA.

Student Body President Heather McCready does not see a difference in the amount of contact a student has with individuals by living off campus.

When living in a residence hall one only really has contact with those on their individual wing, according to McCready.

"We have developed our own little community," McCready said referring to the apartment complex in which she lives.

Given the freedom to live off campus and in a more independent setting, McCready feels she has learned a lot about living on her own in a protected environment, an experience different than that after graduation.

**Exhibit Winners**

by Phoebe Knapp  
basic reporting

Prizes were recently awarded for winning entries in the student art exhibit in the Ayres Building.

First prize for black and white photography went to Randy Veldman; color photography, Marcy Boerman; computer graphics and printmaking, David Parker.

First prize for drawing went to Derek Powell; sculpture, Bernard Wassink; painting, Kris Dorn.

In the jewelry category, Amanda Kruenegal took home first prize, while Sonja Borntrager took firsts in both watercolors and ceramics.

The Best of Show award went to Matthew Latz, while the Mitchell Purchase Award was won by Sonja Borntrager.

The exhibit will remain on display until May 12.

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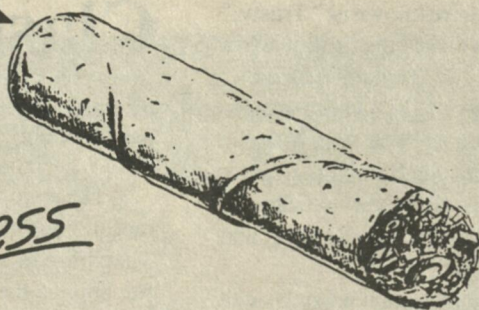


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# Echo Sports Awards Newman hammers competition

by Scott Balyo  
sports editor

Well, it is that time of the year to award the first-ever *Echo* sports awards. Yes, I know faithful sports readers, (all 11 of you) have been eagerly awaiting this event, so let's get right into it.

First though, I must say that all of the choices are subjective and I have no doubt missed more than one quality Taylor athlete. If that is the case, I am sorry. Anyway, here they are.

**Top Male Athletes:** For this category and the women's as well, I looked at not only statistical outputs, but value to the team, as well as attitude. These are in no particular order.

1) James Njoroge - cross-country, track: Sure I've misspelled his name a few times, but no one can dominate an event like James can. He is humble in victory, and runs with power and grace which is basically unmatched at this level. Plus, he is only a sophomore.

2) Doug Bonura - football, track: He made amazing catches and added the ability to leave defenders in the dust. He leaves as Taylor's top receiver ever and also displayed the sportsmanship and attitude often absent from today's athletic arena.

3) Jim Pope - basketball: Consistently rose to the occasion on both ends of the hardwood this winter, and displayed one of the most competitive spirits around. Disciplined, hard-working, and genuine, Pope will return for another great season next year.

#### Top Female Athletes:

1) Natalie Steele volleyball, basketball, softball: Tremendous three-sport athlete, who was voted MCC Co-MVP in volleyball and was third team All-American in basketball. Scary to think that she is only a freshman.

2) Beth Prior - tennis, softball: Combined her number one ranking in tennis with a strong softball season. She returned from a summer surgery to regain her top form. Will lead the women's tennis team to the National Tournament in a few weeks.

3) Amy Boothe - cross country, track and Jennifer Bottom - basketball: Couldn't decide here, so I went with two more selections. Both are seniors and both will be missed, Boothe on the cross-country team and Bottom for the basketball team.

#### Honorable Mention / Most Unheralded:

Male athletes: J.J. Guedet - football, Andy Harbour - soccer, Travis Campbell - baseball, Toby Bohl - soccer, Matt Moulton - basketball, Jason Norman - baseball,

Mark Mays - cross country, track, Phil Steiner - cross-country, track, Tony Newman - track

Female athletes: Natalie Stanislaw - volleyball, track, Dana Steckley - tennis, Yen Tran - basketball, Melody Benson - softball, Beth Dehogne - softball, Sarah Nederveld - tennis, softball, Lisa Dunkerton - basketball, Jackie Beard - track.

#### Most up-and-coming:

Male: The three freshman from the varsity basketball team, Scott Smiley, Chris Glenn, and Jon Buekelman. Gained experience and will definitely be a factor in upcoming seasons.

