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Updates made to bell tower

Alumni lay bricks in new bell tower patio

Taylor Budzikowski
 Staff Writer

Taylor University's 1968 alumni got down on their hands and knees to lay bricks in the Rice Bell Tower patio with Taylor's grounds crew beginning the second week of June 2018.

The new patio space surrounding the bell tower was funded and partially constructed by the class of 1968.

"I feel like there was almost a barrier before, and now it feels very welcoming," Tutor Coordinator and Adjunct Instructor Darci Nurkkala said.

The patio was remodeled due to caving in the previous brick work to create a larger space around the bell tower and new landscaping.

The project to improve the sidewalk paving surrounding the Rice Bell Tower began Homecoming 2017 and will be completed by Homecoming 2018. Once finished, the patio will have increased in size from 1,000 square feet to 5,000 square feet.

The octagonal design of the patio represents the seven anchor points of Taylor University including:

- Biblically Anchored
- Christ Centered
- Faith Learning Integrated
- Liberal Arts Grounded
- World Engaging
- Whole Person Focused
- Servant Leader Motivated

Each point will be featured on a plaque with the eighth point dedicating the space to the class of 1968.

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The improved space will become part of Taylor University's community life as



The Rice Bell Tower patio represents the seven anchor points of Taylor University.

benches and plaques are added to the octagonal area by Homecoming 2018.

Initially, Superintendent of Grounds Kerry Shanebrook drew up plans for the project. He presented them to the class of 1968 in October 2017. He has played a crucial role in facilitating the improvements on the bell tower patio. Additionally, alumni from the class of 1968 funded the project as a class gift for their upcoming 50-year reunion in October 2018.

"They really wanted to be involved in it so they came up and helped us lay bricks... they laid three different sections," Shanebrook said.

Around eight to 10 members from the class of 1968 came to Upland during the

summer months of 2018 to help with the project.

The names of each member of the class of 1968 are inscribed on the bottom of the bell tower patio bricks. Passerby cannot see the alumni names, yet an alumni can locate his or her individual brick by locating their corresponding brick number. In total, around 13,950 bricks comprise the new bell tower patio in addition to concrete borders.

"It is pretty substantial, functional, beautiful," Wes Rediger said.

Rediger, along with President Emeritus and Chairman of Christianity Today Eugene Habecker and Cheryl Helle Jones are 1968 graduates of Taylor. They played a part in the laying of bricks and

the planning of the bell tower patio.

The bell tower patio project was funded by the class of 1968 to invest in the future of Taylor University and the students, faculty and community members who call Upland their home.

"We are thrilled that it came our year... when we had the chance to do it," Rediger said.

The new patio provides a place for students to pass, interact and conduct programing.

The space will be dedicated on Thursday night during Homecoming and Family Weekend 2018.

"It feels more like a space instead of a transit place," Nurkkala said.

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Dining changes coming in September

What to expect from dining services this year

Autumn Dominique
 Staff Writer

Starting this semester, there will be many changes to Taylor's dining services.

In the Hodson Dining Commons, the deli station will soon have a Subway-style line. The students will be able to order what they want, and the worker will make the sandwich. Then there will be ovens to toast the sandwiches if students desire.

"We understand that eating at the same place over and over and over gets very monotonous and you get tired of the food," Dining Services Director Nate Haugh said.

To solve this problem, students will soon be seeing something called "Concept Takeovers" in the Dining Commons.

This new idea will affect the Taqueria and Chao stations. Once a month, the concept of these stations will be changed.



Men of Samuel Morris Hall enjoy Chick-Fil-A in the LaRita Boren Campus Center.

"It will just give us the opportunity to do something different and mix it up for students," Haugh said.

There are already multiple ideas currently in the works. One concept is called Eggheads, and every recipe at this station will contain eggs. Another concept, Za'tar, will be a hummus station.

Beginning in September, different concepts such as these will occasionally be replacing the Taqueria and Chao stations. Every two weeks, the concept will change at Taqueria. Two weeks later, a new concept will be at Chao.

These ideas have received good reactions from students who are

already aware of the future changes.

"I think these are all really good changes that will add a lot of variety," junior Paige McNinch said.

Last Wednesday, Concannon's Bakery, a local bakery in Muncie, began delivering donuts to Taylor University. Donuts, along with other types of sweets, will soon be sold at the LaRita Boren Campus Center.

The bookstore in Boren is currently being considered as a new station space. Another deli concept with built-in convenience store will possibly be replacing the bookstore. Taylor Dining Services hopes that the store will include items such as soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste and more.

"We are always looking for ways to give the students more options," Haugh said. "We are here for them, and if you want something just come make suggestions. As long as it is something that kind of appeals to the masses, we will do everything we can to do those suggestions."

A couple of other changes have
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Professor resigned amid allegations of misconduct

Hensley leaves Taylor on his own accord

Gabby Carlson & Chrysa Keenon
 Co-Editors in Chief



Dennis Hensley resigned from Taylor University on June 16.

Former Professional Writing Professor Dennis Hensley resigned on June 16 when faced with multiple allegations of misconduct.

In late May, an investigation was opened due to information provided from second-hand sources that multiple women claimed to be sexually harassed by Hensley at multiple writers' conferences over the course of many years, according to the Taylor University press release provided by Director of Media Relations Jim Garringer.

Hensley was presented with the allegations on June 15 and was immediately suspended while the investigation continued, and Hensley sent in his resignation less than 24 hours later.

Only one account was filed by a student. In 2004, a student of the Fort Wayne campus filed a complaint against Hensley. According to a statement in the Marion Chronicle-Tribune, she was a recent rape victim. She was raped by a man in a pool hall, according to an article by Inside Higher ED. She reported the assault to the police the following day, and had a meeting with Hensley, who was her adviser at the time. When Hensley learned of the rape, he allegedly pulled her into a hug, took off her glasses and kissed her twice on the lips, according to a

statement in the article in the Fort Wayne ABC 21 WPTA TV website.

In a statement made in the Chronicle-Tribune, Hensley said he was comforting her in emotional shock.

"When she reported it, the way she remembered it was totally exaggerated," he said in the article.

She filed a complaint with the university, but the investigation at the time yielded conflicting stories, according to Taylor's statement. Hensley was forbidden from any further contact with the student and warned not to interact with students in any way that could remotely suggest impropriety, according to the press release.

In an article in the Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette, Hensley implied the
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Freshman courses merge

O-Group combines with Foundations

Abigail Yasmeen Roberts
Staff Writer

This fall, Taylor's 536 new freshmen will be the first Taylor students in history to experience the newly combined Foundations (IAS110) and First Year Experience (IAS101) class.

"This conversation has been going on for 10 years," Scott Gaier, director of the academic enrichment center, said. "It has always been something considered."

Every fall, hundreds of freshmen swarm to Taylor's campus and are assigned cohorts with which they engage, discuss and become familiar with one another and with Taylor.

O-Groups have existed as a concept since 1974 when retired Taylor Dean of Students Walt Campbell ('64) re-envisioned the new student orientation program. Since 1974 the look of O-Groups has shifted and morphed, but the key structure and goals have remained the same. In recent history, Taylor transitioned into dividing the freshman class into color groups in fall of 2014, and in the fall of 2015, IAS110 was handed from Professor of Psychology Mark Cosgrove

to Associate Professor of Computer Science & Engineering Jeff Cramer.

"We had been close to merging the two classes when Cosgrove stepped down," Assistant Professor and Director of First Year Experience Shawnda Freer said. "Then we thought about redesigning the existing courses to see if they could stand alone."

