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Campus mourns loss of health center director

BY ABBY MCLAUGHLIN

EDITOR

Teresa Smith, director of the Haakonsen Health Center, died Aug. 5 after a prolonged battle with cancer. Smith is survived by her husband, Dennis, and their children, Taylor sophomore Aaron, Kyle, and Renee. "Above all, Teresa was a wonderful mom who loved her kids and was strongly committed to her husband," said Walt Campbell, dean of students.

Smith was very involved in her job as director of the health center. "Teresa cared very deeply about providing the best health care for the students, and she raised the level of service in the health center," Campbell said.

According to Annette Payne, a Licensed Practitioner who worked with Smith in the health center, Smith was passionate about education, both for the students on campus and for her co-

"Teresa held PA nights to inform the students about what we offer...she wanted them to be well educated. She was also very supportive of us (other nurses in the health center) getting further education," Payne said.

In addition to her role as director of the health center since 1994, Smith taught nursing at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion and at the Indiana University School of Nursing in Indianapolis. She was also coowner of the Jones-Smith Funeral Home in Upland and a member of Upland Community Church.

Described as a "cheerleader" by co-workers, Smith was viewed as an encouragement to those around her, and integrated her faith into all that she did. "Teresa had a deep, abiding faith in God, and was determined to honor God in her sickness," Campbell said. Whether it was witnessing to the doctors caring for her during her illness or working with students on campus, Smith's love for God was evident. "She was a very spiritual woman. She was always writing scriptures in her date book, and her Bible was highlighted...She definitely loved her Lord," Payne said.

Gyertson shares vision for Taylor

Desires to acquaint himself with 'heart of the institution'



Photo courtesy of Jim Garringer

DR. GYERTSON addresses the Taylor community Wednesday during his first chapel service as president. Members of the Brotherhood displayed their appreciation for the new president by waving flags of varying significance from their seats in the balcony of Rediger Auditorium.

By ABBY McLaughlin

David Gyertson was welcomed as the 29th president of Taylor amid cheers and a standing ovation during Wednesday's chapel

Gyertson, who served most recently as the president of Asbury College in Wilmore, Ky., was chosen as Jay Kesler's successor after a nine-month search by the board of trustees.

Gyertson said a major chal-

lenge of his first year will be getting to know Taylor. "I'm in the process of trying to figure out not just how Taylor works, but also the heart of the institution," he said. "Taylor is similar to other schools, but there are some very distinctive differences, too." For example, he said Taylor has a remarkably high level of student involvement and leadership. He also said that there is a more sophisticated and mature program for

than at other Christian colleges.

Not only does Gyertson desire to get acquainted with Taylor and its students, but he also said he hopes the campus will get to know him. "I want to be available. I plan to try and eat breakfast and lunch in the DC as much as possible, so I can get to know the students."

Students shouldn't expect to see Gvertson just dropping by their tables, however. He said he feels

student development at Taylor uncomfortable "invading the students' space" and is more likely to sit down at an empty table than with other students. "I just hope students will invite me to sit, or come over and sit with me," Gyertson said.

Gyertson will also address faculty concerns by working with Dwight Jessup, vice president for academic affairs. "My greatest concern in Upland right now is the faculty. The better (See GYERTSON on page 2)

plans activities, changes for campus

By Karen Penner

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Several projects and activities Taylor Student Organization await students for the 2000-01 school year.

Steve Klipp, student body president, is heading a project to regulate campus parking. parking lots will be color-coded by dorms. . . students can only park overnight in their designated lots," Klipp said.

Like years before, all students are required to have registration stickers for their cars, but this year each sticker includes a letter signifying their dorm. This will make illegally parked cars easily identifiable.

Tim Harding, chairman of the Student Senate, has several projects in mind for the upcoming school year as well. One of his goals is to finish up proposals and plans from last year. These projects include bringing the price of pop in the vending machines down to 50 cents, installing ice machines into the dorms and the implementation of "grab and go" lunches in the dining commons. Harding also wants to work on getting security light call boxes set up around campus and extend open house hours to include one night during the week.

TSO activities for this year include the expected annual events, such as Airband, '90s Night, X-Games and Taylathon. There is also one new addition: the Cardboard Boat Regatta. The regatta is a competition consisting of a team building a boat out of cardboard and racing across Taylor Lake. This event will take place Sept. 16. Mike Paull, president of Inter-Class Council, is in charge of the event.

