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# Local hikers' dreams come true

\$200,000 federal grant given to Upland for new trail

**Emily Rachelle Russell**  
Staff Writer

The town of Upland has received a \$200,000 federal grant from the Indiana Department of Natural Resources for the construction of a mile-long walking trail.

The path of the trail will start at the bridge by the Upland depot, head east along the railroad tracks for a half mile, then head south about a half mile, according to Ron Sutherland, Taylor's special assistant to the president. Construction should begin in April or May and hopefully be completed by this fall. The construction plan is to pave a portion of the designated parking area for people with disabilities. The rest of the parking area and the walking trail may be crushed stone, but the town is raising money to pave as much of the trail as possible.

According to a press release by Taylor's Director of Media Relations Jim Garringer, Taylor University, the town of Upland and the Upland Area Greenways Association partnered to apply for this grant. As a four-for-one match, the grant required \$50,000 to be raised

before approval of the \$200,000; that \$50,000 came from in-kind gifts of land from Taylor University and the Greenways Association, according to Sutherland.

"We're trying to make Upland a more walkable community," Sutherland said. "If our students and people in the town feel comfortable walking around the Taylor campus or being in the community, (and) . . . they're engaging with one another, it's a subtle way to connect people and help each group understand each other and make some connections that could be meaningful in the long run."

The trail will fill in a portion of a 12-mile gap in the larger Cardinal Greenway trail that runs from Richmond, Indiana to Converse, Indiana, according to Sutherland. The town's long-term hope is to eventually connect the trail with a trail in Gas City, Indiana. If the 12 miles can be completed and the trail connected, six colleges would be connected, promoting community across the miles and providing opportunities for the colleges to connect and work together.

The town council, of which Sutherland is a member, has been heavily involved in the process of securing this grant. Town Council President John Bonham has attended meetings at both the state



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Upland awaits the arrival of Detamore Trailhead.

and county levels to iron out the details. He sees the trail as a way to make the town safer for students and citizens alike.

"This trail, plus a master plan trail, gives citizens the opportunity to . . . walk, run (and) take family in a safe, off-the-road environment that will be cared for and will give them options as to the distances they want to go,"

Bonham said.

Bonham points out that, in Indiana's rural areas, county roads are often not very wide. A walking trail will remove the risk of walking alongside vehicles on the road. It also allows students and community members a chance to bond over enjoying the scenery and promoting a healthy lifestyle. [echo@taylor.edu](mailto:echo@taylor.edu)

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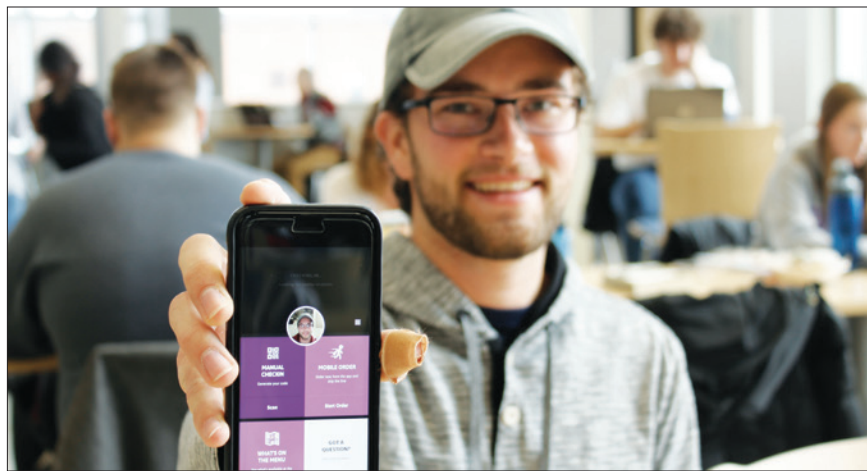


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Junior Jimmy Schantz proudly poses with the new Creative Dining app, Eatable.

# A new way to dine

Dining Services brings new changes to the table

**Chin Yi Oh**  
Staff Writer

Creative Dining Services strives to bring new and exciting changes onto campus this semester. Some of the notable changes include a new app, a new executive head chef and meal swipes for the LaRita Boren Campus Center.

The app, which can replace the use of the student ID for meals, is called Eatable and is free on the App Store and Google Play.

"(The app) works through Bluetooth; it's supposed to be running in the background on your phone, (so) you don't necessarily have to have it up on your phone," said Director of Dining Services Nate Haugh. "It's

supposed to pick up when you walk up to the register and your face pops up, that way our cashier (knows) who to check in. There's also a function on the app that has a QR code that is basically your ID in a QR code form, so just in case there's something wrong with the Bluetooth, they can just scan your phone."

Even though students don't need to pull up their phones or ID cards, students still need to wait in line to allow staff to make sure that everyone is checking in.

The app makes things hands-free and more convenient, as it will be a lot quicker than handing someone your ID, swiping it and handing it back. However, the option of swiping students in with the ID will always be available.

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Sun. 11 - Men's 10km Sprint, 20:15 (Seoul time)

# New community hours in place for next semester

Policy passed focuses on community

**Hannah Stumpf**  
News Co-Editor

A new policy, the Enrollment and Athletic Committee (EAC) Community Hours Policy, will be effective starting Fall 2018. This will implement a no-class zone from the times of 4 to 7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and 3:30 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. It failed to pass in December 2016 by a small margin, but it passed by a larger margin December 2017.

The policy was proposed by Ryan James, a member of the Department for Student Development. While this may at first seem like a policy meant specifically for athletes, students involved in other co-curricular and extracurricular activities will benefit also.

The EAC found that many schools implement similar scheduling blocks. Each department will be expected to comply with the policy, although some departments will have more challenges adhering. One such department that will face difficulties is film.

"Faculty in the film (and) media production program are not opposed to the policy in theory," said art, film and media department co-chair and assistant professor of film and media production Kathy Bruner. "However, we will probably be unable to comply with the policy in practice. We share one Mac lab and limited classroom space with the communication department, and we will have difficulty clearing that 4-6 p.m. window and still accommodating all the classes that need to be taught in those spaces."

The primary purpose of the policy is to ensure all students have flexible schedules and can complete their degrees within four years. In addition, students should be able to become involved in extracurricular activities.

Some such extracurricular activities are theatre. Sophomore Daniel McHenry has been involved in several Taylor productions in various capacities.

"We do have it where sometimes we're closer to the performance, and our call times will be 5:45," McHenry said. "We tell our professors beforehand and get an excused absence. It will be nice to be able to go to practices



Photograph by Riley Hochstetler

Class schedules are important for any student during their college experience.

and performances without worrying about missing classes and material that we're learning."

Of course, student athletes may be the group affected the most. Per current athletic policy, student athletes are excused for sanctioned athletic competitions only. No student is ever given permission (by coaches or otherwise) to miss any portion of class for athletic practices.

Junior Miriam Wood, a member of the track team and bio/pre-med major, found the new policy a positive step for student athletes. When a class conflicts with a practice time, it is up to the student athletes to get in the hours, even if it means practicing alone.

"As far as conflicting with schedules, it does kind of affect being with the team, and especially support and encouragement," Wood said. "Practice can be exhausting, so just having that support and having people cheer for you and keep you going is way easier with the team when you're doing a workout. So I'd say missing that team bonding time and not being around the team, if done enough, can definitely take a toll."

The EAC standard daytime academic hours would be (M/W/F 8 a.m.-4 p.m.) (T/R 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.) and standard evening academic hours (M/W/F 7-10 p.m.) (T/R 6-10 p.m.) with the resulting 3-hour (MWF) and 2.5-hour (TR) block of time specifically dedicated for co-curricular and extracurricular activities.

If there is a situation in which a scheduling conflict is inevitable, exceptions will be finalized by deans and the registrar.

This will not be a common occurrence. Departments, deans, coaches and the registrar will work in conjunction to schedule time blocks and solve scheduling conflicts.

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## More than petty cache

New on-campus bandwidth-saving technology released

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As of Monday, Jan. 29, Taylor's Information Technology department has released a new on-campus bandwidth saving technology called LANcache, a tool that stores downloaded information locally so students do not have to use as much bandwidth for downloading.