However, passionate about finding an efficient way for freshmen to have one set experience, the department was still curious as to what the classes would look like merged.

Junior Hannah Funk, a first year experience cabinet member as a freshman wondering why foundations and first year experience couldn't just be combined.

Last fall, one color group, known as the purple group, was selected as an experimental group. The integrated class structure was tested on them. Three times throughout the semester they and a control group were administered a survey in order to assess their progress.

Gaier, who conducted the surveys, found a statistically significant increase in the experimental group's post-test. This further encouraged the faculty to move forward in this decision.

The biggest change for Taylor

students has been the name and role change from O-Group leader to Preceptor.

"It makes it seem more influential and official," O-Group leader sophomore Dana Thompson said. "I'm a sophomore, and I'm taking over the role of a grown teacher. It's definitely something you really have to think through."

Preceptors are now asked to read and create lesson plans for the four required books, facilitate and lead those class discussions as well as continue meeting and building relationships with their new group of freshmen.

Committing to the whole semester also allows preceptors to pour more into their groups and raises the standard of intentionality.

"I believe the prestige of the Preceptor (O-Group leader) role will go up," Dan Reade, graduate assistant for First Year Experience, said. "You're not just leading games, you are teaching and facilitating discussion. You're more of an academic, committed now for a whole semester and getting paid."

Gaier said he was most excited for the students' potential. He could see them developing into better friends, people and parents in the future.

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Now seniors, freshmen from the Class of 2019 pose with their O-Group.

Former English Hall Director takes new position



Julia Hurlow talks about her new role as Director of Discipleship.

Julia Hurlow now Director of Discipleship

Cheri Stutzman
Staff Writer

Former English Hall Director Julia Hurlow has taken a new role as Director of Discipleship and is full of vision and passion for the coming year.

As Director of Discipleship, Hurlow will primarily be working with Discipleship Assistants (DAs) and Assistant Hall Directors as she oversees discipleship on campus. She will also be heading up Sexuality and the Body week and Title IX programming.

Her vision for coming years is to have more Title IX education here on campus, including education on what Title IX situations look like. She desires to get campus engaged in hard conversations related to these topics.

"Breaking down barriers would be my bottom line," Hurlow said. "(I'm) helping to educate, break down barriers as well as help people have maybe a broader understanding of what it looks like."

Hurlow would also like to create opportunities for students to go on retreats that will focus on spiritual disciplines. She hopes to set up a spring break trip where students could go to a monastery or a silent retreat center and look at spiritual disciplines such as silence and solitude.

Hurlow has her Doctorate of Ministries in Semiotics and Future Studies and has been working within discipleship programs ever since being an undergraduate student at Indiana Wesleyan University.

Jesse Brown, dean of students and

Title IX coordinator, is excited to get have Hurlow on his team and get her opinion and input on Sexuality and the Body and Title IX programming.

Brown said Hurlow was a good candidate for the position not just because of her education and experience but also because of her passion for discipleship.

Sophomore Taylor Williams, who is a DA for Third Center English this year, was sad when she heard Hurlow left English Hall but excited for what Hurlow will do in this new position.

"I got an email this summer just saying that she... was moving up to Director of Discipleship," Williams said. "And I got really excited because I had seen just the way that she related to people and the way that she loves people so well. It just really exemplifies Christ in all that she does, so I'm excited to see how that carries on throughout campus rather than just English Hall."

Hurlow enjoyed her time as a hall director both in English Hall and before she got to Taylor, but she's excited for this new opportunity she's been given. It gives her the chance to focus on what she loves: talking to people about what is happening with their faith and their identity.

Hurlow is planning on putting her effort into helping students grow in discipleship and into seeing barriers surrounding difficult topics broken down.

"I always say that grass is greener where you water it," Hurlow said. "And so, I feel really committed to wanting to water grass here at Taylor... I want to spend my energy and time, helping and being part of the community here at Taylor and helping discipleship."

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been made at the stations in Boren that are already in effect. Emma and Charlie's Pizza now offers two new options, a chicken bacon ranch pizza and a barbecue chicken pizza. Additionally, the Chick-Fil-A meals will no longer include fruit as part of a meal swipe due to rising costs for the University.

"We changed the produce vendor, and fruit cost went up for us a

lot," Retail Manager Andrew Fisher said.

A message concerning students' meal plans was included in the Announcements email sent out on July 30.

"We will only be offering the 10 meal block plan for \$45 for employees and students who wish to purchase a meal plan for themselves and family members," the email read. "Our plan that offered 25 meals for \$100 will no longer

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#MeToo movement may have been the cause of this accusation. Then 69-year-old, Hensley characterized his resigning as retirement.

"I thought I should just take the high ground and retire, and just call it quits and let this thing die its own death," Hensley said in the article.

The statement released by Taylor mentions two other separate concerns, but they do not involve harassment of or advances on either Taylor staff or students. Over the course of the recent investigation, the University learned of a call placed in 1997 to a Taylor faculty member about concerns with Hensley that was never communicated to anyone in authority.

"To be clear, since the Fort Wayne incident in 2004, Taylor University administration received no complaints from students, faculty, staff members, parents or alumni/alumnae that alleged Hensley

had ever sexually harassed or assaulted them, nor such complaints from anyone outside the Taylor community until the information brought to Taylor administrators in May that prompted the investigation," the University press release said.

Several of the accounts came out through social media and mainly accused Hensley of misconduct during conferences not affiliated with Taylor.

In depth articles have been written about these accounts in World Magazine and two articles by Inside Higher ED. Both are available online.

"As a Christian institution of higher education, guided by biblical principles of truth, justice and grace, Taylor is grieved by any instance of predatory behavior or abuse of power," said the statement from the University. "We hold accountable each member of our community with the expectation they adhere to the highest ethical, behavioral, and moral standards. We are committed to providing an

environment of dignity, respect and safety for all members of our community."

Hensley was one of two professors in the professional writing major, and was formerly the head of the department before it was absorbed into the Communication Department. In lieu of Hensley, Assistant Professor of Professional Writing Linda Taylor has taken over as head of the major.

Taylor said she has taken over additional courses and will be hiring adjunct instructors to fill spaces when needed.

"I want to see us grow!" Taylor said. "I spoke with longtime publishing professional and agent Dan Balow this summer. He knows what we do in this major and how well we prepare our students to navigate the publishing world, and he said to me, 'The publishing world needs Taylor's Professional Writing major.' He knows what we teach isn't taught anywhere else."

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Taylor University seeks to provide a community in which students can grow and flourish, surrounded by peers and mentors with whom they can enjoy a rich community that integrates faith and learning. We are committed to making Taylor a safe place and holding accountable anyone who damages the physical, emotional or spiritual well-being of any member of our community. Everyone at Taylor is encouraged to report actions that do not meet these expectations to the University's Title IX office, campus police, or local police. We follow a thorough investigative process any time we receive such a report. You can find our Title IX policy and process here: <https://www.taylor.edu/title-ix>. The Taylor University Title IX Coordinator is Dean of Students Jesse Brown, whose office is located in the Boren Campus Center 221, 765-998-5344. Students should bring Title IX concerns to his attention or to the attention of one of several Title IX Deputy Coordinators, who are listed on the Sexual Assault Prevention and Response section of Taylor's homepage, which again is <https://www.taylor.edu/title-ix>. A full copy of Taylor's Title IX policy is linked from that page and can also be found at https://public.taylor.edu/student-life/student-services/documents/Taylor%20-%20Title%20IX%20Policy_August%202017.pdf?language_id=1. The policy discusses in detail the

procedures followed to investigate and adjudicate a complaint. Taylor is always mindful of the need for vigilance and constantly reviews its policies and procedures for addressing these concerns. This September we will be conducting Title IX refresher training for all faculty and staff. We also strongly encourage any student or other member of the Taylor community with Title IX concerns to bring them promptly to the university's attention. We believe strongly in "if you see something, say something." Only by working together can the entire Taylor community help maintain our expectations of respect and dignity, including those under Title IX.

