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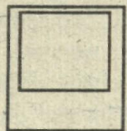
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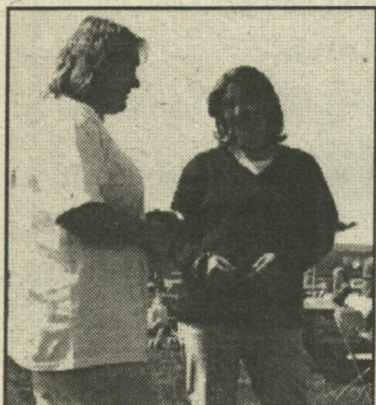
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Heather Gunderson, left, and her sister Amanda, chat during the recent Family Weekend.

Campus takes a bite out of crime

By Lauren Bour

When three students had their cars broken into recently, more than 60 students circled together—hands and hearts united—to pray for protection over the campus. Since the thefts, concern for safety has escalated.

Recent incidents involving a "peeping tom" at Hausser, a drunk man asking for a ride home, an infamous stalker note and the break-ins have caused most students to take precautions. The crime fright also has provoked some students to question the value of campus security

and whether or not it's working.

"I don't think the security is adequate enough for our facilities," said sophomore public relations major Russ Pawlowski. "There is only one guy patrolling the entire campus. It may be a small campus, but there just isn't enough."

"We've never had problems like this before until this year," said junior elementary education major Stephanie Busic. "I get frustrated because we pay all this money and stuff is still happening. I don't know if it's security's fault, but something isn't happening right."

At the same time, Busic feels that the school is doing its best.

"I know the school is doing a lot to try and fix things," she said.

Despite this praise, some students said something needs to be done on a university level. Yet, others feel students should be more responsible.

"I think it boils down to your own personal responsibility," said Blake Eickhorst, senior criminal justice major.

Laura Tobens, sophomore business administration major, agrees.

"I think the safety on campus is good, but we are in a city. So, we should take precautions," she said.

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New position unites enrollment services

By Lauren Bour

Taylor has a new Associate Vice President, which may sound like another layer of bureaucracy but it actually part of the university's plan to streamline its operation.

Financial aid and admissions are now a united front in offering enrollment services to students. Thus, the department has been renamed the Office of Enrollment Services. And, at its head is Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management—Herb Frye.

Frye's position was created to bring unity to the enrollment management structure. This way, the admissions and financial aid departments can work together to achieve the same goal.

Not only has Frye been put in charge of these two areas, but he also overlooks retention and marketing issues. "Right now we're assessing the past and finding out what's working and what is not working," he said.

"Herb wants us to do a more thorough job with mailing, traveling, visiting schools and churches, and campus visit days," said Leo Gonat, director of Admissions. "We also have a more intentional focus on telecounseling and off-campus recruitment."

This emphasis has played a major part in the admissions strategy. New cubicles have been built which will soon be furnished with a computer and telephone for each telecounselor.

"Everyone is pretty positive," said junior education major Kari Reynolds,



Photo by Jim Garringer

Frye is a 20-year veteran of enrollment services.

who is working her second year in admissions as a student counselor and Personal Touch Staff member.

"Job responsibilities are more evenly divided and things are running smoothly, which is an improvement from last year," she said.

Frye also is redesigning the department's ads and publications.

"I want to make sure that we have consistent and accurate images, messages and themes running throughout the department," he said. He's also drafting a three-year plan for an October board meeting in which he'll outline goals and strategies for marketing, recruiting and financial aid.

For the Financial Aid Department, being united with admissions has been a positive experience.

"This will help us be more customer oriented to all students as well as to

new applicants," said Chuck Belknap, director of Financial Aid.

To Frye, his position at TUFW plays a crucial role in his work for the Lord.

"This is not a job," he said. This is a ministry. That's why I'm here and want to be here."

In fact, Frye could be any number of places, but he chose to come here. He has more than 20 years of experience in admissions—even working as Taylor-Upland's Dean of Enrollment Management for 14 years.

He also worked as Indiana Wesleyan's Vice President for Enrollment Management before being asked by President Jay Kesler, Provost Daryl Yost, and Nienhuis to come back to Taylor-Fort Wayne.

"I trust Herb," said Nienhuis. "In my opinion he's one of the most knowledgeable admissions officers in the Christian College Coalition."

"He knows admissions. He knows marketing. Herb now has a breadth of knowledge that is extremely beneficial to us."

Frye wants students to know that he welcomes their recommendations and input into any area of his responsibilities.

"Students are the best source of knowing how to effectively communicate the campus to other students," he said.

Frye said that he will make himself available to any student wishing to discuss these issues. He suggested that students make an appointment with Peggy Keener at the financial aid desk in the Enrollment Services Office.