Director of Enterprise Infrastructure Services Steve Elwood and Infrastructure Systems Analyst Brent Gerig thought of ways of saving on-campus bandwidth after the video game Destiny came out in 2014. The game took a lot of bandwidth to download (three times the daily quota size), and Elwood and Gerig decided they needed a solution since video games were growing in size and downloadable content.

So, Gerig started to test ways of saving bandwidth.



Photograph by Ruth Flores-Orellana

Any kind of entertainment helps get through the stress of college.



Photograph by Ruth Flores-Orellana

Games are fun to play, but downloading them isn't always as enjoyable.

In November 2015, they released an older generation of LANcache server as a test, which students could connect to if they wanted access to the cache. However, it was only available for Steam, a digital distribution platform developed by Valve Corporation, which offers digital rights management, multiplayer gaming, video streaming and social networking services.

After testing and a complete rebuild of LANcache, it is available for any student on campus, and it is available for more platforms than Steam. It is available for Apple, Arena Networks, Blizzard, Glyph, Origin, Playstation, Riot Games, Steam, Tera, Uplay, Wargaming.net, Windows and Xbox.

"Personally, I love that Taylor was innovative enough to incorporate this, as it saves quite a few

people from using all the data we have," said junior Chris Arpin. "Before I knew about the DNS server, it would sometimes take up to (three) days to download a game. Now it can be done in anywhere from (five to 20) minutes, depending on the game size."

Elwood and Gerig check the statistics every morning, and in the last two weeks, they have saved three and a half terabytes of bandwidth.

As LANcache continues to work, Gerig will continue to update the server as the game world updates.

"We want to help (the students)," Elwood said. "This is our attempt to make things better. We want them to have a really good experience online, and we want to give them the tools to do that."

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## Bree's Beat International News



Frozen hope

**Bree Bailey**  
Contributor

Frostbite covers three-year-old Sarah, leaving a large black scab across her non-smiling face. All she has known her whole life is the war raging in her home country of Syria for the past seven years. As she lays in the hospital with various tubes attached to her tiny body, and after waking up from a comatose state, you would be shocked to discover she was the lucky one from her group.

Last month, 70 Syrian refugees set out to escape their war-torn homeland. Islamic groups had entered even the most rural villages, bringing with them bullets and explosions. Desperate and fearing for their lives, villagers trusted several smugglers who promised an easy passage to Lebanon for a decent price. Due to the fact that most countries have closed their borders to Syrian refugees, the treacherous mountain range between Syria and Lebanon is one of the last hopes for escape. Sadly, smugglers did not communicate the extent and danger which accompanied a trip over these mountains.

Shihab al-Abed was a part of this group who trusted the smugglers, mantra and fled with his mother, wife, sister, three daughters, son, three grandchildren, sister-in-law and two nieces.

At the beginning of the journey, rain began falling, which quickly transitioned to snow. The guides moved quickly, causing the elderly and children to fall behind. Shihab's 13-year-old daughter kicked off her plastic sandals in desperation to keep up. The cold began to set in, and the surrounding whiteness caused the group to split up and become lost. The next morning, 15 people were found dead. Shihab searched for his family and

discovered his wife, mother, sister and grandson all dead with the rest of his group unaccounted for.

Currently, around 1 million Syrian refugees have escaped to Lebanon. This has put a strain on the small nation's economy and caused tension in many areas. Lebanese officials have allowed Syrians to enter but refuse to let organizations set up quality refugee camps, for fear they will become permanent.

Due to this, these desperate people live in makeshift tents in dirty areas where sickness spreads like wildfire. They are not welcome, and over 70 percent of the refugees live in extreme poverty. Many ask why they will not simply return to their homes. In response to this, Abu Musa, a man in his forties originally from Hama in central Syria, exclaims, "Of course, I'd like to go back to Syria! But Syria isn't safe. They're fighting in my town. My house has been destroyed."

Young Sarah had been found on the same mountain with Shihab, comatose and covered in frostbite. The doctors did not believe she would survive, and no one knew who she belonged to.

Four days later, she was conscious and asked for her mother. No one had the heart to explain her mother had died. The next day, her estranged father showed up at the hospital after seeing photos of his dead wife posted all over Facebook. He had not seen Sarah in two and a half years due to the fact that he had been working in Lebanon and sending money back home.

Syrian refugees often can be viewed as a number or a threat. However, these people have stories and struggles which they are facing right now. They need our prayers for peace in their homeland, that they might return and safety in their present turmoil.

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Photograph by Ellie Bookmyer

Freshman Jaime Wills approaches the cashier ready for lunch.

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"Stephen Olson, the VP of Finance (and Business), came to us and asked if there was a way for us to have an app or something that could tell students how many dining dollars they have left and how many meals they have left, not just students, but also faculty and staff," Haugh said. "(This is because) one issue at Boren is that faculty and staff are in line to pay for their food and they get to the register and they realize that they don't have enough dining dollars on their cards.

Then they have to add more and it slows down the process, so this is a way of telling people where they stand quickly and easily."

One of the cool features on the app is you can find out how many dining dollars you have left and how many meals have been used. However, the app currently only shows the meal swipes for the Hodson Dining Commons, so students have to keep track of how many swipes are used in the Campus Center. Dining Services is working with Lucova, the system supplier, to put in separate numbers for meal swipes.

Included in the app is the mobile

menu and events, which inform students on the menu of the day and to stay updated on upcoming events.

"There is also a feedback feature where you can send me a feedback directly on the app, if it's working correctly... and I can reply through this and you'll get a text message," Haugh said. "So, (there is) instant feedback..."

Dining Services is looking at implementing mobile orders at the Campus Center, possibly at the end of this semester or the beginning of the fall semester. They hope students will be able to pre-order certain items on the app, like Chick-fil

A or Emma & Charlie's and be able to pick it up without having to wait for it to be made.

According to Marketing Coordinator Rebekah Stargel, a lot of students have downloaded the app, but are not using it because of the bugs. However, Dining Services cannot fix the bugs if students don't keep using the app so she encourages them to.

"(We hope) students will be patient as this is a very new system for Dining Services, our cashiers and even the students," Stargel said. "There is a learning curve all the way around and a little grace will go a long way." Dining Services want to always be

changing, keeping up with the new trends in food and respond to students' feedback. Haugh said they have gotten a lot of feedback about "Un crustables" at the Campus Center, so they will be bringing it back.

Another new feature from Dining Services is each student now gets five meal swipes a week for the Campus Center from Monday to Friday. The change is due to the high number of students requiring meal transfers and the students' desire to choose where they want to eat. The meal swipes is available for use up until midnight for late night meals as well.

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## Need any weekend plans? Upcoming local events.

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## Leaders in love

The love story of our President and First Lady

**Becca Eis**  
Features Editor

We all know the typical Taylor love story — the awkward first date, the DTR, the eventual proposal, the early marriage — but what we might not know is the love story of our President, P. Lowell Haines, and First Lady, Sherry Haines.

Lowell and Sherry first started talking the second semester of her freshman year. Back then, Sherry knew who he was through his band and chats they'd had while he was working in the student union.

"I just remember it seemed like everybody knew him, and he was very friendly and outgoing but easy to talk to," Sherry said. "... very warm, comfortable to be around, we had similar interests, and he was just interesting."

At the end of the spring semester, Lowell asked Sherry if she was returning the next fall, which Sherry found unusual. That summer, between

Lowell's sophomore and junior year, he worked in a factory. This job gave him lots of time to think, which he used to contemplate who he would date the next year.

In the fall, Lowell and Sherry had classes together, which allowed them to see each other often and become better friends. Eventually, each of their roommates started dating each other, and it wasn't long until they followed suit, despite Sherry previously asking Lowell to take out her roommate.

The next summer, Sherry was working at an amusement park called Cedar Point, and Lowell picked her up one day to go to the beach at Lake Erie. During the car ride, Lowell mentioned he was getting a migraine and asked Sherry to get the aspirin out of the glove compartment.

"So I got the aspirin out and opened it up and dumped it out and the ring fell out, and I remember, I was like, 'Oh!', and I went to give it to him and he said, 'No that's for you,' or something, and then (he) asked me," Sherry said.



Photograph provided by Sherry Haines

"I really couldn't think about anything else. I was pretty smitten with her," said Lowell, referring to how he knew he wanted to marry Sherry.