Need any weekend plans? Upcoming local events.

9/01 – 9 a.m.

Town Rummage Sale

Upland

9/02 – 9 p.m.

Fireworks

Lions Park

Upland

Correction

In the Aug. 24 edition of THE ECHO, the date on the front-page folio line listed the incorrect year instead of 2018.

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Hitting it off with Student Body President & VP

Meet the student body team

Mica Evans
Staff Writer

After winning the hearts of students with their determination to enhance the community through activities, communication and diversification, seniors Joshua Clement and Julia Noonan represent Taylor's student executive cabinet this school year as Student Body President (SBP) and Vice President (SBVP).

Junior Lynreshay Johnson and member of the Taylor Student Organization's (TSO) Integration of Faith and Culture committee shared her excitement for the new SBP and SBVP. She firmly believes that both Clement and Noonan possess characteristics that she deems perfect for their roles as SBP and SBVP. Between their leadership experiences and personal traits, they were sure to have Johnson's vote as the new presidents.

"Joshua, to me, has a wider perspective as an international student, which suits the diversity on campus," said Johnson. "Julia's free spirit will also draw people to her and cause for close relationships with especially cabinet members. She's also really easy to trust."

Clement thought about running for SBP after serving as a member of the executive cabinet with TSO last year. His time working with TSO sparked the idea to run for SBP.

By Thanksgiving 2017, he was confident that SBP was the position he wanted to run for. He then decided to ask Noonan to work alongside him, and she said yes.



Seniors Joshua Clement and Julia Noonan smile as they think of the future of Taylor.

Photograph by Ellie Bookmeyer

"It seemed like a great opportunity to serve and give back to a place and people that have given me so much as well as strive to improve our community for students in the future," said Noonan.

Both Clement and Noonan are looking forward most to working alongside TSO. The duo both stated that being a part of TSO has definitely been a top 10 in their favorite memories at Taylor.

Their previous experiences as members of TSO resulted in them growing an invigorating desire to work alongside the group once again, but this time as leaders.

"I'm so excited for this year because we're not afraid to conflict with each other in pursuit of finding what's best for the community as a whole," Clement said. "We can also turn on music and dance with each other, which is awesome."

Noonan also has big hopes and

expectations for the TSO committee. She described the bunch as outstanding with big goals and soft hearts.

The duo explained some of their goals for this fall semester, including electing freshmen for Student Senate and diversifying the committee by allowing students with roles as athletes to become more involved in organizational groups on campus. The pair made it clear that they want students all over campus to share with them what the student body would like to see happening or changed on campus.

"Talk to us," Clement said. "We want to hear what you all have to say. Grab us on the sidewalk . . . actually, don't grab us. But we do genuinely want to hear from you all."

Clement and Noonan strongly believe they will have a great presidency here at Taylor during their term. The two spent J-term together

in Italy during their freshman year.

Noonan explained that their familiarity with each other really helps with their communication, and as a result, they are both open to learning from each other.

"We're really good at counterbalancing each other . . ." said Clement. "If I dig in the details, she is good at providing a bigger perspective. She also brings a raw joy to our office that I think we would seriously be lacking if it was just me."

During their early years here at Taylor, neither Clement nor Noonan saw themselves being presidents of the student body.

At the end of freshman year, Clement's hall director in Samuel Morris Hall, Tyler Witzig, spoke his position of presidency into existence. At the time, Clement did not believe this was possible, so instead of taking him seriously, he laughed.

"I think a lesson here is that you – any of you students reading this – can be a significant influence and a campus leader in ways you may have not previously envisioned," Noonan said.

Clement urged the student body to speak up when dealing with something they feel their leaders should be able to fix.

Clement wants to ensure the community feels comfortable with their student leaders, and he believes opening up to them about something going on within the community is just one way of doing that.

"Don't be afraid to bring it to us," Clement said. "We can't fix anything we don't know about. We are here to serve you guys, and we want to be able to do that well, so please. We will never get too sick of getting emails."

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Harvesting Victory

Victory Acres is using farming to heal brokenness

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Peace.

When asked to describe Victory Acres with one word, Eric Himelick, the founder and executive director of victory acres, used the word peace.

Victory Acres is a farm located at 5275 S. 800 E. Upland, and while they sell organic produce such as chicken eggs and berries, Himelick is hoping to use Victory Acres for so much more.

"I oversee the operations of Victory Acres Farm as Executive Director (This is a volunteer position)," Himelick said. "To pay the bills, I work as the Director of Development and Urban Ministry for Evangelistic Faith Missions (www.efm-missions.org). The city ministry that I founded in 2000, Victory Inner-city Ministries, merged with EFM in 2015."

Himelick studied at Union Bible College in Westfield, Indiana, and after this he began working and living with his wife in inner city Indianapolis. Their house was rough with bullet holes decorating the walls, but Himelick felt called to continue this city ministry working with hard people and broken families.

Himelick and his family continued their ministry in inner city Indianapolis until October 2005, when Himelick came home to an old family farm hoping for a time of prayer. He walked along the farm and prayed, hoping to cultivate something greater than crops. Through a series of events, he purchased the farm on contract from his grandfather.

"Grandpa was cash poor but land rich," Himelick said.

It was here at Victory Acres that Himelick and his family started to receive healing from some of the jadedness the inner city had caused. After the healing came peace.

In 2006, Victory Acres had their first "planting day" and 50 people from Indianapolis volunteered to help, including Dan Perkins ('93), who was studying at Taylor University. Perkins helped Himelick understand Community Supported Agriculture (CSA).

"Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) has become a popular way for consumers to buy local, seasonal food directly from a farmer," according to the Local Harvest website.

"The inner city was kind of a vortex," Himelick said. "We needed a place outside of the city to heal . . . We just jumped in with both feet."

Himelick's vision for Victory Acres is to have homes for inner city families to come and restore their lives. Himelick claims that he gets calls everyday from people in the inner city asking if they can come to Victory Acres, and it breaks his heart to turn them down because they are not ready yet.

One story Himelick detailed was of an 8-year-old boy he met while working in Indianapolis who is now 27 years old, and he called because Himelick and his ministry were the only help he had left. This boy's family had fallen apart, so Himelick had him bring his wife and family. Himelick, his wife and his six children, ministered to this family until they were ready to move on their own again.

"We see ourselves walking the road with them, but we aren't ready to do



Eric Himelick is envisioning Victory Farms bringing peace.

Photograph by Ellie Bookmeyer

that yet," Himelick said.

All of the sales Victory Acres makes go to the ministry helping inner city families. They have currently paid off about 65 percent of the original purchase of the farm and are on hoping for the farm to be fully paid by 2028.

Martin Hunt, the farm manager, is the only paid employee at this time. They have volunteers, but they hope to have more paid help in the future. Himelick estimates they would need approximately \$100,000 to \$200,000 to finish what they need to have Victory Acres up and running.