"It'll be an exciting event and we encourage everyone to come out and take part in it," he said.

Other events planned for this semester are: Paintball (Sept. 9), Spelling Bee (Oct. 10), Trojan Film Festival (Nov. 30) and the Christmas Banquet (Dec. 2). Details for each event will be posted closer to the date.

TSO members are excited about the schedule of events and the possible changes for Taylor's campus. "It looks like it's going to be a great year and I'm looking forward to seeing it all come together," Klipp said.

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Grants equal thousands in improvements

Funds sponsor new equipment, guest lecturer, faculty development stipends

By KAREN PENNER

ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Taylor students and faculty will benefit from several thousand dollars the Upland campus received in grants, according to Brent Chapman, coordinator of development grants and research.

Chapman said a \$100,000 grant will be used to supply a room in the Modelle Metcaff Visual Arts Center, which will eventually be attached to the east side of the Rupp Center.

A second grant will bring nationally syndicated columnist Terry Mattingly to Taylor on Oct. 6. The grant, totaling \$4,000, was given by both the Council

for Christian Colleges and Universities and the Fieldstead Journalism Lecture Series. Pam Parry, assistant professor of communication arts, said, "We're thrilled to be hosting him and hope to make the most of his visit."

Funding from Academic Affairs is allowing faculty the chance to further their education and get paid for it. Win Corduan, professor of Biblical studies, Christian education and philosophy, will be teaching a course about faith and learning integration. Faculty will be required to complete readings, and write reflective summaries and a 10-page paper on the inte-

gration of faith and learning within their discipline. Faculty who complete the course requirements will be granted a stipend for their faculty development initiative.

Steve Bedi, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, said, "Taylor is committed to providing students with the equipment and materials that will enable them to be well prepared to be distinctive in the various fields they are pursuing."

Other grants and funding went to: furniture and wiring for a new computer classroom in the Zondervan Library; new computers to support the graphic arts

program; ceiling projectors for Reade classrooms; a high-intensity projector in Rediger; upgraded HyperChem software in the chemistry department: added equipment for the music department's electronic lab; office furniture for the art, Bible. Christian education, philosophy, education and computer science departments; a new faculty office in the psychology department; new computers in the computer science department; an ice machine for the biology department; new drafting tables, easels and stools in the art building; and new computers for the journalism lab.

GYERTSON

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equipped the faculty, the better education (the students) will get. We're investing in student lives here," Gyertson said.

Increasing the efficiency of policy-making by the board of trustees is another priority, Gyertson said. "People think that presidents get to make all the decisions. The president has a lot of influence, but the power is in the hands of the board," he said.

Walt Campbell, dean of students, is pleased with Gyertson's plans for the school. "Rather than having his own vision, he wants to know what God's vision is and work on implementing that," Campbell said. "He didn't just come in with some outside plan. I have a high level of respect for that"

Senior Matt Stephens is also impressed with Gyertson. "I think he's great. Dr. Gyertson's intention to maintain the standards and integrity of Taylor will keep us growing in the right direction," he said.

In the future, Gyertson said he plans to raise the remaining \$15 million for the \$75 million Taylor Tomorrow campaign. He will



Photo courtesy of Jim Garringer
DR. GYERTSON tells the story of
a twice-bought boat in Wednesday's
chapel service.

also complete additions and remodeling on the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses and work to expand Taylor's world-wide campus.

Gyertson said he and his wife, Nancy, will spend two days on each campus per week, and will travel the remaining two to three days.

For now, however, his focus is more immediate: "It'll be great when I get to the end of the year and can say, 'Wow, I made it'," he said.

New faculty, staff join roster for 2000-01

Professors:

Solomon Abebe - Associate Professor of Education Scott A. Adams- Instructor of Business

Diane E. Dungan-Assistant Professor of Psychology Candace T. Grover-Instructor of English Daniel R. Plate-Assistant

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Professor of English
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Professor of Communication

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Reality Ropes Course
Ted Bowers- Sports
Information Director
Bettie Hurt- Financial Aid
Receptionist
Barbara Bragg- Director of
Wellness Health Services
Kay Keller- Counselor in
Counseling Center
Amy Barnett- Coordinator of
Student Services
Daniel J. Bowell- Director of
the Zondervan Library