While the proposal was momentous, Lowell best recalls asking Sherry's dad beforehand. He gave Lowell and Sherry his blessing, on one condition. As a German engineer who paid for all three of his kids to go to Taylor, his biggest priority was that Sherry finish her education.

Lowell graduated, and he and Sherry got married the following summer. According to Lowell, all the couple owned was a stereo when they got married. They borrowed several items from friends and family, including a bed. In the fall, Sherry began classes again, and Lowell worked maintenance on campus while she finished her

degree, just like he had promised her father.

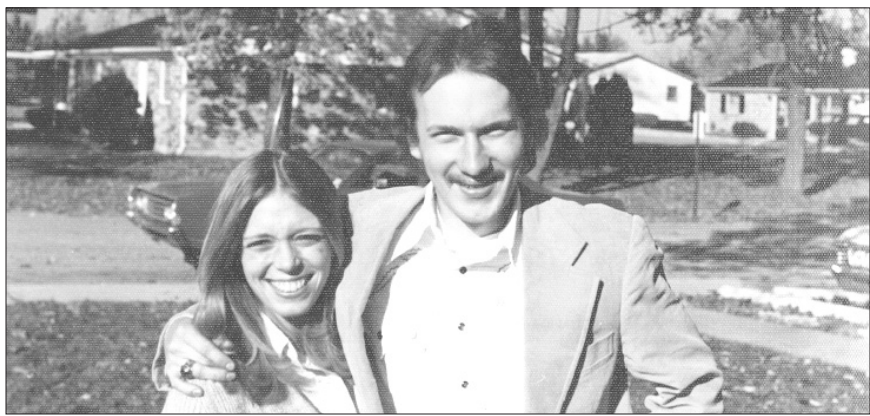
"She's pretty amazing for having lived with me," Lowell said. "When she married me, she married a guy with long hair who played guitar and really had no vision of what he was going to do in the future and so... she's been supportive of me throughout all of that."

In their 42 years of marriage, they have grown together through both good and difficult experiences, from figuring out how to manage the little they had their first year of marriage to making the decision to become Taylor's President and First Lady.

Some of their most memorable experiences together include traveling to Korea, adopting their daughter, Hannah, and going to Disney World as a family for the first time. They have learned countless lessons about life and also learned more about each other.

"We've always tried to honor the Lord in our lives," Lowell said. "Sometimes we've done that better than other times, but He's been really faithful to us, and so I think we would be remiss not to say that after 42 years that one of the great things about our marriage has been the fact that for 42 years God's been faithful to us in a lot of ways."

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"He's my best friend, he's a great dad, and if he's interested in something he puts his whole heart into it," said Sherry, when answering what she loved about Lowell.

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## Civil Rights trip makes national history

Faculty members awarded for 24th annual Civil Rights tour

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In November of 2017, students and faculty traveled to various parts of the country for a Civil Rights tour. The trips have been regularly organized for over 20 years, but have never been recognized with an award — until now.

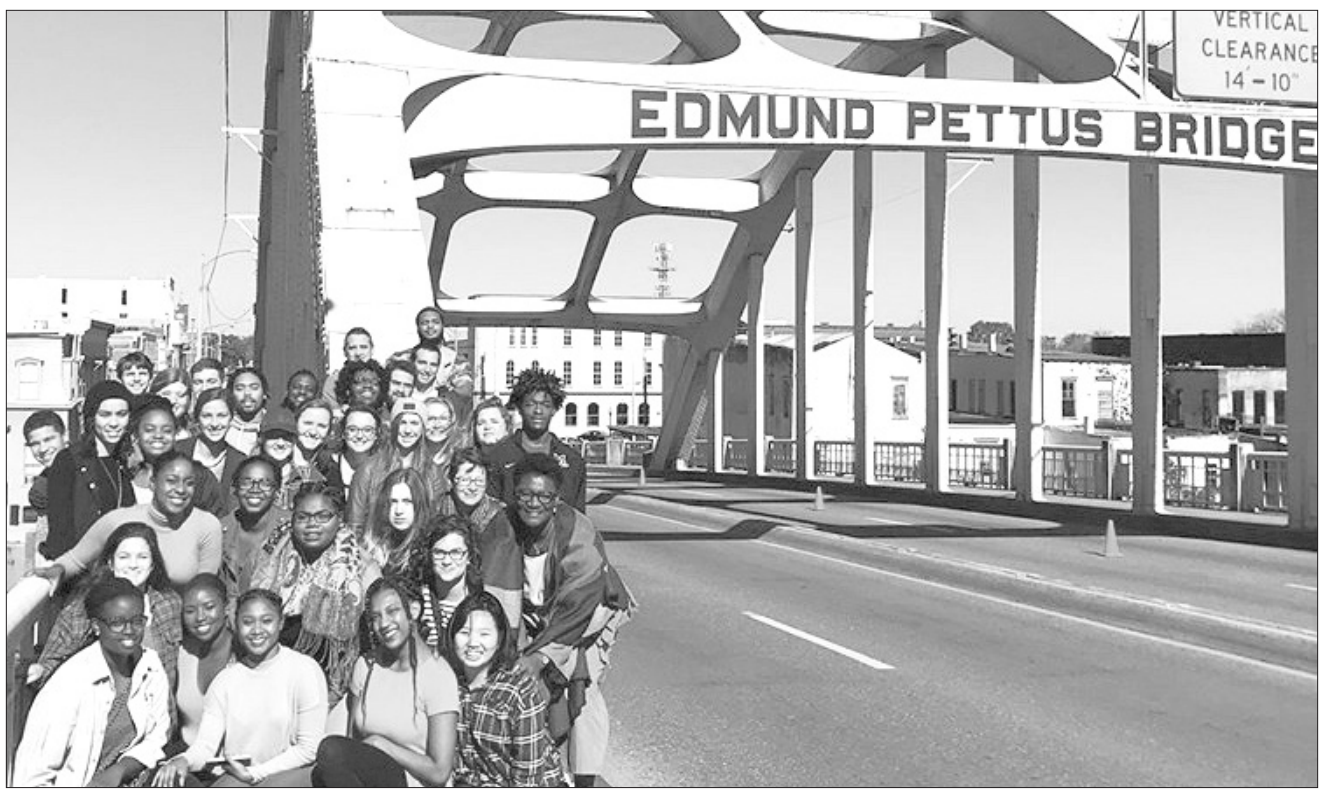
Steve Messer, professor of history, was the first individual at Taylor to brainstorm the earliest Civil Rights trip in the 1990s. He was accompanied by Alan Winquist, former professor of history, on a planning trip in 1992 and within the next year, the first official trip was offered to Taylor University.

"We did the tour for the first time in January 1993," Messer said. "Since 1993, I have led twelve other tours for both students and faculty. Although I no longer plan and lead the tours, as I will retire at the end of this academic year, these tours have been the most stimulating teaching activity of my career. I am delighted that Felicia (Case) and Scott (Moeschberger) are carrying on the tradition and adding their own creative ideas to this effort."

The trip was originally planned to be for faculty only, and frequently took place during the summer. Scott Moeschberger, associate dean of the honors program and associate professor of psychology and higher education, participated in one of the faculty trips, which inspired him to create a similar opportunity for students. The first student Civil Rights trip took place in 2004.

Two years ago, Moeschberger partnered with Felicia Case, higher education adjunct professor and director of Intercultural Programs. Students in Moeschberger's Peace, Justice and Reconciliation class and those involved in Black Student Union and the Office of Intercultural Programs were brought together for another trip to the South.

"It's grown every year in significant ways, both in numbers but also in



Photograph provided by Felicia Case

In Selma, Alabama, the group's first stop of the day was the Edmund Pettus Bridge which was named after a white supremacist. Martin Luther King Jr. led supporters down this bridge three times in a march for the right to vote.

how we interact with the students and the opportunities that students have," Moeschberger said. "It's also formative for me. Every time I've participated, there's always something more than I learn about myself and that I learn about my faith or about our country's history."

Other staff members are invited to join the trip alongside the participating students. Case and Moeschberger look for faculty who are already engaged in conversation surrounding the topic of Civil Rights and race so students can connect and converse with older adults both during the trip and when they get back to campus. As the two faculty members who regularly plan and chaperone the trip, Case and Moeschberger recently accepted an award for the trip on behalf of Taylor University.

