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Hodson Dining Commons Atrium (2004)

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and

Dedication

of the

Hodson Dining Commons Atrium
The new atrium of the Hodson Dining Commons is dedicated to the students and all who gather and enjoy Christian fellowship. Given in honor and glory to God by Arthur x’34 and Nelle (Leisman ’43) Hodson of Marion, Indiana, the 2,174 square-foot facility was constructed to facilitate entry and gathering for meals in the Hodson Dining Commons as well as a student meeting space on other occasions.

This atrium will serve the University for countless years to come and function as a welcome addition to an already unique and heavily used dining and gathering facility.
Hodson Dining Commons Atrium Dedication
Thursday, December 16, 2004

Reception - 5:45 p.m.
Dinner - 6:30 p.m.

Program

Praise to God

Prelude
Dr. Leon Harshenin, Assoc. Prof. of Music

Welcome
Mr. Harold Hazen, Vice President for University Advancement

Invocation
Mrs. Joyce Wood '81, Assoc. Vice President for University Relations and Marketing

Honor to Whom Honor is Due

Remarks
Mr. Kenneth Flanigan '65, Chair, Board of Trustees
Mr. Bradley Yordy '05, Sport Management Major
Mr. Jerry Nelson HA '82, Food Service Director, Creative Dining Services

Introduction of Hodsons and family
Mr. Kenneth Smith, Executive Director, William Taylor Foundation; Assoc. Vice President for Planned Giving

Presentation of gift
Mr. Harold Hazen

Response
Mr. Arthur Hodson x '34 and Mrs. Nelle Hodson '43

Celebration of Dedication

Dedicatory prayer
Mr. Ronald Sutherland '82, Vice President for Business and Finance

Presidential remarks
Dr. David Gyertson

Corporate carols
Dr. Leon Harshenin
Dr. Albert Harrison, Chair, Music Department

Benediction
Mrs. LaRita Boren HA '94, Member, Board of Trustees

Postlude
Dr. Leon Harshenin
ARTHUR AND NELLE HODSON

Arthur x'34 and Nelle (Leisman '43) Hodson have long-time connections to the Upland community. Both were born in Upland, have worked in and significantly contributed to the community.

Nelle was born in 1922 and lived most of her childhood in Michigan. She majored in home economics and English at Taylor and taught home economics at Eastbrook Community Schools and later at Taylor University, investing time and energy into young lives, modeling social grace and poise.

Nelle and husband James Alspaugh '39 gave birth to a son, Michael '78. Her grandsons, Shawn '02 and Matthew '04, complete a fourth generation of Taylor alumni.

Art was also born in Upland in 1912 and worked at the Upland Bank (now Star Financial) where he held a variety of positions, including president and chairman of the board until retirement in 1977. In addition, he served on the Taylor Board of Trustees from 1959-1963. Art has also worked as a farmer and served as a Christian leader in the community for many years.

After James' death in 1983, the common bonds of the University, family values and faith led the couple to marriage on Sept. 21, 1996. Together, Art and Nelle have demonstrated a model of stewardship and commitment to Christ and Christian higher education. Out of their love for education and the Upland and Taylor communities, Art and Nelle have contributed significantly to Taylor through planned giving vehicles such as scholarships, annuities and unitrusts. They also have made possible the Alspaugh East and West banquet facilities and now the atrium addition to the Hodson Dining Commons.

It is with sincere gratitude and appreciation that we honor Art and Nelle Hodson for their abiding commitment to Taylor University and for their love and devotion to God, family and community.
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BUILDING STATISTICS
New Square Feet (atrium): 2,174
Renovated Square Feet (restrooms/coat room): 2,019

Construction Costs: $700,540
Equipment: $30,000

Total Costs: $730,540