Ed Traub - good attitude and strong athlete who will help anchor defense next year in football. Also continues to get better in javelin.

Female: Rebecca King - improved in both volleyball and track this season.

#### Most Improved Teams:

Men's Baseball: 12-31 - 1994, 28-18 - 1995 (not done yet)

Women's Basketball: 14-17 - 1994, 20-11 - 1995

#### Top Coaches:

Men's: Tie - Larry Winterholter, Baseball and Chris Coy - cross-country and track (men's and women's)

Women's: Angie Cox - Volleyball and softball

#### Best games of the year:

Football: 29-14 victory at Anderson

Women's tennis: Win over IWU in MCC tournament

Women's basketball: Win over Marian 52-48

Volleyball: Win over Huntington in MCC championship

Men's and women's track and field: MCC championships

#### Best upcoming sports publication:

Taylor's Sports Information Director, Jeff Raymond, is starting a Christian sports magazine entitled, *Sports endeavor*. The first issue is due out in July, with the lead article being about Olympic decathlete, Dave Johnson.

#### Most invisible team:

Men's Golf

#### Most underappreciated:

Athletic department secretaries: Val, Trudy and Lura.

by Luke Swartz  
staff writer

Tony Newman has one more track meet to reach his goals for this season.

If he does that this weekend at the NCCAA national meet in Cedarville, Ohio, Newman will get to attend the NAIA national track meet May 25-27 at Azusa Pacific University in California.

In this, his senior year, Newman, who throws the discus, hammer and shot put for the Trojans, set lofty goals.

"I want to make (outdoor) Nationals in both the disc and hammer, and would like to throw into the 170's (feet) in both. I missed the other day by 15 inches, so I was a little fired up," Newman said as he looked at the short distance between his outstretched hands.

Newman, who won indoor NAIA All-American honors in the 35 lb. weight throw in February, is getting close to his goals. He won both the discus and hammer throws last Saturday at the MCC meet with tosses of 155-1 and 164-2 respectively. Newman also placed third in the shot at 44-2 1/2, his best put of the year.

"There's good competition at the NCCAA's this year, a little better than in previous years, so we're hoping to score a decent amount in the hammer," Newman said.

But good competition is something that Newman is quite familiar with.

#### Best new addition:

Coach Steve Wilt - football

Well, there they are, and I hope you have enjoyed the year in sports. I realize I didn't get to all games, but I have tried to give fair coverage to the teams. I think it was a successful year for Taylor sports, and I know that Luke Swartz, next year's sports editor, will have many more exciting events to cover as

Taylor's athletes and coaches continue to exemplify what quality Christian athletics are about.

"I've been to Nationals the last two years so maybe I can get All-American this year," Newman said. He needs to place in the top six to be awarded that honor.

Newman has trained hard. In the off-season he and the other Taylor throwers lift weights. They also brave the winter weather and begin throwing in January when most Hoosiers are worried only about college basketball and keeping warm.

Just being with Chris Hayden, Jason Habisch and Eric Syswerda is great. We make throwing fun no matter what," Newman said.

Newman graduates in a couple weeks and hopes to work for General Motors in his hometown of Mansfield, Ohio. Or he will live in Kentucky and work at a small business. Right now, that seems a long way off.

"Outdoor nationals is where it's at. The best competition that we can face will be there."

If all goes as planned, Tony

Newman will be there too.

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# Track captures MCCs

## Baseball nears 30 wins

by Scott Balyo  
sports editor

### Track and Field

Amidst an otherwise rainy spring, the Taylor men's and women's track teams each had their days in the sun, winning their respective Mid-Central Conference Championships last Saturday in convincing fashion.

The men, who trailed for much of the day, rallied behind the strong efforts shown in the hammer throw and the distance events. This year was the first year for the men in the MCC.

Trailing Indiana Wesleyan, last year's champion, 216-215 going into the hammer throw, which was the final event, the Trojans captured first, second and fourth place, to win the meet 237-216.

Senior Tony Newman spearheaded the victory with his conference-record throw of 164-2. He also won the discus (155-1), third in the shot (44-2 1/2), and has quietly gone about racking up points for the Trojans all season long.

Sophomore James Njoroge was again in championship form, winning the 800 in a school-record time of 1:49.87, and also captured the 1,500 (4:02.86) and the 5,000 (15:17.72).

The Trojans were certainly not a two-man team though, as they got strong performances from a host of other athletes.