The Jon C. Dalton Institute on College Student Values is an organization at Florida State University, which hosts a yearly conference in Tallahassee, Florida. Drew Moser, dean of experiential learning and associate professor of higher education, nominated Taylor University's Civil Rights trip to be considered by the Dalton

Institute for the annual award of Best Practice.

Case and Moeschberger attended the conference on the weekend of Feb. 1, where they were recognized as the overall winner for Best Practice. The award was presented to them during a luncheon, which was accompanied by a cash prize and a chance for Case and Moeschberger to present their trip to other members of the conference.

The Taylor University Civil Rights trip was recognized and awarded for "providing an educational space in which students of diverse backgrounds can begin to understand each other and the historical context of the Civil Rights Trip." Key spots in the highlighted trip included Selma, Montgomery and Birmingham, Alabama and Memphis, Tennessee.

"Anytime you're recognized in a larger environment, it's a conference and an award that means quite a bit," Moeschberger said. "You see you're in step with where higher education is moving. You see the conversations you have with students are validated by the larger best practices. To hear and to receive that has been great news for the institution and for all of us involved with the project."

While the key component of the trip has always been to observe history, both Case and Moeschberger emphasize the impact that the trips have on current events.

Students traveling on the trip are required to consistently journal and self-reflect on what they have learned. These journals serve as a way for students to consider the importance the trip will continue to have when they return to campus. The smaller size of the group also leads to an opportunity for relational and thoughtful conversation.

"I think sometimes, we think we know history, but then we go, and we find out that there's more to it," Case said. "It opens up the fact that when we know where our country has come from, it helps us to then think about where we want to go. Knowing is always a good thing. I don't think you can ever have too little information."

With or without recognition, Case says she absolutely plans on continuing the trip in future years. The number of student participants will stay around 30 every year, leaving room to learn and grow with every trip that is taken.

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## Questions missionary kids want to ignore

Take a different approach to conversations

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Fast food. Long road trips. A different church every Sunday. Amongst the joys of seeing family again, a missionary kid (MK)'s return to the U.S. on furlough is fraught with culture shock, visiting supporting churches and questions they don't know how to answer. As they travel from place to place and talk to family members who they haven't seen in years, they are asked some recurring questions. And each of them missionary kids hear with dread.

### What is it like in your country?

When MKs get this question, they are faced with the task of describing an entire culture in a few short sentences. Most countries are completely opposite of America, making it hard to describe it in a way that makes sense. Think of it this way: how would you, as an American, describe the U.S. to someone from a completely different culture? Instead, ask less broad questions. What is the culture like? The food? The people? The weather? Zeroing in on certain aspects creates a less overwhelming task.

### Where is home?

It's a normal question which most people can answer in one simple sentence. But for MKs it's slightly different. An MK's passport says they are from one country but they don't necessarily feel a part of that country. On paper they are from one country, but in their heart, it is not home.

For me, as a missionary kid from Thailand, home can be any of three places: here at Taylor, Pennsylvania or Thailand. We have pieces of ourselves scattered all across the world and choosing one place to call our own is like choosing a favorite family member.

### What does a normal day look like?

For most MKs, their days aren't much different from the average American. They wake up, eat breakfast, go to school and hang out with friends. The activities they do are the same, it is simply the surroundings that are different. When people ask this question, they are expecting MKs' daily lives to be different from the average person, when in actuality, they are very similar. It is a hard question because what people expect may not be the truth.

### What is your favorite thing about your country?

Most MKs love more than one part of the place they grew up in. They love



Freshman Cheri Stutzman and her family lived in Thailand and served in that community for 15 years before she came to Taylor.

the food, the weather, the culture, the random adventures they can go on. How can you pick one part of a country that has several different wonderful aspects?

### Is it nice to be back?

Coming to the United States is a bittersweet time. There are reunions with family, food that MKs can't get

overseas and experiences they can't have anywhere else. But, they also left behind friends, pets and ultimately home. The U.S. has a different culture than what they are used to, there are different ways to get around, different ways to order food. It is in some ways a foreign country to them, and returning is full of adjustments. It's nice to be back, but it's also hard.

So, the next time you come up to an MK and ask one of these questions, recognize that it may be hard for them to answer. But if you truly want to know, dig a little deeper and keep asking follow up questions and the lives of an MK living overseas may become just a little clearer.

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## CrossFit builds body of Christ

A new fitness class brings students together

**Victoria Lawson**  
Staff Writer

While some Taylor students prefer to spend their February evenings in their dorms wrapped in a warm blanket, juniors Ivy Oleson, Christiana Phillips, and Jake Smarrella can be found in the KSAC working up a sweat.

Oleson, Phillips and Smarrella are certified level 1 CrossFit trainers and coach Crew, Taylor's version of the high-intensity fitness regimen, CrossFit. The three coaches train with CrossFit outside of school, then take their training back on campus to share their passion for healthy lifestyle choices and fitness through Crew. They have been delighted to see a significant increase in participation and are excited about what Crew is achieving in the area, particularly in the way of community building.

For Smarrella, the vulnerability and trust he sees in the people he coaches makes Crew training meaningful.

"For me, CrossFit is a very intense experience," Smarrella said. "The workouts are really hard, and they challenge you, and you get a little glimpse of what someone looks like at their worst. Eventually, people come to you with problems that aren't like, 'How can I do pull-ups better,' but it's more like, 'I'm dealing with this in my life right now, and



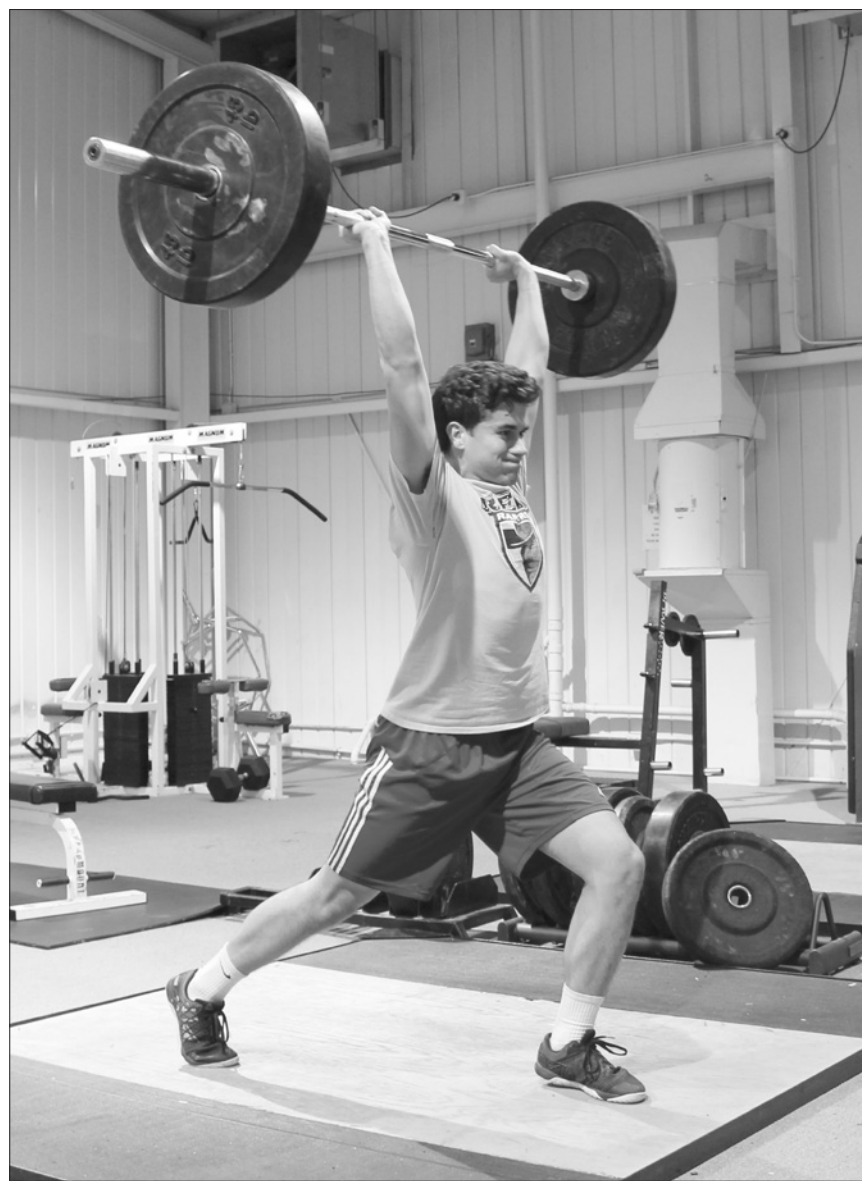
Sophomore Andrea Leon works on her clean lift.