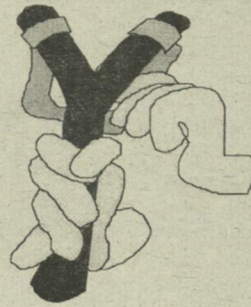
Editorials

"Humans are very seldom either totally sincere or totally hypocritical. Their moods change, their emotions are mixed, and they are often themselves quite mistaken as to what their motives really are."

--C.S. Lewis



Ciara's Slingshot



Lock your car at night. (See Page One.) That's the advice.

Now for the commentary. As a brief service message from The Express, I would like to remind you that EVERYONE is invited to spread a little love, a little information and, yes, a little angst, on the editorial page. That's what this is all about--your right to comment and complain.

It's not a very good time to be the media. But as your Taylor-focused, Taylor-friendly publication, we want to let you know that you are always welcome to accuse us of all kinds of misdemean-

ors at any time. But let it never be said that one of those misdemeanors was not allowing all students to have a voice.

Did I say all *students*? Well, I meant everyone who's a part of Taylor University. That means faculty, administrators, alumni and parents, as well as students.

As a staff, we're committed to making our newspaper more than just a public relations release for Taylor. We want to cover stories that are informative and interesting, as well as contemporary and Christ-centered.

If you feel that this is not being accomplished, don't just whine about it. Get involved! This is your paper, everyone's paper, and you can be a part of what's happening.

DO YOU FEEL SAFE?

The following information is from Taylor University's Security Report. Taylor University, Fort Wayne provided these crime statistics in keeping with the Crime Awareness and Campus Security Act of 1990.

Number of Crimes Reported on Taylor University Fort Wayne Campus by Type of Crime, 1994-1996

	1994	1995	1996
Sex Offences, Forcible or Non-Forcible	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0
Burglary	0	1	1
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	1
Murder, Rape, or Aggravated Assault Based upon Racial, Religious, Sexual, or Ethnic Prejudice	0	0	0

The Express wants your opinions: How safe do you feel?

Write a few sentences about security and safety at Taylor, and drop them off at the Publications Office in the basement of Witmer Hall. Please give us your name and extension. Some of the responses may be published.

Young love is in the air ... by Polly Arnold

It's fall and Love is in the air.

At least for Taylor's new freshmen (and a few sophomore guys).

Everywhere on campus, couples are gazing lovingly into each others' eyes.

Two weeks later, they are gazing lovingly into someone else's eyes.

Freshmen romances. Upperclassmen laugh at them and think they are juvenile, yet college students have experienced them.

Nineteenth-century playwright and satirist Oscar Wilde once remarked that, "the first sign of love is the last of wisdom." He could have been talking about TUFW freshmen.

"I'd say the romance lasts until the next feeling comes along," said Dick Baxter, director of Career Development.

That would be about a week. The romance is euphoric, filled with daydreams of long engagements and wedding bells.

Suddenly, the starry-eyed freshman realizes that this "dream" person isn't his/her one and only true love. The relationship ends, often with the phrase, "God told me to break up with you."

Oh, yes, there may be heartbreak--Short and extremely shallow heartbreak, but heartbreak, nonetheless. Before the freshman's heart can gain any wisdom from the experience, however, he/she notices another "dream person" across the cafeteria.

So the cycle continues.

Just when the upperclassmen think it can't get any worse, Pick-A-Dates commence--or "Pick-A-Mate," as someone has aptly nicknamed it.

Pick-A-Dates just spur the freshmen on, which, considering the free entertainment the upperclassmen get out of it, isn't necessarily bad.

It's no use to warn the freshmen of these hazardous relationships because they checked their brains at the door.

Their only escape is to become a sophomore (except for the few unfortunate sophomore guys mentioned

above who will probably never outgrow the phase).

What is it that causes this phenomenal stupidity in new college students?

Perhaps they are desperate to secure a mate for life within the first month of college. Relax--you have four years!

Or maybe they are just bored. Going to class is often a remedy for that.

But whatever the reason, don't worry, freshmen. After all, you only have to endure one year of these relationships and then you get to laugh at them for three.

Little known TUFW "facts"

- ❖ Senior Josh Peters went on at least 36 Pick-A-Dates during his freshman and sophomore years.
- ❖ 94% of freshmen girls want to date Eric Dunaway.
- ❖ Sophomore Mason Shewman was turned down by 25 girls his freshman year.
- ❖ 87% of Hausser girls were engaged before the end of first semester last year. 3% of Schultz girls have been engaged since the beginning of Taylor time.
- ❖ As a 14th-year senior, Bob Hamilton has had the opportunity to date 79 freshmen.