Vince Diller, senior, won the javelin (166-1), and freshman Shadrack Kilemba captured the 10,000 in 33:28.50. Spencer Smith took first in the pole vault (14-0) and Matt Schweingruber won the 400 hurdles in a time of 56.8. Another key victory came from the 1,600 relay time (Doug Bonura, Jeremy Warden, Mark Mays, James Njoroge) winning the event in a meet-record time of 3:19.06.

For the women, who won the meet with 173 points, to Huntington's 135, and Marian's 113, senior Amy Boothe won the 100 hurdles (15.82) and she joined Myndi Hughes, Susan Dodson and Allison Eichel to win the 1,600 relay in 4:06.28. Hughes also won the 400 hurdles in 1:07.16, which was a conference record.

Natalie Stanislav won the javelin (128-4), and was third in the 400 hurdles, while Boothe was second.

Coach Chris Coy, was especially pleased with the double victory.

"The way things usually are, track is an individual sport, but for conference it is strictly a team



Photo by Rachel Williams

**LEACH AT HOME** - Senior Troy Leach eyes a runner in the Bethel game, Saturday. The Trojans split the double header, and are currently 28-18 and will be back in action at home today against Goshen at 1 p.m.

meet," Coy said. "We really performed well, and our depth was what did it."

The Trojans will look to continue their winning ways this weekend at the NCCAA (National Christian College) meet at Cedarville.

"Last year we went into the meet just hoping to place people well, but this year we're hoping to win," Coy said.

### Baseball

The Trojans have had a complete turnaround from last season's 12-win campaign, as they are currently 28-18, and in second place in the MCC at 17-9.

Taylor split two games with league-leader Bethel, Saturday, losing the first game 3-2 in 11 innings, but coming back in the second game to win 8-5. Darrin

Hess took the loss in game one, while Jonathon Burns won the second.

"It was a good first game, and both teams had chances to win," Coach Larry Winterholter said. "I was disappointed we lost, but I was happy we played hard and came back to win the second."

The Trojans split two more games, Tuesday, against Grace, losing the first game 5-3, but coming from behind in the second game to win 3-2.

A single by Mark Raikes in the third, scored two runs, giving Taylor the lead for good in the game.

Taylor has been reaping the benefits of senior Travis Cambell's strong hitting as of late. Campbell was 12-for-19 (.632) last week, as

Taylor went 5-1 during the stretch. He was named the MCC Player of the Week for his efforts.

The Trojans are guaranteed to make the MCC tournament, along with Goshen, Bethel and either Marian or Indiana Wesleyan. Taylor will probably be the second seed.

"We have four tough games in front of us, and if we can just keep people healthy, I think we've got a good chance," Winterholter said.

Taylor will host Goshen today at 1:30 p.m., and will also host Indiana Tech, Saturday at 1 p.m.

### Softball

A young Lady Trojans softball team, ended their season yesterday, with a 3-2 loss to Grace in the MCC tournament.

The team fell behind 2-0 early, but battled back in the fifth as Melody Benson scored Deb Perkins to make it 2-1.

Grace scored on an error with two outs in the sixth, but a Natalie Steele triple followed by Cary McFarland single in the bottom of the inning made it 3-2, but the Lady Trojans could get no closer.

"I think the season was one of improvement, and overall this team improved more and more and they really came together.

Taylor had four players hit over .300: Beth Dehogne, Sarah Nederveld, Jen Long and Benson. Long and Benson were the team's lone seniors.

The team finished 13-18 overall and 5-9 in the conference, but they will look to build on this year, for success next season.

### Golf

The golf team placed fourth in an MCC match at IWU this week, as they were led by Drew LeMaster who shot 79. Bill Techanchuk had an 85, while Jerry Thatcher shot an 86 and Brian Burkey, 87.

The Trojans will compete in the MCC Tournament, a 36-hole event which takes place this weekend.



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**Congratulations Erik Hotmire!!!!**

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You make the call is over for the year and I would like to thank everyone for playing. I had a good mix of people playing from men and women, students to faculty.

YMTC will probably continue next year, so hopefully everyone will continue to play.

If you have any suggestions please tell, Luke Swartz, who will be in charge of it next year.

Again thanks for playing and have a great summer.



**Have a great summer!!!!  
From the Echo Sports  
Department.**