"Working at Victory Acres is a mix of work and hospitality," Hunt said. "Right now we are doing a lot of work fixing up building, cleaning, and organizing so it seems that all we are

doing is work! However, we have hosted different groups throughout the summer . . . We are always open to have people come by and see what God is doing here!"

Victory Acres raises over 80 tons of organically grown fruits and vegetables. They have also helped 26 individuals from the city, including some from prison, drug rehabilitation and homelessness.

They are always looking for relational partnerships with those who seek God and His mission at Victory Acres.

"It's challenging . . . but we're just taking it one day at a time and not trying to be something we're not," Himelick said.

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Plunging into the Community

One of Welcome Weekend's most beloved traditions

Lauren Rink
Life & Times Co-Editor

Community Plunge is an annual Welcome Weekend event that encourages students and faculty from Taylor's community to help out in the Upland community. This event is designed to bring the Taylor community and the Upland community together for a common goal.

According to the Community Outreach Coordinator and Office Manager of Taylor World Outreach (TWO) Jen McKim, Community Plunge has been taking place for over 20 years. McKim also explained that student members of TWO helped with site supervision, van driving and organization of the event.

Freshman Lindsay Rice, "It was cool getting to work side by side with our upperclassmen leaders while being out in the community serving," freshman, Lindsay Rice, said.

This year's Community Plunge covered a wide range of activities. These activities included, but are not limited to: The Lions Eyeglass Recycling Center, Lightrider Ministries, Red Barn, Pierce Church, Taylor University's Randall Garden, Upland Community Church and Victory Acres.

Sophomore Preceptor, Jack McNeil, explained that helping out at Pierce Community Church was beneficial to the community, and that it helped their group grow closer together.

Approximately 750 volunteers helped out during this year's



Sophomore Alex Choate, Senior Luke Brom, Senior Hannah Tolentino and Sophomore Natalie Baker help the Upland Community by helping with landscaping.

Community Plunge, including 575 freshmen, 115 upperclassmen (which include the First Year Experience preceptorial group leaders) and 60 faculty and staff volunteers.

"For Community Plunge, my group and I went to the Upland Lions Club to help them prepare for their big Labor Day Weekend festivities," Kyle Schultz, sophomore Preceptor for the Orange 2 group, said. "Our group participated in a wide variety of activities like painting, sweeping and raking leaves."

Schultz also explained that it felt great to go out as a group and offer

helping hands in the Upland community. This activity allowed the group to gain a connection to the community while also bonding together by serving alongside one another.

Although the temperatures rose as the day went on, freshmen were able to get a taste of the community Taylor encourages throughout the student body, faculty and staff.

"It was cool getting to work side by side with our upperclassman leaders while being out in the community serving," freshman Lindsay Rice said.

Prepare for competition

Open house ranking to begin this year

Kassidy Weemhoff
Life & Times Co-Editor

Red, White and Breu. Techno Night. Swalloween. Justin Timbercake.

If these names don't bring excitement to your very core, you haven't experienced one of the many legendary Taylor open houses. Whether you've never been to an open house, are an occasional attendee or a die-hard open house fan, there are things you will love and hate about open houses.

That's why this year, Life & Times will be reviewing open houses for your enjoyment. These reviews will not only be for a good read, but also for a fantastic reward at the end of the year for the best open house overall.

Open houses will be judged on decorations, floor/wing involvement, originality and overall experience, all out of five points. Whichever floor/wing scores the highest in our point scale will receive a prize personally delivered by members of the Echo staff. Be on the lookout for these reviews and make sure to create a noteworthy open house!

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Sophomore Silas Vinson, Senior Shane Livingston and former student Chad Zelner get their photo taken with the Easter Bunny at a second east Wengatz open house, Second Easter.

TAYLOR UNIVERSITY SURVIVAL GUIDE



Beat the heat

Alyssa Roat
Staff Writer

Students report humidity levels so high picture frames are falling off the walls like projectiles, the Command strips unable to endure. Everywhere, students are melting into the concrete, seeping into the grass and sloshing into air conditioned buildings for reprieve. What is a student to do?

Worry not. The Taylor Survival Guide has solutions for you!

1. SHOWER POWER

The first step is to laminate your textbooks. Why, you ask? Because from now on, you will be doing your homework in the cold shower.

2. BACK TO THE GARDEN

Next, you will have to institute "Adam and Eve Before the Fall" Appreciation Day, where all students will dress like our illustrious

forebears. Adam and Eve are in the Bible, so this is a very Christian thing to do. It will foster very intentional community.

3. COOL RIDE

But how will you stay cool while walking from class to class? Don't worry, the Taylor Survival Guide has you covered. Taylor's campus is notoriously hilly. Just use a giant ice block (approx. 4x4') to go sliding away! Your no-longer-toasty tushie will thank you!

4. SNEAKY SOLITUDE

Sometimes you just have to hide from the heat. Do any of your friends have a mini fridge? Climb inside and claim it as your new home.

5. EATING SMART

The DC has some great options as well. Just open the top of the soda dispensers and dive inside to snuggle into the ice cubes.

6. STAY GROUNDED

Tile floors are nice and cool. If you have class in Euler, Nussbaum, Metcalf or Smith-Hermanson, all you need to do is slither to class on your stomach to soak in the cool caresses of linoleum.

7. MAKE NEW FRIENDS

This one is for underclassmen. Sharing is caring. Sneak into a senior apartment, fill their bathtub with ice cubes and nap in the ice bath. You are guaranteed to make an unforgettable first impression.

If all else fails, there's only one thing left to do. Sprawl out. Give in. Gaze into the shimmering sky and prepare your soul to meet your maker.

It will be at this moment that Indiana will decide to snow. Congratulations. You now have hypothermia.

Note: Most of these are terrible ideas. If you do them, THE ECHO claims no responsibility for the repercussions. Be smart. Drink water.

The local Sunday shortlist

Avoid being a bedside baptist with these churches

Kassidy Weemhoff
Life & Times Co-Editor

This Sunday is the first time Taylor students will be attending church outside of campus this school year. For some, this is the first time in their lives they might be attending a non-home church. For others, this Sunday stands as a time to experiment with a change of church pace. Still for others, this list may be obsolete because of how grounded and connected students are to their local church.

Wherever you may fall on the spectrum, we have compiled this short list of local churches to help you or your friends navigate Sunday mornings. Take this opportunity to pour into local churches and into the Grant County community.

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LOCAL CHURCHES

Upland Community Church
Address: 439 W. Berry Ave, Upland, IN
Website: uplandcc.org
Denomination: Evangelical
Service times: 9 a.m. traditional 11:15 a.m. (10:15 a.m. this weekend) contemporary

Exit Church
Address: 2015 Main St. Gas City, IN
Website: exit.church
Denomination: Christian and Ministry Alliance
Service times: 10 a.m.

College Wesleyan Church
Address: 200 E 38th St. Marion, IN
Website: collegewes.com
Denomination: Wesleyan
Service times: 9:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Kingdom Life
Address: 2015 E Main St. Gas City, IN
Website: kingdomlifedisciples.org
Denomination: nondenominational
Service times: 6 p.m.