Our Disclaimer: These facts may or may not be true, depending on which episode of the X-Files you watched. In short, we're kidding.

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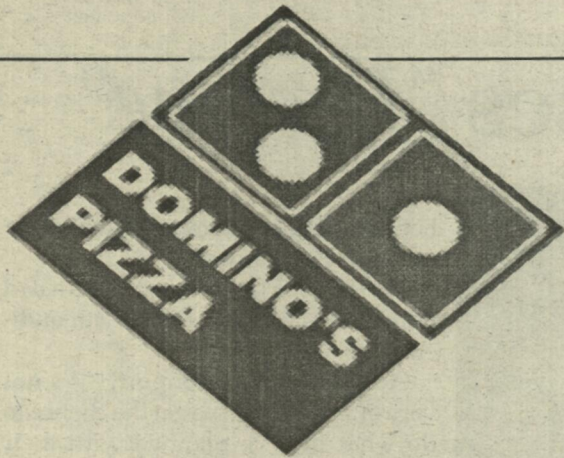
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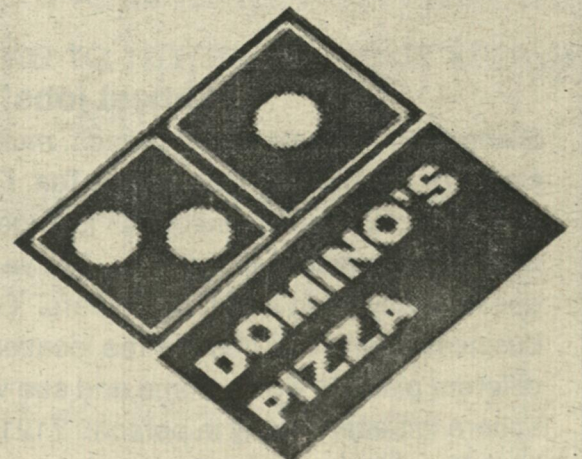
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Features

Taylor's own 7xBrighter releases "Become"

By Jill Welbaum and Jenelle Krnc

Seven Times Brighter has reached a new plateau in their musical career.

They've recently released their first CD, *Become*, and have thrust full throttle into the next step of their career.

Matt Adams, lead vocals; Eric Dunaway, lead guitar; Bill Davenport, bassist and Pat DiGangi, drummer; claimed their fame one year ago, when they first entered the TUFW campus scene.

While performing five on-campus shows, 7xBrighter has managed to book several off-campus concerts, compose new songs and produce a full length CD, which was released in late September.

7xBrighter recently performed their final campus show of the year at the

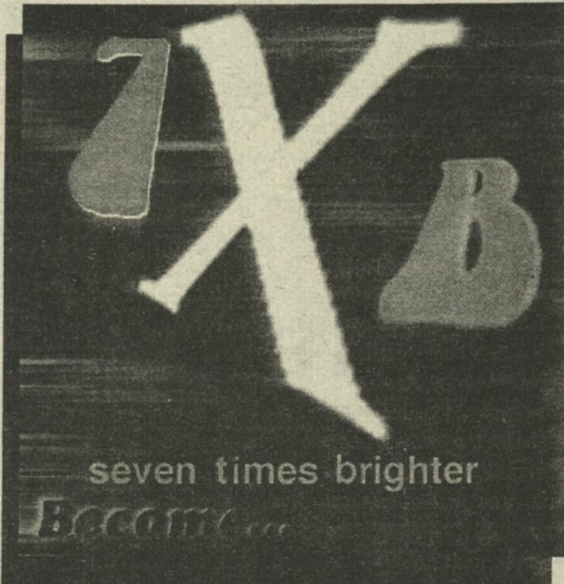
Hollow, where students openly received the band by jumping-not dancing-to the catchy alterno/rock songs played by the group.

"I think Seven Times Brighter did an awesome job," said freshman Emily Wilber.

With a concert scheduled for early October in Granger and hopes of playing at Hoi Polloi, a Christian coffee-house/club in South Bend, the group is branching out beyond the Ft. Wayne circle.

Originally, 7xBrighter had planned to stay away from campus concerts, hoping to avoid over-playing the scene, said Dunaway.

And now they may be able to do just that. Adams has accepted a job in Granger as a full-time staff member at a church.



hopes to acquire more opportunities to play in other venues.

"We look at Matt's move not as a bad thing, but a chance to expand our audience," said Dunaway.

According to Davenport, "It's not very often that people get the chance to do what they've planned with their lives. I think it's great that Matt gets to be in a professional position that he's been trained for at the same time."