Provided by Academic Affairs, Student Development

Griff's five-day forecast

Friday

Sunny and hot

Saturday

Partly cloudy,

but still hot







Tuesday

Hot and humid

I humid Partly cloudy skies and muggy

A little cooler and mostly cloudy skies

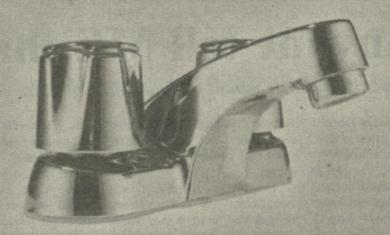
High: 88 High: 86 Low: 68 Low: 68

High: 87 Low: 66 High: 86 Low: 64 High: 82 Low: 63

The hot weather we have been seeing will stay in place through the holiday. Humidity will be on the increase and will cause the heat index to rise, giving us oppressive heat. Models show a slight cooling for the middle of next week, but temperatures should go back up for next weekend. There is a slight chance of rain on Saturday and Sunday, but don't expect more than a sprinkle if anything develops. My advice: drink lots of water and find an air-conditioned building.



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Opinion

"Freedom rings where opinions clash." -Adlai E. Stevenson

Summer's Napster debate still sizzles

Summer is over, and so another school year begins. The moving-in process is slowly coming to an end, and the Taylor community is beginning to settle in to life as it exists eight months out of the year. This settling process might not be as easy for those shocked students who have attempted to log on to Napster, the former campus-favorite website that has been receiving so much attention. To the chagrin of many students, Taylor has made an effort to keep this website's services off of the network

Napster, of course, is the downloadable program that enables the sharing of music files between users. All the user has to do is type in the name of the artist or song they want, and Napster gives them a list of places from which they can download the song. Depending on how much hard drive space the computer has, a Napster user can potentially accumulate a

large library of CD-quality songs on their computer for their listening enjoyment.

Before it became the target of any national lawsuits, Napster caused some concern on Taylor's campus last year because of the amount of bandwidth being taken up by Napster users, causing the network to become congested. While it is apparent why Taylor would want the use of this program to stop, some wonder

whether the issue might also be an ethical

This past summer, lawsuits brought against Napster,

claiming that it encouraged copyright infringement. essence, the record companies, and some musicians and bands, think that people are gaining access to music they would normally have to pay for, thus robbing them of their due royalties. Other musicians and pro-Napster

lobbyists have argued, however, that Napster promotes their music and expands their fan base and concert attendance. Also, they have cited a survey which showed that a large percentage of Napster users have bought a musician's CD after investigating the artist's music by way of the Napster program. would mean that Napster actually had a hand in increasing record sales for the angry record

companies. Are the "It is the users that are record combreaking the copyright panies losing laws, and it has always millions of dollars because of the

> encouraged by Napster? It is apparent that they are not. This past year was an enormous year for record sales in the music industry. Groups like the Backstreet Boys and N' Sync have broken sales records, and the new wave of bubblegum pop groups continues to flourish.

The record companies have argued, however, that since a person can now potentially download the hottest new album from Napster, they would have no reason to go out and buy it, thus, the record company has lost money. If this were true, one would have expected a decrease in album sales.

The debate on Napster can be compared to the change in music technology from records to cassette tapes. Tapes gave people the capability to record and share songs just as Napster does, and record companies were concerned that album sales would suffer. They were wrong then, too. Album sales after the conversion to tapes far exceed those of before. It is evident that sharing music serves to stimulate interest in many new areas of music. This causes the person to buy CDs of their new favorite artists that they were exposed to by way of Napster.

Some say, however, that the law is the law, and a person is not

allowed to copy a song they do not already own. Given this fact, Napster should still be able to operate legally. While it may facilitate some illegal activity, it does not actually commit the crime. It merely sets up the link between two computers. Napster could be legally used if members were trading songs from bootlegfriendly bands such as Phish and Dave Matthews Band, or if they wished to promote a band of their own by putting their songs onto the network. It is the users that are breaking the copyright laws, and it has always been the users. The laws were broken with cassette tapes and not much was done about it, while the record companies continued to get richer. In the Napster situation, it might be a good idea for them to ignore the "problems" of new technology and focus on their growing album sales.

The editorial board consists of Brian Munz, Abby McLaughlin, Sarah Hinkle and Aaron Williamson.

Why didn't anyone tell ME that?!

been the users."