The Gathering
Address: 9512 N Walnut St, Muncie, IN
Website: thegatheringmuncie.org
Denomination: The Church of God (Anderson)
Service times: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Upland United Methodist Church
Address: 201 N. 8th Street, Upland, IN
Website: piercechurch.org
Denomination: Methodist
Service times: 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Northview Anderson
Address: 1720 E. 22nd St., Anderson, IN
Website: northviewchurch.us
Denomination: nondenominational
Service times: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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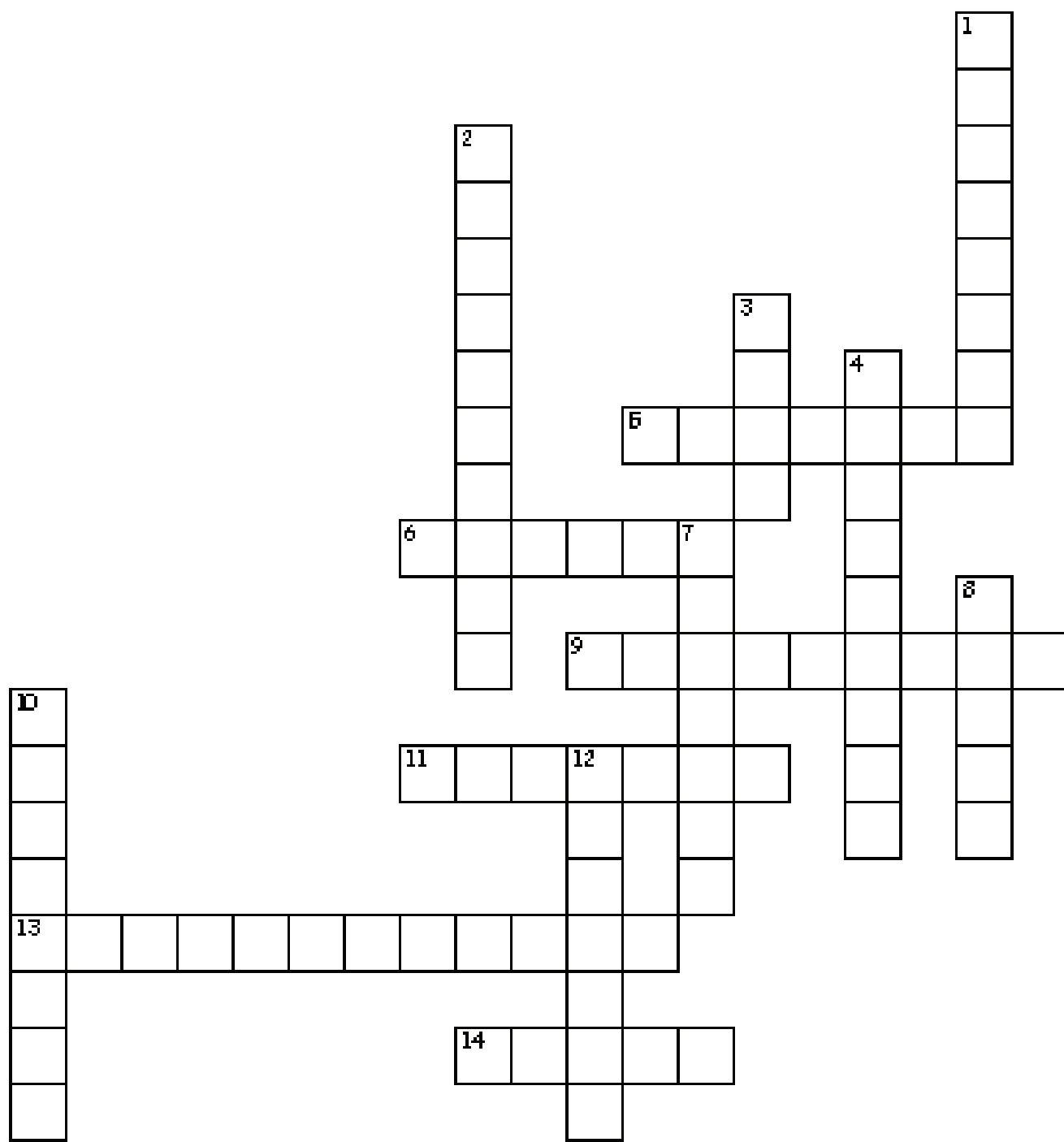
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*For the answers to this puzzle email lauren_rink@taylor.edu



A typical Sunday morning at the Gathering involves contemporary worship with fellow Taylor students and families from the Muncie area!

Weekly Crossword



Across
 5. Indiana is known as "The _____ State"
 6. First city in the U.S. to use electric street lights.
 9. Indiana's state tree.
 11. This president approved Indiana's admission into the Union in 1816.
 13. The capital of Indiana.
 14. The state song is titled "On the _____ of the Wabash".

Down
 1. During which month was Indiana admitted to the Union.
 2. Indiana is known as "The _____ of America."
 3. Oldest county in Indiana.
 4. Indiana is known for this rock.
 7. The governor of Indiana.
 8. Indiana's state flower.
 10. Indiana's state bird.
 12. Indiana's state poem is titled.

For the answers to this week's crossword email lauren_rink@taylor.edu

Want your tweets featured in The Echo?

Hashtag #TaylorU to any of your Taylor-related tweets for next week's paper!

Taylor Grad-Libs: How I Got Asked on a Pick-a-Date

I was just sitting in the _____ (place) when the popular student _____ (TU student) _____ (verb past tense) up to me.

"_____! (greeting)" s/he said. "Would you like to go on a _____ (noun) with me?"

I _____ (verb past tense). "Do you even know my _____ (noun)?" I asked. "Of course!"

My _____ (body part) dropped open and my _____ (noun) fell onto my plate. "What would we be doing?" I asked.

"We're going to _____ (place) to _____ (verb) some _____ (plural noun)." "

Oh, no. "I'm not good at _____ (activity)." "

"Please," s/he said. "It's a quick-pick. I really need a _____ (noun) now." "

I took a deep _____ (noun). "Okay. I'll go." "

"Great!" said _____ (same student). "I'll go tell my _____ (type of people)." "

#TaylorU's TOP TWEETS

Emily Knight @manyartsofem
 -pet 2 dogs
 -helped 3 lost freshmen
 -talked to 6 strangers about D&D
 -learned (and forgot) too many names
 -done 5+ hours of homework
 -submitted 1 assignment in person and 2 online
 -taken 3 small quizzes
 -flourished!
 #tayloru

Justin Chapman @jchappystick
 Fell asleep last night without sweating up a storm #thankful #tayloru

Olivia Miller @OliivaaMillerr
 Spain doesn't have air conditioning. I repent of every time i've ever made fun of Wengatz, Olson, or English for this. I'm so sorry, please take me back. #tayloru

William Silas Vinson @svinthekid
 Just stood in front of like 60 freshmen and said that I lived in Third Center Olson (a girls hall) instead of Third Center Wengatz. Nice. #TaylorU

Carly Wheeler @CaptainCarlton2
 If the 90 degree weather and boiling sun currently feels better than your room, you might be an Olson girl. #tayloru #ComeOnFall

Hope Bolinger @BolingerHope
 Can the @tayloru film department make a superhero movie involving @jpcramer and the other foundation profs? The Foundation Four? #TaylorU

Anna @annastreed
 To the boy in the student center who ate 6 boxes of Chick-fil-A nuggets in the course of an hour: all I've got to say is, wow, I'm inspired by you. #tayloru

Echograms #TaylorU Instagram



@davidvhchozah// PANDA for Samuel Morris Hall, Foundation. .
 #tayloru #sammy #foundation #personal#dicipline #assistant



@bradwalker1997 It's a bluetiful day in the neighborhood! #thebluecrew did an incredible job welcoming new freshmen to @tayloruniv #tayloru

"The recital includes songs with themes of happiness, sadness, love and death. He hopes students will take the time to think about the themes and reflect on what it is to be human."