During this transitional period the band is seeking God's plan for their lives.

"Right now, God's will in our ministry is more important than being popular or famous," said Dunaway.

"As a band we've grown very close to one another. Whether or not we continue to play as a band, we've developed close relationships that will last a lifetime."

This change does not mean the band is breaking up, but merely progressing through the maturation phase of being in a band.

Through Adam's move, the band

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Because this is the first appearance of **Off-Rudisill**, I thought it would be best to explain what it's all about.

Basically, **Off-Rudisill** is a voice about issues. But, not just any issues.

Things discussed within this block have to happen outside the perimeters of TUFW.

But, just because they don't happen here doesn't mean they don't affect us. They do.

For example, did you know that the budget bill, which was passed by the Congress this summer, directly affects most of us?

According to *USAToday*, students can deduct part of the interest from the first five years of their student loans off federal income taxes.

Starting Dec. 31, students can deduct up to \$1,000 from interest payments due after this date. What's even better is the fact that after 1998, the limit on the deduction rises.

In 1999, students can deduct up to \$1,500. In 2000, we can deduct the amount of the year—\$2,000. And, the limit on the deduction steadily rises

with each year.

Though some restrictions on receiving the full amount exists, it's a positive thing for students overall.

Here's a quick rundown of the restrictions, as seen in *USAToday*:

- You must be a single taxpayer who makes less than \$40,000/year to get the full deduction.

- If you are single, but make \$55,000/year or more, you can take a smaller deduction.

- If you are married, the cutoff for the full deduction is \$60,000.

- If you are married and make up to \$75,000/year, you can take a part deduction.

- If you are claimed as a dependent by your parent, you can not take a deduction.

Also, *USAToday* says the deduction is an "above-the-line" deduction, which means taxpayers can use it even if they don't itemize on their taxes.

My hope is that you will take advantage of this tax deduction next year—especially those of us who are graduating soon and will be scrounging for ways to save money.

As for **Off-Rudisill's** debut, I hope I was able to share some new and beneficial information with you. That's what it's all about.

Off
Rudisill
Lauren Bour

Macintosh laboratory gets a power surge

By Lauren Bour

After spending more than three years trying to upgrade the Mac Lab, Sonja Strahm, Mark Vermilion and Jay Platte are witnessing the first fruits of their labor.

For the first time in TUFW history, 15 Power Macintosh computers with internet access are ready for student use.

As director of the Learning Support Center (LSC), Strahm took the lead in fighting for the new Power Macs. She spent one month writing a "wish list" proposal for the LSC which involved asking the university for new computers.

"The administration was very supportive," she said. "They gave me close to 100 percent of what I asked for." According to Strahm, the \$3.1 million Lilly Endowment for the Samuel Morris Scholarship Program made getting the computers possible.

According to Dr. Randall Dodge, director of the Samuel Morris Scholarship Program, about \$52,000 was specifically set aside in the Lilly Endowment for the Mac Lab.

After the proposal was accepted and the funds were approved, Director of

Public Relations Mark Vermilion and Community School of the Arts Director Jay Platte began seeking bids from computer companies to find out which would give Taylor the best deal. The computers were installed by Computer Land by the third week in August.

Dan Newman, Information Services manager, played a key role in making the appropriate serial port connections for internet access.

"Dan was a real asset to us," said Vermilion. "He helped coordinate the system and get all the computers to work together. He's done so much this summer to improve the computer and phone technology on campus."

Because a Taylor philosophy says that the school can only support IBM computers, Strahm has had to come up with creative ways to care for the maintenance of the Mac Lab. This year, she has been able to rely on student work to get the computers ready for use. Sophomore Christian ministries major Bill Davenport has used his years of Macintosh experience to help her with the technology. "God always provides the people you need," she said.

Before the Lilly Endowment, Strahm had to pool funds from the budgets of the LSC and the Communications Arts Department to provide enough money



Photo by Jeremy Reynolds

Sonja Strahm, Director of the Learning Support Center, spent one month writing a proposal which asked the university for the Power Macintoshes.

faster and we can get the most out of our software."

In addition, the Power Macs enable Taylor to offer more in course offerings which help students get "real world" experience. Already, Vermilion has been able to offer Publication Design this fall and Web Page Design in the spring. He said that the Power Macs' advanced speed, memory and hard drive space made this possible. "We also want

to upgrade the old LC3 computers.

"Over the last two or three years, I'm guessing we spent between \$15,000 to \$20,000 on the computers," said Vermilion. Together, the two departments added memory, CD roms, zip drives, a scanner, a printer, some software, and an Ethernet system to the old computers. Now, the old LC3s have been given to the Yearbook and Newspaper publications staffs for use in their own office.