A senior shares with freshmen what she wishes someone had told her three years ago

By LATONYA TAYLOR

NEWS EDITOR

The beginning of a school year always makes me reflective. The fresh start each August makes me think about the lessons I've learned over the past school year. It's a time I use to glean a few principles to make the coming year a better one.

My "resolutions" usually include a promise not to commit myself to too many activities and a mental note to go to bed earlier - much earlier - than the last year.

I also tell myself that this will be the year I finally do everything right. This year, I'll manage my time more efficiently than last year. This year, I'll write my parents more and call my parents less. We'll see.

Because I'm a senior now, a sense of nostalgia and a desire to share what I've learned accompanies my usual reflections. As I try to plan for the next phase of my life - Real World 101 - I'm conscious of how unprepared I feel for my post-Taylor future.

There are still so many things I want to try, trips I want to take, people I want to get to know.

At the same time, I marvel at how much I've learned in three short years. I'm not the same young woman my parents unpacked at Bergwall Hall three years ago. My mind has been expanded, my sense of reason developed, my faith tested.

As I reviewed the past three vears in my own life and spoke to several seniors and a recent TU grad, we thought of several principles we wish we had known as freshmen. Although these are lessons everyone has to learn for himself, I hope these suggestions serve as a guide for those of you who are just beginning your career here, and a refresher for those of you who, like us, are closer to the end.

Find your identity. Take this time to learn who you are, apart from your achievements in the past, your plans for the future, or the way others see you in the present. Remember

Roberts' character in Runaway Bride? Find out how you like your eggs cooked, among other

Develop yourself. Experience new things. Try activities that interest you, even if they seem unusual. If there's something you've always wondered about, find a way to study it. Join a small group that challenges you, or take a leadership opportunity that will force you to grow.

Discover your dreams. What do you want to do with your life? How is God revealing His purpose for you through the gifts He's given you and the desires He's placed in your heart?

Challenge your opinions. At Taylor, you'll have the chance to interact with ideas you never would have considered on your learn the best ways to build a loft own. You'll find people whose and how to plan the perfect thoughts differ from yours and who interpret Scripture differently. You may run into people with different opinions on social and political issues. Don't passively accept or refuse them based on

what you already know. Force your mind to explore, and decide how you think.

Meet your Savior for yourself. Allow your experiences to expand your knowledge of Him, and your relationship to Him. Learn to acknowledge Him in all your ways, and marvel as He directs your path.

Find joy in your journey. Many of us are achievement-oriented. We tend to think in terms of outcomes like final grades and end results. These things are important; however, sometimes we can learn as much from the process as we do from the product. So cut yourself some slack. and don't lose the lessons you learn on the way to your goals.

During your time here, you'll Spring Break trip. You'll figure out what you can and cannot mix in the laundry. But be sure to reflect on the deeper things your experiences at Taylor will teach you. Welcome!

A Letter to the Editor

We're disappointed as we return from the ice cream social. In a Christian community where we are all (supposedly) striving to live up to God's standard, why is it that we broadcast and celebrate the music of secular groups that have a mesage that is inconsistent with our beliefs? As we understand it, it is our job to share the good news of Jesus with the dying world. It seems to us that we should be taking what God's given us to the world, and yet it seems that some would rather pump our little "bubble" full of the world's messages. It may seem trivial to most of you that we are so upset about promoting secular music at an official TU function, but what are the implications? Is Jesus celebrating with us in this music? This is something that we should all think about. The underlying issue carries into many other aspects of Taylor life.

-Ben Merrill and Ryan Sparks

Features "We must become the change we want to see." --Mahatma Gandhi

Taylor's new first lady excited for changes

By HILLARY BOSS

STAFF WRITER

Nancy Gyertson is excited about embarking on a new stage in her life as the wife of Taylor University's new president, David Gyertson.

"The biggest part of my role is to be supportive of David, to help him do what his demanding schedule calls for," she said. She plans to travel with her husband as much as possible, but while on campus she hopes to model what a Christian wife and a Christian female leader should be.

The Gyertsons have been married for 32 years. Mrs. Gyertson, originally from Lansing, Mich., said they met as students at Spring Arbor College. Their only daughter, Andrea, lives in California with her husband.

"Andrea is our miracle child," said Mrs. Gyertson, who takes her role as a mother very seriously. "We were told we would never have children, but God saw fit to answer our prayer." Taking after her father, Andrea is, according to Mrs. Gyertson, a gifted writer and speaker who now works with her husband at their own film corporation.