Faculty recital explores humanity

Future filmmakers win prestigious awards

Film students' hard work pays off

Elizabeth Hartmann
A&E Editor

Two student films won the Crystal Pillar student production award from the regional Emmy organization—the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences (NATAS), Lower Great Lakes Chapter (LGL).

Seniors Hannah Goebel and Camden Johnson attended the award ceremony in Indianapolis on June 23, 2018 to accept the awards for their films. According to the NATASLGL website, more than 400 broadcasting industry officials were also present and many others watched online.

Goebel was the producer for the film "Cos Wars: More than a Hobby," which won in the Arts and Entertainment/Cultural Affairs section. "Cos Wars" is a documentary about people who dress up like Star Wars characters, express themselves artistically and serve the community at charity events and comic conventions. Although Goebel was the one present at the awards ceremony, her team included the director, Patrick Linehan ('18), the cinematographer, Niko Hays ('18) and the editor, senior Rebekah Hardwicke.

"The Illustrator," which won in the Long Form category, is a



(R to L) Seniors Camden Johnson and Hannah Goebel receive awards for their films

documentary about a talented artist and was directed by Johnson. Johnson's team includes the producer, Tileess Turnquest ('18), and the editor, junior Sean Quillen. Quillen and Johnson both worked on the cinematography.

Both films came to life in a documentary film class taught by Kathy Bruner, art, film & media

department co-chair.

"I love teaching documentary film, because often the truth of people's lives is more amazing than fiction," Bruner said. "It's such a joy to teach students how to find the story, dig deeply to uncover what is hidden, craft something really compelling in the editing process and build lasting relationships with

the people who are the subjects of their films."

A third film, a fictional piece called "Drop Dead Gorgeous," was also nominated for an award. It was directed and edited by Cam Glass ('17), produced by Daniel Ford ('17), written by Lincoln Reed ('17) and Matt Schiller ('18) did the cinematography.

Besides being nominated for an award, this narrative was also screened at the Film Festival of Columbus in mid-August and will be shown at the Hoosierdance International Film Festival in Kokomo in September.

Bruner explained that this recognition will provide students with the benefit from having the Emmy organization, which recognizes the best in television storytelling every year, on their resumes. It also gives the students validation, encouragement and the chance to give thanks and glory to God.

This is not the first time Taylor has been recognized by Emmy organizations, according to a press release on Taylor's website. Films from Taylor's program have been nominated 15 times and six have won awards since 2012. Bruner is excited to have both fiction and non-fiction films competing successfully.

Taylor's demanding Film and Media Production program prepares students for this success by teaching students to make choices about the film, including what music, graphics, archive photographs and sound effects to use.

"It takes an enormous amount of time, creativity and a commitment to strive for excellence," Bruner said. "These projects have been edited and fine tuned until the story really shines."

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Faculty recital explores humanity

Professor celebrates American theater with faculty recital

Emily Pawlowski
Staff Writer

Conor Angell, associate professor of music, theatre and dance, is kicking off the year with a faculty voice recital.

Joined by pianist Clifton Davis, Angell will be performing a repertoire celebrating musical theater. This recital focuses on pieces by composers Benjamin Britten, who wrote operas such as "War Requiem" and Stephen Sondheim, whose best known works include "Into the Woods" and "West Side Story." The recital also features several songs from popular American musicals such as "Avenue Q" and "Kiss Me, Kate."

Angell, though classically trained, chose a musical-themed recital in order to demonstrate to students the

importance of a varied repertoire.

"I teach a lot of musical theater students and the musical theater degree, and I'm definitely interested in that style, so in the last few years I've started to do more of that and really have been enjoying it," Angell said. "So I thought, while in a recital I think I'll go ahead and do a large portion of it as musical theater."

Angell hopes the mix of classic and modern music will appeal to a larger audience and give students a chance to enjoy styles of music they might not usually encounter.

Performing is a passion of Angell's and something he does regularly. He often does recordings for studios, but he prefers singing in front of an audience. He sees it as a shared experience and enjoys seeing the realizations and reflections the audience goes through as he performs.

"That's what I love about great performances, when I attend them: that

they speak to me, that they illustrate something about humanity, give me insight to that, that can happen in a huge audience or a really small one," Angell said.

Davis agrees this is a time for audience members to slow down and ponder humanity. The recital includes songs with themes of happiness, sadness, love and death. He hopes students will take the time to think about the themes and reflect on what it is to be human.

To prepare for this recital both Angell and Davis have spent the summer practicing and researching the composers' intentions. They each practiced on their own to familiarize themselves with the music and memorize their parts, then met up to get used to each other's styles and ways of performing.

"He is a very committed performer," said senior Lauren Vock, one of Angell's students. "He engages the



Conor Angell combines classical and modern music in his recital.

audience with his whole body and face, and uses his instrument well to serve the text and the composer's purpose."

The faculty recital will be held in the Recital Hall at 7:30 p.m. this Saturday. Admission is free and all are invited to attend and enjoy an evening of music.

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'Mission Impossible' explodes into the theaters

A review of the franchise's new release

Landon Hilst
Staff Writer

"Mission Impossible" is one of the biggest franchises to blast its way into theaters throughout its 22-year run.

As the franchise releases the sixth film in the series, this is where franchises begin to show signs of fatigue. Far from the case with Tom Cruise's signature action flagship, which is still maintaining the hot streak since "Ghost Protocol."

"Fallout" picks up where the fifth film, "Rogue Nation," left off. Cruise once again portrays Impossible Mission Force (IMF) agent Ethan Hunt, cleaning up the mess left in the wake of a mysterious criminal organization known as The Syndicate. At 56, age isn't a factor for Cruise as he dangles from helicopters and darts through the streets on motorcycles. Production was delayed, however, when Cruise injured himself while jumping over a building.

But a mere broken ankle isn't enough to keep one of the hardest working men in Hollywood down and with the help of his team portrayed by Simon Pegg, Ving Rhames and Alec Baldwin, the bad guys don't stand a chance. Rounding out the stellar cast, Rebecca Ferguson returns as



Grab your popcorn and prepare for this action movie.

the crafty British intelligence agent Ilsa Faust, continuing a tentative alliance with the IMF. Also, a newcomer to the Mission Impossible films Henry Cavill, who fans know to be the current big screen Superman, works as Agent Hunt's rival CIA operative August Walker. Both performers add their own unique flavor to the film

which is vital to preventing a sense of monotony for the audience.

Paramount Pictures' "Mission Impossible: Fallout" was released in theaters on July 27, 2018 and is a must see before the summer movie season comes to a close. With an action-packed yet compelling plotline surrounding our secret agents,

their criminal conspirators and a whole mess of explosives, director Christopher McQuarrie's second Mission Impossible film deserves a rank of four and a half stars. Your mission, should you choose to accept it: catch this film before it leaves cinemas.

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A&E Events

Mala Iqbal Art Exhibit
Today – Oct. 18
8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Opening reception
Today — 6 p.m.
Metcalf Gallery

Faculty Recital
Conor Angell, baritone
with Clifton Davis, piano
Sept. 1 — 7:30 p.m.
Recital Hall

C.S. Lewis and Friends Tea
Today — 4 p.m.
Rice Lounge

Rice Pilaf
September 14
9 p.m.
FREE ADMISSION
Recital Hall

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—The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

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Admissions excels with class of 2022

Taylor University sees record setting freshman class

As reported in last week's edition of THE ECHO, the class of 2022 is the largest incoming class in Taylor's history. The Editorial Board would like to congratulate the Admissions staff on their success.