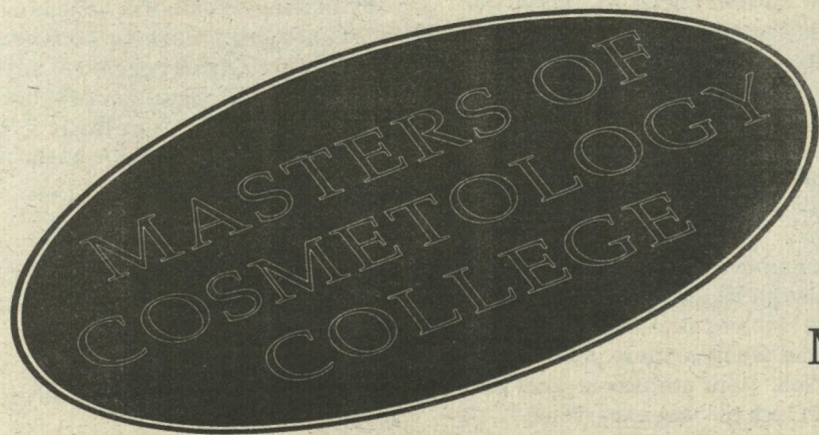
"This new lab is a quantum leap for us," Vermilion said. "Students can do more creatively. Everything is much

to do more with digital photography," he said.

Strahm says she has been able to add a "tremendous number of programs" for LSC use as well. "We have all the basics we need to improve academics," she said. Among these are critical thinking, writing, math, study strategies and learning programs.

The Lilly Endowment also provided Strahm with an assistant, Patti Favorite, and more funds to broaden the writing center and increase tutoring opportunities.

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Sports

Sports Trivia Question:

What NCAA Division I college football team holds the record for the most victories ever?

-Be the first to call ext. 39955 with the answer and win a date with Jim Taylor's mom.

Falcon soccer team young but talented

By Bob Hamilton

Fall is here. Leaves are turning colors. The air is getting colder, and the men's soccer season is well under way.

Led by second-year coach Jose Castillo, the soccer team has posted a 3-6 record so far.

Castillo, a former Ft. Wayne Bible College soccer player, has high expectations for this year's team.

"... we are beginning to click as a team now," said Rick Merrill.

"Even though we lost some key players, this year's team has more overall talent than last year's team," said Castillo. "We are young but I expect us to finish the season above

.500."

Senior goalkeeper, Matt Powell, agrees.

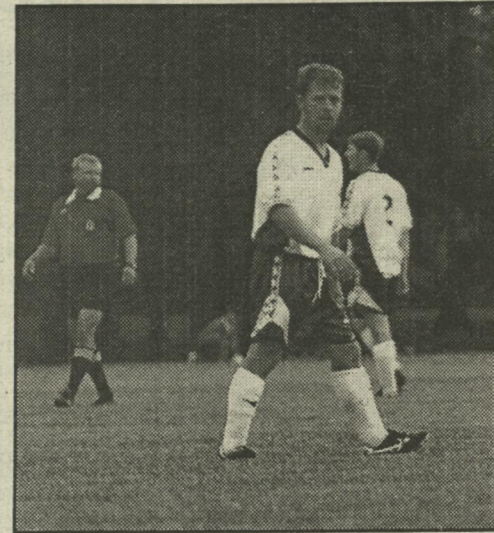
"We have a lot of young, fresh talent this year," said Powell. "We have the potential to be better than ever before."

The Falcons returned only four players with three or more years of experience. The rest of the team is made up of freshmen or second-year players.

"We got off to a slow start," said senior Rick Merrill. "But we are beginning to click as a team now."

"As a unit we are not as mentally tough as last year's team," said coach Castillo. "We've been working hard on our attitudes and our game mentality. Things are looking positive for the rest of the season."

With some game experience under their belts, the young Falcons have begun to soar.



Russ Gerber struts his stuff against Circleville.

Lady Falcons confident despite tough schedule

By Rick Merrill

One week before students began arriving for fall semester, a team of 11 committed girls was hard in training for the 1997-1998 volleyball season.

With only four returning players, and the addition of six freshmen, the Lady Falcons are a fairly young team.

However, head coach Scott Haddix says this team is better than last year's.

"Our team is more skilled overall than last year's team and we have more depth at each position," said Haddix.

Sophomore captain, Minta Woll, agrees with Haddix.

"We're a lot better than we have been and we have more potential," said Woll. "Our attitude is good too, we just lack playing experience."

With a record of 0-18, some might wonder how this team could possibly be better than last year's team. But Athletic Director Bud Hamilton

knows the reason behind the poor record.