"I love children. I love their creativity and their energy," Mrs. Gyertson said. She fostered her love for children working as an elementary school teacher. She taught preschool and kindergarten as well as first, second and third grade. Now retired, Mrs. Gyertson said she has no regrets about her time as a

"I think you need to be called to the classroom, because it's a tough, tough job," she said. Mrs. Gyertson said a teacher should be well trained and ready for the task. "We desperately need Christian teachers in both public schools and private schools," she

In her leisure time, Mrs. Gyertson enjoys reading. Some of her favorite authors include Francine Rivers and Ken Gire. "I love to read recipe books. I read them like others read novels," she said. She also enjoys baking and preparing meals for special events and holidays.

Dr. Gyertson's schedule allows them to travel quite frequently, which they enjoy. A cruise to Alaska and a 10-day stay on a sailing ship in the Aegean Sea are included among some of her favorite trips.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Gyertson is still getting used to her new surroundings at Taylor. "I'm in transition because since January, everything in my life has changed," she said. Mrs. Gyertson said that Andrea and husband moved to California, and then Dr. and Mrs. Gyertson decided to move to Upland. "It's the first move we've made without Andrea, so Taylor is going to know us more as we began our marriage, as just the two of us," she said.

Janie Kesler, wife of former Taylor president Jay Kesler, is a friend of Mrs. Gyertson. Kesler said, "I have respected and admired Nancy for the last seven years of our friendship. She comes to Taylor as a committed partner to her husband, and I know she'll jump in with both feet and become a friend to the TU students."

Mrs. Gyertson said she wants to be visible, but she is not a person who wants a lot of attention. "I'm feeling strongly that we're supposed to be here, and this is definitely the call of



Photo by Noel Shutt

NANCY GYERTSON expresses her vision for being a female role model and also providing much-needed support for her husband, new Taylor president David Gyertson, during this time of change.

God," she said. She wants students to know that she is as anxious as they are about the new

"I think God has called me to be an intercessor. I take seriously the role of praying for David, my family and the campus," she said.

Learning support center offers needed assistance to all students

By LATONYA TAYLOR

News Editor

A few days into German 101, Elizabeth Cardy knew she need-

She hadn't taken the language before coming to Taylor, and was already struggling in class.

"I got in the class and a lot of the kids had had it before," Cardy said. "I was really behind, and I couldn't keep up with the pace."

The junior history major decided to sign up for a tutor before she fell further behind. At the Learning Support Center, located in the southwest wing of the Zondervan Library, she found a tutor to help her review class assignments.

"It was good to go over things I'd learned in class," Cardy said. "There was stuff I didn't get in class, but I didn't panic as much because I knew we could go over it." Cardy said the B+ she got with her tutor's help was higher than she would have earned alone.

Billie Manor, the director of the LSC, said its mission is to help students like Cardy improve their skills.

"The Learning Support Center is a place for all of us, whether it be students, staff, or faculty," Manor said. "It's a place to learn how to become better scholars. Overall, it's about how you can be a better student, and how to study smarter, not harder."

Manor said the LSC helps students to improve in subject areas they haven't mastered in earlier schooling. For example, incoming students who failed Taylor's math or reading proficiency tests receive help in those subjects through classes at the center.

"Many of us have gaps in our educational backgrounds," she said. "If you come in and there's not a proficiency, it doesn't mean you're not smart or don't have a bright future. We're going to go in and fill a gap."

Resources are also available to teach college-level study skills. At the center, students can watch videos and read booklets on overcoming procrastination, improving test-taking skills, taking better notes and other

"A lot of students don't have a pattern to their studying," Manor said. "For many of them, in high school, they were given information that they memorized and gave back to the teacher on a test. In college, you have to start to learn critical thinking."

LSC staff members said students who have mastered a subject can benefit by sharing their expertise with others.

"For more advanced students, it provides an opportunity for service," said Candy Grover, director of the writing center.

Edwin Welch, coordinator of academic support services, agreed. "I'm always looking for tutors," he said. Tutors, who are hired as needed, must have a 3.0 grade point average and a recommendation from a faculty member and must complete a five-week training program.

Welch said 16 percent of Taylor students used the LSC last year. Manor and Cardy, who is a student tutor coordinator at the center, said more students should take advantage of the services.

"There are lots of people who need help who won't go for it," Manor said. "It breaks my heart. If students would come in and do five or six hours of videos, it would really improve their skills."