I just want to tell you about it.' It's a really good atmosphere for people to be really vulnerable with each other, and I think that's why the community grows so much."

The trainers emphasized that while Crew is meant to be challenging, there is a misconception that Crew trainers are intimidating. Oleson wants to reassure people that one does not need to be fit to try it, as the program is welcoming to people of all ages and levels of experience. She has seen an age range of 16 to 53 throughout her time coaching on campus, and she wants people to know Crew trainers are willing to meet people where they are at on their fitness journey.

Phillips is also passionate about helping people achieve goals and discover what they are capable of.

"Some people come to maintain fitness, some people come because they did sports in high school and they really miss that aspect of camaraderie through physical activity, some people come to lose weight.... there's a motivation behind why people come to that space," Phillips said. "If I can help that person meet that need and reach that goal, that's what drives me as a coach... I think being able to understand people's stories and the process of getting them into that space is really cool for me personally."



Sophomore Daniel Black pushes through another set of hanging snatches.

As the number of students trying Crew continues to grow, the KSAC is considering adding additional class times to the current schedule. Crew currently meets Monday to Friday

in the KSAC at 7-8 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. and the price has dropped from \$50 to \$35. Oleson, Phillips and Smarrella are hoping to see you there.

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## Celebrating female friendship

February's most beloved holiday

**Kassidy Weemhoff**  
Life & Times Co-Editor

Move over Valentine's Day. There's a new holiday in town. Feb. 13, or Galentine's Day, is a different approach to the month's affectionate festivities.

"Parks and Recreation" character Leslie Knope defined it as, "Ladies celebrating ladies. It's like Lilith Fair, minus the angst. Plus frittatas." Galentine's Day originated from an episode of the sitcom in 2010. Since its debut, the holiday has skyrocketed in popularity, each year drawing more women to celebrating the joys of female friendship.

The idea is simple: before getting swept away in the fantasies or sad realities of Valentine's Day, take time to enjoy and cherish

your friends. Whether it be gathering around a meal, telling stories or eating chocolate until the sun comes up, Galentine's Day is about supporting and encouraging fellow females.

In recent years, Galentine's Day has taken root throughout Taylor's campus. Many female residence life members have implemented this tradition into their wing or floor events. Junior Laura Roggenbaum and senior Madison Prince, PAs on Second East Olson, say they are celebrating with a sleepover on Friday night.

"We don't always get to do things as a whole wing that are just for the purpose of having fun together, so this weekend seemed like the perfect opportunity to celebrate a fun holiday with just the girls," Roggenbaum said.

Although some wings or floors refrain from partaking in this

newer holiday, some go all out. Junior Katie Franz, PA on First West Olson, describes her wing's plans to celebrate Galentine's Day at The Bridge, which consists of renting out the whole cafe, having a huge waffle bar, getting dressed up, dancing and making toasts to one another.

Some may wonder why or how this holiday became so popular.

"I think a lot of people dread Valentine's Day," Franz said. "They don't have a significant other, and the holiday is very romanticized. Galentine's Day is a way to celebrate friendships and loving where you're at."

Maybe this year, instead of tweeting about your doomed love life or sulking in your dorm room watching rom-coms alone, you could reach out to your female friends. Write an encouraging note, plan a coffee date, practice self-care and empower the



Friendship is the gift that keeps on giving, much like a box of chocolates.

women around you.

"To celebrate our wing and the fact that we have a community that doesn't necessarily need a romantic love in order to celebrate or feel loved is really important," Franz

explained. "That's something I want to instill in years to come. You don't have to have a significant other in order to have a fun, loving, exciting holiday."

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*Valentine's Day*  
**BACHELOR AND BACHELORETTE**



**Jacob Stone**  
**Sophomore:** Looking for someone to share his noodles with.



**Emily Fouts**  
**Senior:** Emily LOVES to travel and has been to 18 different countries!



**Shane Wozniak**  
**Sophomore:** "I'm so ready to be a dad."



**Kendra Russell**  
**Freshman:** Her favorite pastime is donning her infamous banana costume and dancing to "Hips Don't Lie" by Shakira.

**FOOD SPOTLIGHT**

**JACK'S DONUTS**  
 34 minutes from Taylor  
 Address: 2900 W White River Blvd., Muncie, IN 47304  
 Hours:  
 Everyday: 5 a.m.-9 p.m.

**DELUXE DONUTS**  
 34 minutes from Taylor  
 Address: 520 S Scatterfield Rd., Anderson, IN 46012  
 Hours:  
 Everyday: 24 hours

**DAN'S VARIETY DONUTS**  
 51 minutes from Taylor  
 Address: 1800 S Union St., Kokomo, IN 46902  
 Hours:  
 Everyday: 1 a.m.-noon

**POPPY'S EXTREME DONUTS**  
 18 minutes from Taylor  
 Address: 1421 E 38th St., Marion, IN 46953  
 Hours:  
 Everyday (except sunday) 6 a.m.-2 p.m.

**SQUARE DONUTS**  
 52 minutes from Taylor  
 Address: 8745 E 116th St., Fishers, IN 46038  
 Hours:  
 Everyday: 6:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

**GINGERBREAD HOUSE BAKERY**  
 53 minutes from Taylor  
 Address: 505 N Buckeye St., Kokomo, IN 46901  
 Hours:  
 Monday-Thursday: 5:30 a.m.-3 p.m.  
 Friday: 5:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
 Sunday: 5:30 a.m.-1 p.m.  
 Saturday: 5:30 a.m.-3 p.m.

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@kiaexapple  
 "what good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness" #tayloru #gotayloru



@beccabuchs  
 Me n Mine  
 Gameday @IWU



@tayloruniv  
 How wonderful it is to have everyone back on campus! #tayloru



@hkpoetry2003  
 Having spent the last week packed backstage like a sardine in a cloud of hairspray... I shouldn't be sad that today's the final performance... So why am I? #theaterprobs #piratesofpenzance #tayloru

**#TaylorU's TOP TWEETS**

**Grace Todd** @gtodd135  
 Highschool teachers: "you must call me by my last name no exceptions"  
 College professors: "Hey I have two doctorates and have been teaching for 30 years, you can call me Matt" #tayloru

**Emily Pawlowski** @EmilyPawlowski2  
 You learn a lot about yourself in college. For example, today at #TaylorU I decided how much snow I would wade through before giving up on a 2 second shortcut

**Olivia Miller** @OliivaaMillerr  
 Today my prof called someone a boogerhead because that was genuinely the meanest word she could think of #tayloru

**cassidy drabek** @cassidydrabek19  
 Today was my first day in bio lab and I accidentally hit my head on the taxidermy & almost threw up #tayloru

**Hope Bolinger** @therosewoman  
 Does anyone else feel like the Taylor population doubled from last semester? #noparkingspaces #whoarethesepeople #tayloru

**John Foubert** @JohnFoubert  
 Thank you @tayloru for a great visit! You are a special place with great people.

**toría Flores** @tori\_flores  
 Finally awkwardly introduced myself for the LAST time at the start of a new semester. Bless. @tayloru

**Cat Allocco** @catallocco  
 Hey P. Lowell Haines, can we be besties?? #tayloru



## Looking at the end through artwork

The inspiration behind the Clovis Blackwell art exhibit

**Elizabeth Carrier**  
Staff Writer

Clovis Blackwell's work has a not so "end of the world" outlook on the possibility of apocalypse.

In *Dissolution: Where Do We Go From Here?* (i.e. *Maybe It's Not So Bad After All*), Blackwell uses large-format serigraph prints and panel screen prints to convey his reflections on the pain and growth of transition.

Through studying heroic mythology in grad school, Blackwell began to reflect on his childhood obsession with post-apocalyptic science fiction. He loved *Mad Max* as a kid and it developed an interesting perspective on the end of the world.