"The girls' volleyball team this year plays the toughest schedule of any volleyball team in Taylor history," said Hamilton.

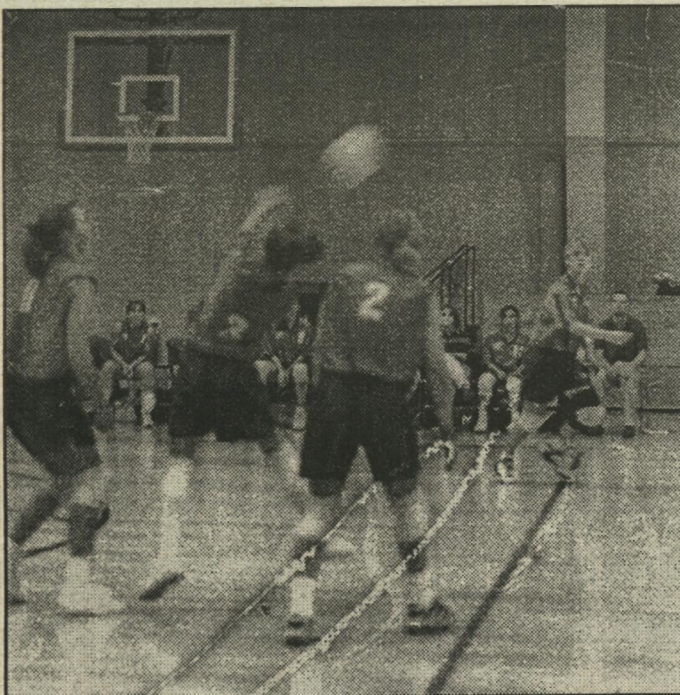
By playing schools like Cincinnati State Community College and Glen Oaks Community College, the Lady Falcons must compete against schools that are much larger than Taylor.

According to coach Haddix, the reason the Lady Falcons must play bigger colleges is because many of the schools that are the size of TUFW simply don't have volleyball teams.

While the schedule may be tough, none of the girls are complaining.

Sophomore Emily Mahorney is up to the challenge of playing the bigger schools.

"Sure the competition is harder than last year," said Mahorney. "But we can compete with them all and we're still improving."



The lady Falcons in action earlier this season.

Falcon Sports Schedule

Men's Soccer

home games in bold

Women's Volleyball

Oct 4	Defiance College	9:00am	Oct 23	Huntington College	3:30pm	Oct 6	Circleville Bible	7:00pm	Oct 16	Ohio State-Lima	5:00pm
Oct 7	Grace Bible	2:30pm	Oct 25	Circleville Bible	1:00pm	Oct 6	Ohio State-Lima	8:00pm	Oct 21	Miami-Hamilton	6:00pm
Oct. 11	Alumni game	2:30pm	Oct 28	Defiance College	3:30pm	Oct 9	Glen Oaks College	5:00pm	Oct 25	Saint Francis JV	1:00pm
Oct. 14	Fairhaven Baptist	4:00pm	Oct 31	Great Lakes Tourney	TBA	Oct 11	Alumni Game	10:30pm	Oct 25	Rochester College	3:00pm
Oct. 18	Kentucky Bible	2:00pm	Nov 1	Great Lakes Tourney	TBA	Oct 14	Circleville Bible	5:00pm	Oct 25	Barat College	5:00pm

**Records
At A
Glance**

Men's Soccer
3 wins
6 losses

Women's Volleyball
0 wins
18 losses

Intramural Football Standings

Untouchables	5-0
Pitofools	3-2
Wiebke House	2-2
I've Got Worms	1-4
Neandrathals	1-4



Jam Session
with Rick & Bob



T here's a new regime in town!
See ya', Sox and Stive. Thanks for paving the way, but you guys were too nice. Some things need to be said, and we're going to say them. This month, Rick and Bob are telling it like it is...

Here's a few things that won't happen in sports this year.

1. Travis Kraft *won't* dunk in a game.
2. Jason Barthelemy's Buccaneers *won't* beat the Packers.
3. Jim Taylor's Fighting Irish *won't* beat the School of the Blind & Deaf.
4. Coach Bud Hamilton *won't* get a technical this season (Yeah Right!).
5. Tim May *won't* be the All-Star goalie.
6. John Engler's Redwings *won't* learn English.
7. Off-Campus *won't* lose a single intramural game.
8. Corey Laster's Indiana Loosiers *won't* win 12 games.
9. Shawn Hick's Pittsburgh Steelers *won't* make the playoffs.
10. Matt Conner's Chiefs *won't* beat the Dolphins.
11. Ryan "Jacko" Chrisman *won't* score a goal.
12. Kevin DeVrie's Blackhawks *won't* be as pathetic as the Bears.
13. Ron Powlus *won't* even be considered for the Heisman.
14. Marv Albert *won't* have a date.
and finally.....
15. We *won't* ever watch a WNBA game.