Cardy said other students "don't realize how easy it is to get a tutor. Or they come in too late...and it takes us a couple weeks to find a tutor for them. By then, they're further behind."

Still others avoid the center because they don't want to admit they are falling behind in class. "Sometimes you just need help," Cardy said, "It doesn't mean you're stupid, just that you need to get a little bit of coaching."

Although programs are there to help, staff members said students are still responsible for their own success. For example, Cardy joined a German study table to supplement her tutoring sessions. At the writing center, Grover said, tutors don't proofread papers, but help a student organize and develop his or her ideas.

Like any program, the tutoring program has limitations.

'Tutors aren't perfect," Cardy said. "Sometimes we've had situations where people aren't helped as much as they thought they would be. But on the whole, it's worth trying."

The LSC offers a peer tutoring program, a math study table, a writing center and programs for students with learning, visual and other disabilities. Writing tutors are available by appointment, and the math study table plans to meet Monday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 201 of the library.

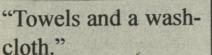
The center also offers a speed reading course and a class for students who will take standardized tests for graduate school. All services of the LSC are free.

Freshmen: What did you forget to bring to Taylor?



Jared Cheek 1WW







Neville Kiser Penthouse

"Computer monitor."



"Underwear."

David Hoeflinger Penthouse



Brit Jensen 2CO

"Batteries."

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What has been your most embarrasing moment so far?

Katie Bierdeman 3EO



"I went in the wrong classroom and sat there for five minutes before I figured out I was in the wrong place."

Mandi Campbell 1WO



"I was a half-hour late to class, and the teacher gave me a lecture on being tardy in front of everyone."

Gloria Pudaite Cellar English



"I fell in the hallway... in the communications building."

Elliot Gruszka 1EW



"I live in Wengatz, but I've gone into Olson a couple of times... A guy on my wing started moving into Olson."

A&E

"How much damage can you do with a pen?" -Eminem

Vinnie's Drive-in Preview

Grab your bean bag chair and sleeping bags; you're gonna be up all night

VINNIE MANGANELLO

MOVIE CRITIC

Well, summer is just about kaput. I hope all of you got in plenty of sunbathing, surfing, corn husking, or whatever the heck you did these last three months, because you staring down the barrel of one long, bitter, nasty-cold winter. But before we sink in to the icy grip of the coming months, there is one more summer tradition that all of us get to be apart of: the all-night Muncie drive-in movies. It's a peculiar thing really, no one organizes it or endorses it, but on the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, every one on campus heads down to Muncie. I'd like to meet logue! And there is plenty more

the guy who started it, I'd give "What disaster movie him a hearty hand doesn't have a simple shake and pour hard working town?" him a tall cool glass of sparkling grape slushy.

This year I decided to review the first two movies that will be showing, The Perfect Storm and X-Men. They'll be playing on opposite screens at the same time so you'll have to choose.

The Perfect Storm, or as I like to

call it, Splashy Splash Splash, is a huge real life epic about a sword fishing boat caught up in a little rain. George Cloony helms the part of skipper while Marky Mark Wahlberg plays the young go-getter first mate. They set sail from the simple hardworking town of Gloucester Mass. (what disaster movie doesn't have a simple hard working town?) to catch some fish. Soon we have the obligatory scene in which a sweaty meteorologist looks away from the menacing radar images he's been carefully studying, takes a deep breath as the camera zooms in tight, and slowly, ominously utters "It will be...the perfect storm." Wow, what clever dia-

> where that came While I from. like Cloony and especially Wahlberg (His Funky Bunch

was my first CD) the two couldn't seem to pull to many of my heart's strings and the human drama of it all seems a tad flat. The director must have had similar thoughts because he keeps cutting to other people who have nothing to do with the story except they're in the same storm. The real star here is the super cool, special effects generated, ocean. It broods and swells and flips massive boats over like I used to do with plastic ones in the bathtub when I was 17, I mean, ahh...6. So, if you love special effects movies of the Twister

variety, then this may be the movie for you. It's an entertaining film some of the special and it looks nice and splashy, so I Hamburger.

The other feature will be X-Men, another high budget summer spectacular. I'll

get right to the point, go to this one, it's a lot better.