With a large incoming class, several logistical and cultural problems could arise.

One logistical problem is the growing number of students to house. However, Chief Financial Officer Stephen Olson believes that the effect will be mitigated by the size of the class of 2021.

“Keep in mind that this large class is coming on the heels of a rather small class from last fall, so the total number of students on campus will be relatively stable,” Olson said.

However, the problem of housing has affected some wings and floors, such as Second East Olson (2EO), which has lost their lounge due to the need for more housing.

Junior Marissa Flick, who lives on 2EO, said her wing lost a space for communal gatherings but prefers having more students.

“(W)e were able to have more girls on our wing, which added a lot to our community,” Flick said. “Even just adding one or two more people adds a whole new person and new stories and new opportunities to connect with other people. I would definitely say being able to have other people who want to live in Olson to be on the wing definitely outweighs the challenge of finding a space for us all to gather together because that is an obstacle you can work around.”

However, the problems are not only logistical. Large numbers of

new students can also affect wing/floor cultures.

This year, Third Center Wengatz has 14 new students. Discipleship Assistant and junior on the wing Jack Andrews has some concerns about the students fitting in but ultimately thinks the transition will go well.

“Obviously, when you have this new influx of people, they immediately leave a pretty big impression on the wing, just as far as new personalities, new faces,” Andrews said. “There’s just a lot of excitement when you have a young wing or a young floor, and so with this many freshmen, there’s a new energy, a new vigor that’s in the atmosphere with events and traditions.”

As noted in last week's article, incoming classes typically have more females than males, so female dorms and floors have felt the effects of increasing size more than male dorms and floors.

The demographics of this class differ according to Vice President for Enrollment and Marketing Steve Mortland.

“The unusual nature of this class is that it is the most balanced class in gender – almost 50/50 male and female,” Mortland said.

This year, the effects of the incoming class will be felt by all students, not only female wings and floors.

The Editorial Board sees these potential negatives simply as challenges, not deterrents to growth. We trust that the good work done by God through the Taylor community will be increased as the Taylor community gains more members.

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Taylor University needs to cool it

English, Olson and Wengatz halls still don't have air conditioning

Hope Bolinger
Copy Editor



Window fan armies drown all noises by Olson and Wengatz. Further down the sidewalk leads to another dorm without air conditioning: English.

To the right, see Gerig and Breuninger. Both have air conditioning.

According to the Taylor website, 225 women live in English and 300 students apiece stay in Olson and Wengatz. That means 825 students endure sweltering heat in August, September and the tail end of spring.

Last year, senior Jori Hanna, an English resident, conducted a study for her Communication Writing Essentials class. Of the 1787 students living on campus, 46 percent of them last year lived without air conditioning.

Several of them deal with allergy-related issues. Senior Maureen McGauran, an Olson resident, has had to adapt all her years at Taylor in non air-conditioned dorms.

“I have a lot of allergies,” McGauran said. “So (with) having the windows open, I notice a difference. I eventually got used to it.”

Hanna also had to adjust to living in the sweltering conditions of English, which inspired her to research the possibilities of air conditioning and the effects of its lack. Of the 61 students surveyed, 57 percent said they preferred to study in their rooms over all other places on campus and 76 percent of the total surveyed said they best studied in an environment between 68 and 76 degrees.



Photograph by Jerusha Lindsay

Sophomore JD Groh, who lives in Wengatz Hall, attempts to cool down

Less than 10 percent of the respondents felt comfortable studying in rooms without air conditioning.

“If you can't study in your room, that kind of defeats the purpose,” Hanna said.

She had heard rumors English would have to be torn down entirely to be able to incorporate air conditioning.

However, Hanna found a loophole in the International Mechanical Codes Appendix J.

It states, “When the total area ... exceeds 50 percent of the area of the dwelling unit, the work shall be considered as a reconstruction ... (except in) work areas in which the alteration work is exclusively plumbing, mechanical, or electrical ...”

Hanna said air conditioning would fit under the mechanical category, especially when using a wall-mounted air conditioning system.

Some areas of the three dorms do have air conditioning, such as Wengatz Hall Director Josh Craton's apartment. He invites students to stop in to catch a relief from the heat.

“We like to say that people choose to live in Wengatz for the community, not the amenities,” Craton said. “Certainly A/C would be a nice amenity, but in the end it's all about the community for us.

Lack of A/C has a weird way of bringing people together at the beginning of the year.”

Although this does provide a good opportunity for students to bond, wings such as BroHo and FOSO still foster a strong community while enjoying the amenity of air conditioning for the same housing cost as those in Wengatz.

Furthermore, Hanna's research shows that 58 percent of students surveyed prefer to sleep in a cold room. Hall Director apartments would have a difficult time fitting hundreds of residents in the various residence halls, especially during sleeping hours.

I suggest the following solutions.

One: Put air conditioning in the three dorms either through a wall mounted Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) system or through extensive duct work in an Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) system. The latter is cheaper but would require more renovations.

Two: If for some reason Taylor cannot provide air conditioning, they should offer a discount off the room and board cost for anyone living in English, Olson or Wengatz. It is not fair for students to be paying the same tuition and not receive the same amenities.

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Res Life makes changes to “Awk Walk”

Student stands for time-tested tradition

Sam Jones
Contributor



Taylor University Welcome Weekend is one of the most eventful weekends during the Taylor school year.

New students are getting acclimated with the culture as returning students welcome them to campus. What better way to welcome new students than to immediately incorporate them into the Taylor traditions?

That's why we have the Awk Walk.

The goal of the Awk Walk is to introduce new students to their brother or sister wing, and an awkward atmosphere allows them to break out of their shells a bit. The walk includes awkward get-to-know-you questions and activities. Throughout the walk, the participants rotate partners, and, ideally, the new students will meet all the new students on their sibling floor by the end of the walk.

Well, it has come to the attention of the administration that the Awk Walk may not be such a great idea. For anyone who participated in the walk this year, you probably know that it is now known as the “Walk'n'Talk,” a similar event, except with less awkwardness.

Scott Barrett, the director of residence life at Taylor, weighed in on the subject. Barrett is faced with the challenge of keeping life for students fun and healthy.

“Our hopes are to welcome students to campus and help them make connections with their peers,” Barrett said. “Creating purposeful opportunities to make people feel embarrassed or



Photograph by Jerusha Lindsay

Freshman Drew Jordahl enjoyed the new-look “Walk'n'Talk.”

uncomfortable isn't a good way to welcome someone into the Taylor Family.”

Barrett brings up a good point, stating that an event designed to embarrass students is not a good way to introduce them to the Taylor community.

However, the Awk Walk is not designed to make someone feel “embarrassed.” It's designed to be awkward. Embarrassment requires two parties to be involved: the party being embarrassed and the party embarrassing. During the walk, everyone is being awkward together, and, if anything, it creates an atmosphere of camaraderie between wing mates.

The walk is absolutely uncomfortable, but that is not necessarily a bad thing. Pat McNamara, a junior at Taylor, participated in the Awk Walk his freshman year, and led the walk his sophomore year as a PA, giving him a valuable view on the subject.

