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Invocation.......................... William H. Davis
Vice President for Business Affairs

Introductions ....................... Dr. Milo A. Rediger
President

Litany of Dedication................ Dr. Rediger

Dr. Rediger: Almighty God, "whose eyes are ever upon us Your
children, whose ears are ever in tune with our smallest cry, and
whose love and concern is ever extended toward us," we are met
today in loving response to Your goodness, to return to You by an
act of dedication this dining commons. It is our purpose to dedicate
this building as a symbol of our common life which we share as
members of the body of Christ. It is our desire that all those members
of the Taylor community, and of the larger surrounding community
who frequent this building, and who use its services and facilities
shall recognize it as a place for revitalization of the spiritual as
well as the physical body.

Representatives in unison: We confess that it is all too easy for us
as finite beings caught up in the whirl and responsibility of our
positions and roles, to lose sight of the concept of Christian com-

munity. We sometimes busy ourselves in pursuit of our specialized
interests without being aware that this selfish activity exerts a
fragmenting effect on the community. We recognize that this kind of
activity falls very far short of Your will and purpose that we learn to
live together as members of one body. We further recognize that if
members of the Taylor community are to live together as You intend,
we must fulfill Your conditions of loving ourselves and loving
others. We know that we are better able to build and maintain human
relationships in an atmosphere which provides opportunities for
creative encounter between people. Therefore, we have constructed,
and now present in dedication, this dining commons.
David Oman, SGO President: For the purpose of providing a suitable atmosphere in which the revitalization of body, mind and spirit can occur;

Unison: We dedicate this building.

Jessie Rousselow, Faculty Representative: As a symbol of the common life which we share as members of the body of Christ;

AnnaRose Braden, Student Personnel Services' Representative: Mindful that our commitment to the growth of the community transcends our positions and roles;

Unison: We dedicate this building.

David Fraser, Alumni Representative: In gratitude to You, whom we call our Father;

Gelmer Dylhoff, Parents' Representative: Out of our awareness of our dependence upon You for the fulfillment of all our needs;

Arthur L. Hodson, Community Representative: With an attitude of praise and thanksgiving;

Robert J. Piros, Vice Chairman, Board of Trustees: In order that the growth and increase of Your kingdom upon the earth shall be served;

Unison: We dedicate this building.

Dr. Rediger: Accept this two-fold dedication of ourselves and of this dining commons which we make here today and use us as individuals and the total Taylor community in Your service. Amen.

Benediction .......................... Samuel L. Delcamp
Vice President for Development

Reception ............................. Dining Commons
Architect: Melvin Birkey Associates
South Bend, Indiana

General Contractor: Fouch & Mosier
Muncie, Indiana

Seating Capacity: 1,025