"It was something that I wasn't afraid of, it was something, in a way, I think I looked forward to, because it meant that there was something afterwards," said Blackwell.

Blackwell acknowledges and attempts to combat the fear people have of dying and disposition against sacrifice in the present to invest in the future. He does so by aiming to communicate an image that represents a beauty to the ending to come. With images like "Dissolution: The Fire Within" and "Psycho-Holocaust Love Triangle," he approaches these ideals on an individualistic and societal level.

The medium of printmaking is time-consuming and labor-intensive work. It takes the cooperation of at least three people to produce his prints.

"I like getting deeper and learning more things and trying to master the medium (screen printing) and thinking oh God there's still so much I have to learn," Blackwell said that he is drawn to process intensive mediums like screen printing as an artist.

To communicate this motif, Blackwell uses natural images like flowers and images from nuclear weapons tests printed over each other in bright colors. This is to express the connection Blackwell believes to exist between the end of the world and the hope of new beginning. This juxtaposition of images sometimes leaves viewers with an interesting sense of calm.



Junior Abby Gonzalez studies Clovis Blackwell's artwork.

Photograph by Kassie Joviak



Come enjoy Clovis Blackwell's intriguing artwork.

Photograph by Kassie Joviak

Freshman Madeline Logan's favorite set of pieces in the exhibit is a series of four images named "Emanation."

"Just looking at it makes me feel hopeful," said Logan.

She felt as though the use of the very natural, happy images combined with such ominous pictures of nuclear bombings put things into perspective.

When people look at this exhibit, Blackwell hopes people will "start to

think about their own lives and their interactions with the world, the possibility that that will end someday and what that means to them, ultimately I want people to come to terms with it or at least confront it"

Blackwell's exhibit *Dissolution: Where do We Go From Here?* (i.e. *Maybe it's Not So Bad After All*) is currently on display in the Metcalf Gallery for students to view and experience for



Photograph by Kassie Joviak

Clovis Blackwell's art work gives a different perspective on the "end of the world."

themselves from Jan. 30 to March 2. There will also be an opening reception tonight at 6 p.m.

Blackwell implores us as a Christian community to reflect on the end times to come. May we look toward the inevitable end and remember the lens of new beginnings that Blackwell takes careful care to remind us of in his artwork.

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### A&E Events



#### Gaslight Film Series "Thor: Ragnarok"

Friday, Feb. 9 at 8 p.m.  
& 10:15 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 10  
at 1 p.m., 8 p.m.,  
and 10:30 p.m.

Cornwall Auditorium



#### Taylor Theatre: "Why We Must Die So Young: The Story of the White Rose Martyrs"

Feb. 16, 17, 23, & 24  
at 8 p.m.

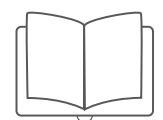
Feb. 18 & 25 at 2 p.m.  
Mitchell Theatre



#### Clovis Blackwell Art Exhibit "Dissolution: Where Do We Go From Here?"

Jan. 30 to March 2  
Opening Reception:  
Friday, Feb. 9, 6 p.m.

Metcalf Gallery



#### C.S. Lewis and Friends Tea

Feb. 9 at 4 p.m.  
Zondervan Library  
in Room 143



## Glimpsing into the past in 'The Post'

What happens when journalism and the government collide?

**Rylie Harrison**  
Contributor

In 1971, The New York Times received 43 volumes of a classified study regarding the Vietnam War, which came to be referred to as the Pentagon Papers. The Times began publishing the contents, but was sued by the Nixon Administration. In the time before the trial, the rest of the papers were given

to The Washington Post.

The film "The Post" tells the story of the publishers and editors of The Washington Post as they wrestle with the decision whether or not to publish the classified documents.

In the modern world of fake news and skewed reporting, this movie presents a valuable story from history about journalistic integrity and freedom of the press. The film considers what level of censorship — if any — by the government is acceptable while still upholding the First Amendment.

As far as performances, do I need to say anything about Tom Hanks and

Meryl Streep? As usual, both actors are fantastic in their roles. In addition, the rest of the cast also does a great job bringing the journalists, businessmen and politicians to life. In my opinion, the performances are the strongest element of the movie.

Where the film really falters is in its pacing. The first third to half of the movie feels unfocused and drags on. When the editor actually receives the papers, the movie focuses up and becomes interesting. Until that point, however, it is cluttered with backstory and mundane issues.

While not executed in the best way,



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"The Post" tells the story of the Pentagon Papers and The Washington Post.

"The Post" is still an interesting story about one of the most influential ethical dilemmas in the history of journalism. If you're interested in journalism,

history or the relationship between the government and the public, you will find enjoyment in "The Post."

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## Searching for healing and forgiveness in the 'Land of Silence'

After a life of pain, will she dare to reach out for healing?

**Elizabeth Hartmann**  
A&E Editor

Tessa Afshar's novel "Land of Silence" brings to life the story about the bleeding woman who dared to touch Jesus' garment.

Ever since her brother died because of her thoughtlessness, Elianna, the daughter of a merchant in ancient Jerusalem, yearns for forgiveness and healing. When her father refuses to forgive her, she tries to work for her restoration by overseeing her father's textile business.

Years pass, but guilt gnaws at her.



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A painting of Jesus healing the bleeding woman.

Because of her fears, she puts off her marriage to her beloved, leaving her need for forgiveness further out of reach. Although she finds relief from her troubles by producing creative and innovative garments, her success not only attracts a new clientele, but also the unsought interests of a Roman commander.

Unfortunately, an unwanted kiss destroys her future. Elianna chooses to shatter her own heart rather than put her family and the only man she

has ever loved in danger. Death's shadow strikes again, and she is forced to sell her father's business — the only comfort she has ever known.

When a bleeding sickness holds her in its grasp for 12 years, Elianna nearly gives up all hope and desire for life. Unclean and isolated, she craves a touch of love. Then she hears rumors of a man who casts out demons and heals the sick. She's tried everything. But Elianna chooses to hope again and reaches out her hand to find forgiveness and healing.

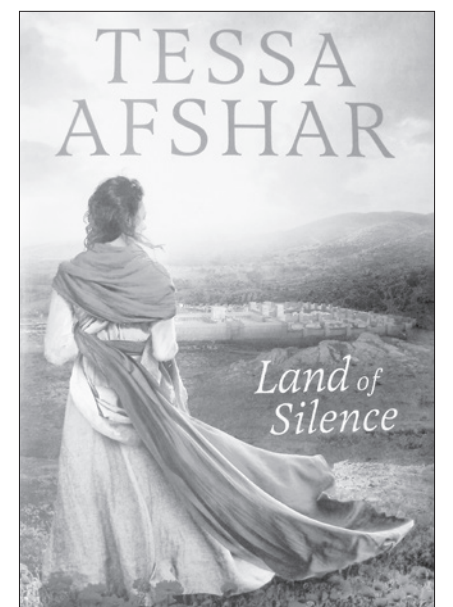
Although aimed for women, anyone with a heart for biblical romance will enjoy this book. This novel will be a favorite among avid biblical fiction fans, who want a glimpse of what life was like when Jesus walked the earth.

The lovable and complex characters in this book will make you laugh, cry and celebrate with them. The writing is engaging, and the surprises will keep you flipping pages to find out what happens. This heartwarming tale entertains from cover to cover.

Elianna's search for restoration and forgiveness is one everyone can relate to. This book shows how God can use our darkest trials and hurts in our life for good. In our society, we seek superficial healing and slather ourselves in make-up to hide our deepest wounds, but no "quick fix" or cover-up can change the state of our soul.

This book emphasizes Jesus' ability to forgive our darkest secrets and heal those wounds.

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Photograph by Elizabeth Hartmann

"Land of Silence" is a story of healing and forgiveness.



"Guess what? Attending Taylor University does not make you a superhuman."

The word we are all afraid to say

## Do our dorms do their job?

The ugly truth about psychological abuses

Olivia Lauritzen  
Contributor



Living on Taylor's campus is designed to be an intentional community, a place where students can count on their

peers for support and help — but is that accurate? Having lived in a dorm for two and a half of my four years at college, I can say it may seem to be supportive, but in many ways hides abuse.