Did You Know?

Chicago Bulls superstar Michael Jordan makes \$402,439 per game, which is \$8,384 per minute of every game, which is \$139 per second of every game. WOW!

Taylor's Top 10
Performances of the Past Month

- #10 Senior striker **Rick "Golden-boot" Merrill** netted four goals in a 5-4 victory over Grace Bible College.
- #9 Eighth-year senior **Bob "The-Records-Are-Mine" Hamilton** scored three touchdowns, three extra points, and had one pick in a 50-7 shellacking of "I've got worms."
- #8 Junior runningback **Matt "Kansas-Wildcats" Conner** somehow scored two touchdowns in a 34-14 victory over "I've got worms."
- #7 Sophomore **Jenny "Thunder-Arm" Wells** had 10 kills in a match against Cincinnati State Community College.
- #6 Senior **Shawn "Wounded-Duck" Hicks** miraculously threw five touchdown passes in a 34-14 victory over "I've got worms."
- #5 Sophomore quarterback **Skippy "G.I. Joe" Mengelt** scored three touchdowns and threw one in a 32-20 victory over the "Pitofools."
- #4 Senior **Jon "Celebrated-too-Soon" Varnell** threw six touchdown passes in a 50-7 victory over...guess who?
- #3 Junior **Amanda "On-a-Silver-Platter" Chapman** had all 19 of the team's assists in a match against Cincinnati State Community College.
- #2 Senior forward **Russ "They're-Magically-Delicious" Gerber** scored four goals and had two assists in a 6-0 victory over Circleville.
and the top Taylor performance of the past month...
- #1 Junior quarterback **Shani "Clutch" Gray** scored a touchdown with one second left to give the Upperclasswomen a 6-0 victory over the Freshwomen.

News

"Sometimes when I consider what tremendous consequences come from little things . . . I am tempted to consider . . . there are no little things."
--Brent Barton

Recent incidents cause debate on security

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While students have good reason to be concerned about their personal safety, those in administration and security are taking steps to combat the issue.

Taking Action

"We are concerned about the incidents that have happened this fall. Concerned, but not panicked," said Nienhuis. "We've kept abreast of everything that's been going on and I believe that the steps we have taken to date are very appropriate and right."

Within hours of a student receiving a scary note incident, director of Physical Plant and Human Services, Don Hamm, had maintenance put three battery operated flood lights on Hausser's roof. And, by the third day after the incident, he had an electrician install a permanent light that operates on a timer which shines through the woods on the west side of Hausser.

He is also asking Indiana and Michigan Electric to install a pole timer light which will be put on the driveway side of Hausser toward Lexington Avenue so the building will be more illuminated.

"There's no one who cares more about the security of this campus than I do," said Hamm, who has been in charge of security for more than 15 years and has had two daughters attend this school who lived in Hausser. "In all the years I've been here we have had no major incidents," he said.

In addition to adding the extra lights, the police were notified about the "stalker" note and the thefts. Both times, they investigated the scene and made reports. "We do this in case there are other incidents in the area that could be related. But, before we call, we want to make sure of the facts so we know what we're talking about," said Hamm. The police have also increased patrol of Lexington and Indiana Avenues.

"We've also notified our neighbors about the incidents," said Nienhuis. "We feel that it's important for them to know what's happening here, but we also want them to be eyes and ears for us."

Nienhuis also said that more will be done to increase personal security training, especially for Hausser women.

"We will also be working with Banks Security to be more vigilant in certain areas, such as watching the area between Witmer and Hausser more," he said.

Because of the incidents, many students have said that bad security is to blame.

Who's to Blame?