“You're doing this really quirky thing and everyone is uncomfortable together, but I wouldn't fight for the Awk Walk at the risk of someone else feeling uncomfortable,” said McNamara.

People's feelings are something to keep in consideration, but there has to be a point in which we accept the fact

that anyone could be “uncomfortable” with virtually any event or tradition.

The good news is that the Walk'n'Talk was not completely scratched. Drew Jordahl, a freshman at Taylor, went on the walk this year under the new rules.

As a freshman, Jordahl was never exposed to the traditional Awk Walk. However, he shared many positive comments about the newly instated walk.

“I loved it and found it to be a great way to meet the sister wing because we were able to just ask simple questions as we walked and were encouraged to do something a little out of the ordinary,” said Jordahl.

It's good to know that even though traditions may be changing, the new students still find them enjoyable and positive.

How much tradition can we sacrifice for the comfort of everyone? Maybe the traditions and events that make people feel slightly uncomfortable are healthy. I'm not attempting to suggest that people should always be thrown into situations in which they do not want to participate, but I also believe that being outside of your comfort zone is when you grow the most.

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Photograph by Trevor Osswald

Freshmen Hailey Hamilton and Ella Harris are a part of the record-setting class of 2022

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"We're gelling a lot better than we did last year — Obviously that's translated onto the field, so I think that's really important."

Different team shoots for same goal



Junior Hannah Waltz attempts to force a turnover in a game against Roosevelt last season.

Photograph by Brad Timmerman

Trojans set high expectations for season

Women's soccer looking to improve

Andrew Nevins
Sports Editor

Taylor University Women's Soccer is entering the 2018-19 season with high expectations for themselves after a semifinal exit in last year's Crossroads League tournament last November.

Their goal for the season is much loftier than another exit in the semifinals, but the team does not sense much of a need to alter their preparations for the season.

"I don't think there's any different approach to what we do," Head Coach Scott Stan said. "Obviously, the goal is always to win the finals and get to nationals but the way

that we prepare for that needs to be the same, especially this early in the season."

Senior midfielder Emily Calvani praised the leadership of the team's captains, saying that the emphasis on team chemistry on and off the field is doing great things for the team.

According to Calvani, the team feels that practices have been preparing them well for the long and competitive season ahead as everyone seems to be getting something out of every practice.

"I think they (practices) have been tailored to each kind of player and it works for everyone and everyone is getting better," Calvani said.

The Trojans lost several players due to injury last season and are making it a goal to keep as many players healthy as possible. Stan has

been emphasizing the importance of making sure everyone is better by the start of conference play and not broken.

As a result of its successful off-season, the team is ready to embrace the challenge of making it to Alabama for the NAIA National Tournament later this fall. According to Stan, the Trojans realize that they play in one of the toughest conferences in the nation and will face several teams who are competing for a spot at nationals.

"I think it's one of the hardest conferences in America," Stan said about the Crossroads League. "Because you may have a bad team, but most conferences have seven or eight bad teams and just a few that are actually playing for the championship. I think here four or five are playing to win it."

Being successful requires more

than good conditioning and crisp passing. Junior midfielder Danielle Toren understands this and thinks one of the team's greatest strengths is not related to anything on the field.

"Relationships," Toren said about the team's key to success. "We've already seen that play out in our team chemistry on the field and there's a component to that, obviously you need talent and hard work to be successful but usually when you have good relationships they push you to work harder. And so, things just stem from relationships; relationships with each other, and relationships with the Lord. That's why we work, we work for each other, and we work for the Lord."

The Trojans have played three non-conference games so far this season, tying the first and winning

the next two easily. The former was a matchup with Northwestern Ohio, the third ranked team in the country. The game would have been Taylor's if not for a late penalty goal by Northwestern Ohio.

Toren feels like that game helped the team realize its identity and potential for success.

"Starting off with a really hard team is a great way to (realize) that that's the tempo we need to play at this season," Toren said. "We don't have any easy games and we will never think we can play slow or down to their level."

Taylor resumes non-conference play on September 5 at IUPUI and plays their first conference game against Spring Arbor on September 26.

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Different team shoots for same goal

Despite graduates, Ross sees high potential

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All eyes will be on the men's soccer team this season as they take the field as a much younger and almost unrecognizable team.

The Trojans graduated nine seniors this past season including offensive stars Wes Shupe, Sam Hardy, Lewis Nisbet, Gonzalo Iglesias and Gabe Saliba

Gary Ross is heading into his 15th season as head coach. He laid out the two expectations he has for his Trojans to function as a team and then, the one overall goal for the season.

"In terms of how we do what we do, one is, 'How can I be the best possible teammate I can be?'" Ross said. "And the second is, 'How can I get a little bit better today?'"

Ross' goal for his Trojans this season is to place at least third in Crossroads League, but Ross is holding his team accountable to make the goal for top three in conference play to stay on the safe side.

Junior forward Josiah Wieland thinks clinching a spot in the top

three in conference is achievable. If all goes as planned for the Trojans, he says their next goal would be to play in and host at least one tournament game.

"The last couple of years, we barely snuck into the conference tournament in the end," Wieland said.

The last time Taylor men's soccer won a Crossroads League tournament game was the 2014 season and they have not qualified for the NAIA tournament since 2011 season.

Ross named off senior center back Andrew Johnson, senior central midfielder Jeremiah Rader, junior holding midfielder Juan Alberghetti and enior center back Charbel Salako as four players who will take over as stars of the team.

"In terms of field players, Rader's probably the one that's going to have the most impact," Ross said. "In terms of scoring and assists . . . but we have some young guys to that are really good too."

As far as the new faces on the team, there are 11 players, seven freshmen and four transfers. Ross said forwards freshmen James McBride and Paul McBride in particular are two players that can already play at a really high level. James McBride has

scored one goal and has one assist, while his brother Paul McBride has two goals.

With the class of freshmen coming in, Wieland said the freshman players help relieve many of the starters who need a rest during games.

"I think they bring a lot," Wieland said. "At least in the two years I've been here . . . they haven't had to take time or anything . . . it allows us to be pretty deep in each position."

Wieland said the 2018-19 freshmen class is the most talented group coming in and have already contributed a lot.

Even though the team graduated many of their starting forwards and midfielders last year, Wieland said every team member is not set at a position, so they can fill in the missing spots. Aside from the tactical aspect of the game, Wieland said the team's culture has changed significantly from last season to this season, such as the comradery.

"We're all gelling a lot better than we did last year," Wieland said. "Obviously, that's translated onto the field, so I think that's really important."

The Trojans played Trinity International on Monday, August 27, and



Senior midfielder Jeremiah Rader protects the ball during a matchup last season.

Photograph by Brad Timmerman

lost 3-1. They look to bounce back with a win next Monday, September 3 at Concordia University.

Ross is very optimistic about the team's chances as they roll into conference play in a couple weeks.

"We're young," Ross said. "We've got a lot of good, dynamic athletes. If they be good teammates and play together each day, by the time conference hits, they'll be a team."

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RESULTS FROM TAYLOR ATHLETICS

Men's Soccer

8/25 Judson W 2-1
8/27 Trinity International L 3-1

Women's Soccer

8/25 Cincinatti Christian W 5-0
8/29 Olivet Nazarene W 5-1

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Senior	Year	Freshman
Rufino, Argentina	Hometown	Bartlett, IL
Business Management	Major	Youth Ministry
Holding Mid	Position	Forward
Grayson Harris	Funniest teammate	Sarah Bade

Erin Teevans

Women's Soccer



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