Webster's dictionary defines abuse as "a corrupt practice or custom; . . . improper or excessive use; . . . language that condemns or vilifies, usually unjustly, intemperately, and angrily; . . . physical maltreatment . . ." and "obsolete (definition): a deceitful act." The common understanding of "abuse" today can be summed up as "any action in which one person takes advantage of another person, or coerces or manipulates them into something."

Abuse is commonly a "respectable sin." Its extremes are openly denounced and dealt with, while more subtle instances people see are glossed over. For this article, psychological abuse in college life will be covered.

Psychological abuse can appear in many different forms, specifically between students in campus living. Especially for introverted students, peer-pressured involvement in activities and wing or floor events can make it seem like they have no escape. Explaining that they simply need time alone is rarely accepted as an answer. These students know if they accept the offer of involvement and interaction, it



Photograph by Andrew Hoff

Considering others with our language makes Taylor inclusive of everyone.

will overwhelm them, making homework and further social interactions difficult to impossible. If they refuse, their peers will slowly exclude them from all activities under the assumption the introverted student does not want to be involved in anything.

Another place where psychological abuse is present is in the professor/student relationship. Many professors do not realize the way they present assignments and information can lead students to believe there is no chance of being good enough to please the professor. The perceived threat of getting a lower grade because they have not been a "good enough" Christian in their work can drive students beyond the limits of physical and emotional stress. Especially in Christian colleges, professors can (and do) use "doing all to the glory of God" to pressure students into overexerting themselves, neglecting self-care and burning themselves out on learning entirely.

Finally, a student's relationship with their own psyche can cause significant emotional damage. Family and relationship backgrounds are how a student filters what is said around them, and how they react. What a peer or professor may mean

to be joking can be something they're conditioned to only see as a danger due to past experiences, or can bring back memories of a former abusive encounter or relationship. Once that association has been made, everything else said or done from that particular person becomes harder to believe.

I believe most minor abuses and microaggressions can be stopped if, as a whole, we think before speaking. We should consider if our words and actions can be understood differently by who we are making them to, especially if we know the person well. Knowing when teasing has become too much, listening to when someone says "no," and, in general, respecting friends and classmates as we would want to be treated can be the first step. Considering 1) what we are about to say, 2) determining if it needs to be said, 3) if it needs to be said now and 4) needs to be said by us are steps we should put into practice each day — being considerate and treating our peers, students and friends as we would want to be respected — should be the very first thing we do in any situation.

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—The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

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### Our View

## 'Power to the Polls' focuses on intersectionality



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This year's march differed greatly from last year's in its purpose.

In January, perhaps as many as 4,000 individuals in Indianapolis made their way from the American Legion Mall to the Indiana Statehouse. In 2017, many marched to protest the inauguration of President Trump, saying his previous comments about women, his disregard for the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and clean energy, and his thin promises to LGBTQ community of America did not make for a fitting leader.

However, the theme of 2018's march was much different. While fundamentally about politics, the leaders of the march chose "Power to the Polls" as this year's rallying cry. As they say, "You can't complain unless you vote."

"No matter what your political viewpoint is, you can be in favor of voter registration," said writer and adjunct faculty member Amy Peterson. "(An) important part of meaningful contribution is voting. So, whatever we can do to make sure every American is registered to vote and making their political contribution will lead to a more representative and just government."

In conjunction to that theme, Women's March speakers in Indianapolis stressed the importance of intersectionality — in communities and in leadership.

This may seem far removed from rural Indiana. It is easy to get caught up in assignments and hall meetings and forget there is a whole world out there that is hurting. The first step to understanding intersectionality is for individuals to discover what facets of their identity are most at play.

"Intersectionality means that you are aware that each person's identity has multiple facets," Peterson said. "I'm a woman and I'm white and I'm straight; all of those things intersect to sort of make who I am. And so I think that even if you are a person who is in the majority culture, becoming aware of your own identity is a really positive first step. And then, I think at Taylor we ought to make more of a concerted effort to listen to the voices of people who are different from us."

Senior psychology major Rachel Campbell witnessed such

intersectionality firsthand. As a volunteer peacekeeper in this year's Indianapolis March, Campbell was stationed on a street corner with a biracial woman and a Muslim woman wearing a hijab — and they all had the same goal of promoting voter participation.

As professor of history Steve Messer said during a Women in American History lecture when asked about the parallels between today's marches and the marches on the early suffragette movement:

"It's not just radicals out there picketing the White House. It's people from all walks of life out there standing up for what they believe in."

Of course, society has come a long way since the days of Ida B. Wells and Carrie Chapman Catt. These days, intersectionality and inclusivity is at the forefront of nearly every discussion. But an important part of discussion often overlooked is listening.

"Listening builds empathy," Peterson said. "Listening is a way of showing love, and we don't need to be afraid of the people that we're listening to, or afraid of something we disagree with or something that doesn't fit the categories we already have in mind for reality and the way the world works, right? So, we should be listening to Black Lives Matter voices and we should be listening to LGBTQ voices because that's a way of showing love and honoring the image of God in every person."

Some people may be wary of joining a cause such as the Women's March. It seeks to tackle red-button issues, and those conversations often make people uncomfortable. At the end of the day, being politically involved and building relationships with "the least of these" will get us closer to the Kingdom. Whatever our faith, gender identity, race or socioeconomic status, voting with each other in mind will create a balanced community founded on empathy — and that's a step in the right direction.

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## The word we are all afraid to say

It isn't a curse word, but it might as well be

Rylie Harrison  
Contributor



The silence is heavy. You can practically smell the silent judgement as your wingmate walks away. You said

it, the one word that might as well be a swear word on Taylor's campus: no.

We have all felt it. When we say no to a certain activity or outing, we feel like we are somehow letting people down. The jig is up. Now everyone will know the truth we have so desperately tried to hide: we are human.

Why do we feel this way? Why are we made to feel guilty when we choose not to do something?

At Taylor, there is a standard of excellence students are expected to meet. Expectations are extremely high and it feels like all eyes are on us to perform. Somehow, this makes us think we have to be involved in as much as possible if we are to be seen as meeting expectations. Before we know it, we are overcommitted, stressed, exhausted and dropping balls left and right.

But do we stop? No, we don't.

Why? Because to stop would be to admit we cannot meet the standards of those around us. We can't reach the level of excellence everyone demands we meet.

At Taylor, we seem to have forgotten a simple truth: we are human beings with limitations. We can't do it all. We can't live up to the notion that we must be able to maintain excellent grades, foster deep friendships, engage in multiple extracurricular activities, cultivate our spiritual lives



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Saying "no" won't diminish anyone's worth; it'll help us flourish more.

and care for our bodies through exercise and a healthy diet.

Guess what? Attending Taylor University does not make you a superhuman. You are still limited in your time, energy and gifting. To think you can handle everything Taylor has to offer is not only unhealthy, it is also prideful.

When we think that way, we slip into the mindset that if we can get fantastic grades, spend an hour every day in prayer and Scripture reading, play on the intramural soccer and volleyball teams, lead a Bible study, audition for the next play, get published in THE ECHO, have deep conversations with our roommate, go on every Love's run, play in an ensemble, manage an on-campus job and work out every day, then we might be able to prove that we are good enough Christians and we deserve to be here.

This thought process starts with proving ourselves to those around us, but eventually it morphs into us trying to prove ourselves to God.

Listen up. That is absurd.

Please don't think I'm just being preachy. I've fallen into this trap, too. If I can't handle everything and have to say no to things, I feel like I'm not good enough, like I'm failing.

*The silence is heavy. You can practically smell the silent judgement as your wingmate walks away. You said it, the one word that might as well be a swear word on Taylor's campus: no.*

But what we forget is God doesn't care how many sports we are in or how many coffee dates we've had this week. He loves us no matter what. There is nothing we can do to earn His favor or to make Him love us more than He already does. We have nothing to prove.

Therefore, from one overwhelmed student to another, it's okay to say no. No is not a bad word. In fact, it is a word that might just save our sanity.

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## Robinson makes it rain on Cougars

Trojans upset Mount Vernon Nazarene

**Eric Andrews**  
Co-Editor and Chief

The Taylor men's basketball team defeated (RV) Mount Vernon Nazarene 93-73 last Saturday in Odle Arena. The victory improved the Trojans' season record to 15-11.