The film takes place in the near future where evolution is once again starting to alter the human gene. (Human mutation sound far-fetched to you? One look at my roommate's bizarre facial hair has me convinced that it's already started.) Regular people fear and distrust this new breed. To keep them safe from crazed mobs, one mutant, Dr. Charles Xavier has created a special school for these special people, and his faculty is

made up of warriors called the N-Men. They need to fight off evil mutants who believe that humanity is inferior and a threat needing to be eliminated. Yeah I know, It sounds wacky, but the movie has a couple of aces up it's sleeve. most notably director Bryan Singer from The Usual Suspects.

> His careful touch guides you through the story, balancing the comics lager than life bravado, letting it be cool and at times spectacular, but

pulling in the reigns before it falls into overblown silliness the way the later Batman films did.

The other big plus for the movie is they saved some of the special effects money to hire some real acting talent. First of all you have Patrick Stewart, his booming Shakespearean voice brought credibility to Star Trek and it does the same here. Oscar winner Sir Ian McKellen brings to life the evil genius Magneto with poise and aged confidence. The big news however is newcomer Hugh Jackman as the films main mutant, Wolverine. Wolverine is



a bad dude. He's got a sweet set of claws that extend from his hands, a skeleton that is laced with an unbreakable metal alloy called Adamantium, and he has killer porkchop sideburns. Jackman steals nearly every scene. He is in with swagger and out right grittyness, like Bruce Willis in Die Hard. I give X-Men the coveted French Toast

Enjoy the drive in, see X-Men. and don't worry about the winter, its not that bad, and the fall here is more colorful than either of these super summer block-

Vinnie's Ratings

For those unfamiliar with Vinnie's unorthodox system for reviewing films (freshmen on up), here is a brief explanation. Each of the rating levels correspond to a DC specialty bar.

- 1. French Toast Bar: Do not miss!
- 2. Calzone: Very Palatable
- 3. Hamburger: Average
- 4. Hot Dog: Edible... Barely
- 5. Baked Scrod: Consume with extreme caution!

UPCOMING

This Week

SAC Island Night M Soccer vs. Tiffin M Tennis vs. Tri-State

All night drive-in, Muncie

No Classes Upland Labor Day Parade

M Soccer vs. In. Tech W Soccer vs. Earlham W Volleyball vs. Manchester

Coffeehouse, Union M Tennis vs. Grace W Tennis vs. Grace

"Water Wars" M Tennis vs. U of I

Taylor bans Napster service

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The summer's hottest music issue forces students to go elsewere for MP3s

BY TIM WALTER

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Taylor University has made Napster.com and their services "Web Sense Denied."

On May 3, Metallica, who has been leading a crusade against Napster, demanded that over 330,000 users be banned from the service for sharing Metallica's copyrighted music. In June, the Recording Industry Association of America filed a lawsuit in federal court against Napster. RIAA claimed that Napster is in violation of copyright laws, and that it is hurting legitimate Internet music businesses. The initial court ruling forced Napster to remove all copyrighted materials from their site. A federal appeals court, however, has given Napster a license to continue to operate until their appeal is

heard.

Many people don't understand why the RIAA is fighting this battle. According to Metallica drummer Lars Ulrich, as published in the April 14 issue of Rolling Stone, "From a business standpoint, this is about piracy, taking something that doesn't belong to you; and that is morally and legally wrong...it is in effect trafficking stolen goods."

This "piracy" however, does not appear to be affecting record sales. For the first quarter of this year album sales were up eight percent. So what is the big deal then? The answer most would give is that regardless of record sales statistics, MP3 files are illegally using copyrighted material.

As Christians we are commanded to obey the laws of the land. "It goes back to the Ten

Commandments (stealing). We why not?" are taking financial benefit from those entitled to it," said Dr. Steve Bedi Associate Vice President for Academic affairs. Somehow, we have either chosen to justify this issue, pretend to be ignorant, or just not care.

Taylor has set up certain policies regarding computer usage. One of these policies pertains directly to the Napster situation: "All computer and network usage must conform to all University policies and to federal, state, and local law. This includes unauthorized us and distribution of illegal MP3 music files."

Despite the law and the rules set by the university, hundreds of students continue to use, share, and download MP3s.

Freshman TJ Enyeart said, "It's not stealing. If it's legal and free,

Residence Hall director Tim Taylor had some different thoughts.

Technology is a challenge. How we use it is tough. I am hoping that students use the internet effectively."