"The security is pretty sad," said fresh-

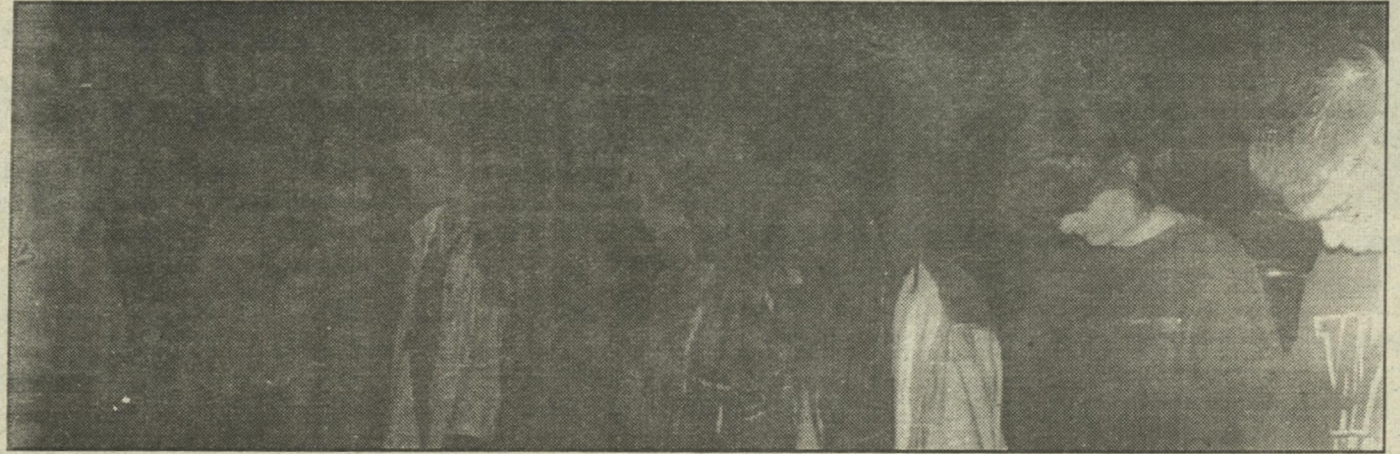


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Disturbed about the recent criminal mischief on campus, students gather to pray in the Lehman Library parking lot. "No matter what, the Lord is the one who protects us," said Don Hamm, who is in charge of security. Despite this assurance, Tracey Ahrendsen said, "I'm use to taking precautions, but now I take a few more."

man public relations major Ryan McGee. "We ought to have several full-time security guys to patrol the campus."

Freshman urban ministries major Tembekile Gary agrees. "It needs to be stronger. For those having night classes, they should walk us home. I mean, I don't feel secure. I need to feel secure."

But, Chris Fontaine, director of Uniformed Division for Banks Security and Detective Agency, believes that people don't always understand that security can't be everywhere at once. "Taylor is so spread out and it's difficult for one person to do that," he said.

Hamm also believes that students sometimes misunderstand security's role in deterring crime. He said that it's a deterrent that Taylor has security, but much of their role is to make sure the buildings are locked, that lights are on when they're supposed to be on, that there are no electrical fires and when possible, prevent people from trespassing. The limit of security's role is to hold a person in citizen's arrest, but only if he or she is caught on campus, said Hamm.

"There are certain things that you just can't prevent," said Hamm. "Some people are so brazen—they're in there and out of there in 45 seconds. It happens all over Fort Wayne."

According to Fontaine, who has handled Taylor's account with Banks for two and a half years, campus crime is virtually non-existent in comparison to the rest of community. "We've had little spurts here and there, but that happens everywhere," he said.

But, in regards to this month's incidents, Fontaine said that student cooperation will help them do a better job. "A security force is only as good as the community it serves," says Fontaine, "By that I mean cooperation."

Steve Banks, President of Banks Security, agrees. "The students are eyes

and ears for us. They need to call us more often when they see a suspicious person. We only get an average of two calls a month from the students. They need to know that when they call 482-9220, they will be linked directly to an officer."

Calls that go through this line are also picked up by Banks's radio patrol cars and Chris Fontaine, as well as the officer on duty. So, in case of an emergency, extra people are on call to help out if necessary. Banks also has a direct line to the police for situations that warrant their attention.

Exploring Options

According to Nienhuis, the security issue is under review for this year. "We want to see if we can somehow increase the level of security presence without a huge increase to our budget," he said.

One option which has the support of Dr. Ron Powell, director of Criminal Justice, involves hiring students to work for security. A full-time security officer would be hired to head the student staff. Each student would be trained and charged with specific duties.

"There is theoretical support for this," said Nienhuis. "It makes sense fiscally and criminal justice students would benefit from a year or two year's

experience as part of our security team." On the other hand, Hamm said that this would be unwise because it puts students in a risky and dangerous position.

"We don't need any Wyatt Earps running around campus," he said. "What would they do if they came across someone with a gun? Our security don't carry weapons."

Common Sense

While having security is crucial to deterring crime and keeping the campus safe, it must work together with personal responsibility and common sense.

"We have had a couple of incidents and they should cause us all to be careful and observant of our surroundings," said Nienhuis.

Fontaine advises students not to be "overly trusting" of people. At the same time, he doesn't want students to live in paranoia.

According to Nienhuis, it all boils down to common sense. "Practice safety and be aware of what's going on around you," he said.

Hamm agrees. "It's not a utopia, unfortunately."

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