Sophomore guard Ryan Robinson fueled the upset victory, establishing a new career-high of 36 points, including a program-tying nine three-pointers, eight of which came in the second half.

"He's a gifted scorer as it is, but when he gets going, he's a load to contain," said head coach Josh Andrews. "He was making shots from all over, (and) I think he knew it was going in before he let it go."

The Trojans stumbled out of the gate, falling behind the Cougars by six points heading into halftime with the score 42-36. To combat the disappointing first half, the team refocused during the intermission and set their sights on the fresh start of the second half.

The change in mentality showed, with Robinson and sophomore guard Mason Degenkolb exploding for a combined 42 second-half points. The duo finished the evening with a combined 63 points.

"I thought it was one of the best games we've played as a team yet this season," said junior forward Jake



Photograph by Brad Timmerman

Sophomore guard Ryan Robinson has poured in 62 points in the Trojans last two games.

Heggeland. "I was really happy with obviously the outcome, but also how we played together. (Robinson) and (Degenkolb) both stepped up in incredible ways."

Degenkolb played a team-high 32 minutes in the victory, tallying 27 points, including a perfect 11-11 from the free-throw line.

Robinson accounted for 28 of Taylor's 57 second-half points, 24 of which came from beyond the arc. Robinson's career-best outing smashed his previous high of 24 points in a 94-90 loss against No. 22 Bethel on Nov. 21.

"After a couple (of three-pointers) went in in the second half, you get that little feeling like, 'Everything is feeling right tonight,'" Robinson said.

"But I really wasn't pressing it; I was letting the game come to me and finding good shots that were going in."

Andrews credited Mount Vernon Nazarene's motion offense, noting it is the best in the Crossroads League. Being able to compete and take over the game when the opportunity presented itself excited Andrews.

Both Andrews and Heggeland noted their hope for the victory to serve as a launch pad for success in the homestretch of the season.

"We think we are one of the most skilled teams at the school in a long time, and we need to start playing like it and playing together and playing for each other and with the passion that I think was slightly absent in the middle of the season," Heggeland said.

The Trojans took their show on the road Tuesday night, traveling to Marion, Indiana to play arch-rival No. 6 Indiana Wesleyan.

Despite another big outing from Robinson, the Trojans fell to the Wildcats 95-86, dropping Taylor's season record to 15-12.

Robinson tallied 26 points, while Heggeland chipped in 19. Junior guard Evan Crowe added 13 points, while freshman guard Vincent Miranda drained 12.

While the game appeared to be very even on paper, it was decided by virtue of points in the paint. The Wildcats dominated the Trojans, outscoring Taylor in the paint 54-38.

The Trojans will play three final regular season games before the

### WEEKLY PREVIEW

**BASEBALL**  
2/9 Campbellsville (A) (DH) 12:30 p.m.

**MEN'S BASKETBALL**  
2/10 Goshen 3 p.m.  
2/13 Huntington 7 p.m.

**MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD**  
2/9 Crossroads League Championship (N) 3 p.m.  
2/10 Crossroads League Championship (N) 9 a.m.

**WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**  
2/10 Goshen 1 p.m.  
2/14 Huntington 7:30 p.m.

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**Weekly Preview Legend**  
(A) = Away (N) = Neutral site  
(DH) = Double header

Crossroads League tournament, beginning with a home game against Goshen Saturday at 3 p.m. in Odle Arena.

"We want to finish the season at the highest level we can and see where that takes us," Heggeland said. "We think we can make a run here in the conference tournament. Obviously, we want to repeat what we did last year and make a national tournament appearance, but right now that means taking it one game at a time. It's not so much looking forward because nothing is guaranteed. We need to get there first."

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## Trojans roll over Cougars with ease

Women's basketball pummels Mount Vernon Nazarene 90-53

**Matt Csakai**  
Staff Writer

The Taylor women's basketball team is enjoying tremendous success this season. They are fighting hard in games, working hard in practice and, even more importantly, supporting each other well throughout this season.

Saturday's game against Mount Vernon Nazarene provided evidence of this. Senior forward Cassidy Wyse and junior forward Kendall Bradbury led the Trojans with 24 points and two rebounds and 20 points and

nine rebounds, respectively.

The team played responsible defense, holding Mount Vernon Nazarene to 53 points, while only committing eight fouls as a team, with no one in danger of fouling out. The bench contributed 17 points in the impressive effort, one of many from the bench this season.

According to Wyse, she is loving what she is seeing this season from her teammates. She recognizes, however, there is still more growing to be done as a team if they are to reach their lofty goals this season: making a deep tournament run and competing in the national tournament.

"I could not have asked for a better run my senior year," Wyse said. "We still have some big games left and a tournament run to make so we need

to keep getting better every day."

Head coach Jody Martinez said he commends his team's work ethic and desire to grow within the system and stay competitive throughout the season.

Martinez admires this team and their desire to work hard, calling it refreshing and rewarding, as evidenced by their success this season.

In Taylor's most recent game against No. 20 Indiana Wesleyan, the Trojans stumbled, losing 74-66. Senior guard Josie Cobb led the effort with 16 points and seven rebounds, while Wyse added 14 points and six rebounds. Taylor converted 35 percent of their shots from the field, and 29 percent from 3 point range, making 19 of the 54 shots they took in total.

Although this is undoubtedly a



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Junior forward Kendall Bradbury contributed 12 points against Indiana Wesleyan.

setback, the team will keep doing what they've done all season: coming together and giving praise to God. "My hope is for this team to enjoy and live each day to its fullest- focus on what we are doing today to prepare for tomorrow," Martinez said.

This will mean putting in the

extra work the same as they've done, hopefully being able to give God the glory all the way to the national tournament.

The Trojans will take on Goshen Saturday in Odle Arena. Tipoff is set for 1 p.m.

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## Track and field is showing off their talent

Several Trojans qualify for Nationals at their most recent meet

**Justin Chapman**  
Sports Editor

The indoor track and field season is a quick one. However, many Trojan athletes performed well in their most recent invitational, which was at Indiana Wesleyan last Saturday.

This season, the Trojans have been under interim head coach, Ted Bowers. He replaced David Neville, who announced his departure on Sept. 18, 2017.

Junior distance runner Anna Souza believes Bowers has been an excellent fit so far and is doing an excellent job of leading the team.

According to Bowers, the team performed incredibly well overall. Sixty-five track and field athletes from Taylor competed, and the Trojans had four A qualifiers and two B qualifiers.

On the men's side, the 4x800 meter team, containing senior Alec DeVries, sophomore Shauntis Lewis, freshman Andrew Runion and junior Ben Byrd, excelled with a NAIA A standard time of 7:51.83. Sophomore Jonathan DeHaan recorded an NAIA A standard in pole vault with a mark of 4.80 meters.

On the women's side, in the distance medley relay, Taylor's team of freshman Sarah Harden, junior Miriam Wood, sophomore Taylor Bluemel and senior Alex Berends smoked the competition with a time of 12:17.19, the second-fastest time in the entire NAIA this season.

Junior Plenseh-Tay Sakeuh recorded a distance of 5.76 meters on the long jump. She also turned in a time of 8.97 on the 60-meter hurdles, hitting the NAIA A standard.

For each event, there are two marks, A and B. An athlete has to perform better than the A or B marks to be claimed as an A or B qualifier. If you are an A qualifier, you automatically will compete in the NAIA Indoor



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Junior Plenseh-Tay Sakeuh claimed second place in 60 meter hurdles last Saturday.

National Championships. Each team can only take three B qualifiers to the Championships, so if someone

qualifies for the B mark, they have a chance to go, but are not guaranteed.

"This week it's more about how many points can we score, can we win the inaugural championship — that's what we're shooting for," Bowers said. "We'll get some qualifiers along the way, but they're secondary to the team cause this weekend."

Sophomore thrower Drew LeFever thinks his performance at the Indiana Wesleyan Invitational was acceptable but knows he can do better. He believes he can compete at a higher level.

The Trojans will travel to Marion, Indiana, to compete in the Crossroads League Championship today and Saturday. Next Friday, the Trojans will head to Findlay, Ohio, to compete in the Findlay All-Corners Meet.

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MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD



*Jonathan DeHaan*

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