Unfortunately, the Student Development Office has made some of these choices for us. They have blocked Napster, but computer savvy people know that you can get around this

With the growing selection of file sharing groups appearing online, Metallica and the RIAA are fighting an uphill battle. The internet would most likely have to be shut down to completely halt music trading.

For an editorial view on the Napster controversy, see page 3.

Sports

"We didn't lose the game; we just ran out of time." ~Vince Lombardi

Taylor football: The tradition continues . .

By Joshua Peters SPORTS EDITOR

Spirits and expectations are high among the men of Taylor football. Last season saw the purple and gold finishing with a 10-2 record, the best ever in school history. This year, the Trojans seek to excel in the same fashion. With the graduation of key senior players like Justin Heth and Chad Wilt, Head Coach Steve Wilt is looking for this year's junior and senior class to step up and perform with equal ability. Among the players is senior offensive lineman Josh Gerber, who is optimistic about the upcoming scason.

"We have a lot of young guys that don't possess a lot of experience (at this level of play), but they are all hard players and I expect to see a good season," Gerber said.

After their scrimmage last

Saturday, Gerber said, "any of the mistakes made at this point are fixable. The team looks good and is ready to improve where necessary.

Wilt is equally optimistic. "We have a very competitive football team. This is definitely a reloading year with the amount of newcomers that we have, but I believe that our depth with this team will be the key to producing victories," he said.

With 32 freshman and three transfers added to the roster, there will be plenty of room for Wilt's desired depth. Freshman Joe Keller is impressed by the strong community of players working towards a common goal.

"Coming into this program I really felt welcomed and accepted by the seniors," Keller said. "All of us have an important role to play and if we learn from the upperclassmen, I believe this will be a really good year."

According to upperclassmen Andy Flanigan and Bill Merritt, the keys to victory this year will be continued defensive efforts, playing with a high intensity level and performing to the team's full potential. Both Flanigan and Lynch agree that junior Josh Cole, who will fill the starting quarterback position left vacant by Jon Jenkins, will be a key offensive player. However, Cole will be sharing the stage with Jeff Walton, another starting quater-

The first game of the year for the Trojans will be against longtime rival, Anderson University, on Sept. 9. If Taylor can manage a victory here, it will be the first time in school history that the highly coveted "wagon wheel" will be brought home by the men four years in a row. The Trojans' first home game is Sept. 23 against Illinois Wesleyan with kickoff at 1:30 p.m.



Photo by Bryan Smith

JUNIOR JEFF MURPHY sits pensive as he contemplates the upcoming scrimmage against Manchester.

Athletics: An overview

BY LUKE REIMER CONTRIBUTING EDITOR

The Taylor women's tennis team finished 4-7 last season and was ousted in the first round of the MCC tournament. This year, the Lady Trojans hope to improve on that record. The young team has much to be optimistic about however, three of the six players on last year's roster were freshmen. On top of this, the team strengthened by transfer Bridget Carlson.

The men's soccer team finished 6-13 last year, a result of youth and inexperience. The team hopes to improve on last year's record and second-round playoff elimination. The Trojans will be hurt by the loss of senior Bryan Flora, who led the team in goals, and will rely on the maturing play of some of the younger players. Highlighting the team's youth movement is Clint Sullivan, who led the team in points last year.

The Lady Trojans finished the eason with a 13-4 record and a 2-0 loss to Indiana Wesleyan in the conference final. This year, junior Jennifer Lucas will again lead the team. Lucas, an All-MCC selection, racked up 16 goals and 35 points during the Lady Trojans' 1999 season. Almost all the Lady Trojans are returning this year to work at improving on last year's season.

Taylor's Jarheads finished seventh at last year's NAIA national meet, and go into this season ranked seventh, the highest of any of the fall sports. The Jarheads hope that the team's large contingency of freshmen and sophomores will compensate for the loss of four of last year's top seven runners. "Some people might think that this is a rebuilding year, but I believe we have the capacity to match or better last year's performance," co-captain Jon Tabor said. Returning No. 1 Gabriel Rop will still lead Taylor. The jarheads open the season at Anderson this Saturday

"We have a very promising group of freshmen and a strong upper class, so we're all very excited about the season," senior runner Kelli Bowers said. The Taylor women come into the 2000 season looking to improve on a season in which they were ranked as high as 23rd, and came close to going to the NAIA national meet. This year, the team must recover from the loss of last year's No.1, Jody Thompson, but boasts a large number of juniors and seniors to go along with the incoming freshmen.

