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▶ A New Chapter ◀

Reflections of a Year of Transition

One of the realities of new leadership is the expectation for new vision. We certainly have not been disappointed with the presence of Dr. David Gyertson as the 29th President of Taylor University.

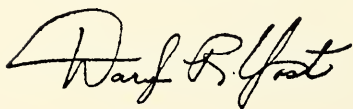
As I reflect on the inauguration of Dr. Gyertson and the specific thoughts as expressed in his inaugural address, I personally am encouraged and challenged by that which he shared in that part of the address, "Faith Informed Learning in the 21st Century: Speculation and Invitation."

First, I am encouraged Dr. Gyertson has helped the University more completely understand the importance of emphasis on Christ-centeredness. Too often we become too familiar with the reference to Christian education not fully actualizing the responsibility and potential of the requirements of that which we have been called to experience.

Another exciting dimension to Dr. Gyertson's vision is the acknowledgement that education is a lifelong experience experienced in a variety of modalities and delivery systems. The opportunity to position the University to be a responsive and pacesetting institution for the 21st Century is truly invigorating. The experience of teaching and learning will be much more interactive.

Hopefully, the most significant component of Taylor University's profile will be captured in diversity defined in the broadest connotation. This will be evidenced in employees, students and experiences that will constitute the major elements of a degree program. Christ-centered means the University must represent that which the gospel requires of us if we wish to be called His followers.

As we have spent considerable time reflecting and understanding the roots of that which makes up Taylor University today, we must remember heritage is built around individuals, opportunities, and decisions that are pacesetting. We are called to be faithful to that heritage.



Daryl R. Yost
Executive V.P. of the University and
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*Dr. David Gyertson and
Dr. Daryl Yost at
Commencement 2001.*

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On the cover:
Evie Tubbs, 2001
graduate, enjoys
the
commencement
ceremonies.

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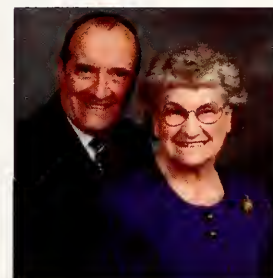
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THE INAUGURATION OF TAYLOR UNIVERSITY'S

29TH PRESIDENT



APRIL 4-6, 2001, MARKED
THREE SIGNIFICANT DAYS
IN THE HISTORY OF
TAYLOR UNIVERSITY AS
DR. DAVID J. GYERTSON
WAS INAUGURATED AS
TAYLOR'S 29TH PRESIDENT.

"Charting the Course, Continuing the Journey" was the theme for the three-day inaugural event. Wednesday night activities kicked off the inauguration on the Fort Wayne campus. Dinner, with guests including the board of trustees, and a community concert, featuring Christian singer/songwriter, Kathy Troccoli, were the highlighted events.

Dr. and Mrs. Gyerston were also honored at a dinner Thursday night on the Upland campus. Keynote speaker Dr. David McKenna, former president of Spring Arbor College and Asbury Theological Seminary, shared on the topic of Christian higher education. During the evening, the Upland Art Department presented the University with a painting by senior Julie Nor. The painting, entitled "Charting Our Course," revealed sailboats navigating through various bodies of water and weather conditions. Dr. Rachel Smith, endowed chair in art history, commented on the serendipity of the painting's and inauguration's theme. The watercolor will reside in the reception area of the President's Office in Helena Memorial Hall on the University's Upland campus.

The culmination of inaugural events was the Installation Ceremony, which was held in the Odle Gymnasium on Taylor University's Upland campus. Taylor's Symphonic Band set the festive, regal mood as a processional of delegates from prestigious colleges and universities nationwide, board members, university administrators, student body leaders, faculty and other distinguished guests flooded into the gymnasium to honor the Gyerstons. Mrs. Nancy Gyertson and her family, the Gyertson's daughter, Andrea, and her husband, and friends from Virginia Beach, Va., and Wilmore, Ky., were among the distinguished guests. Taylor Ringers, Symphonic Band and combined choirs, comprised of the Upland campus Chorale and Fort Wayne campus Choral Ensemble, added to the celebration through musical selections.

Dr. Wesley Gerig, 44-year Bible professor at Taylor Fort Wayne, provided the invocation. Gerig stated that the event marked a time of great expectations—the past accomplishments in



Robbins, Gyertson, Kesler, and Gerig join in singing "How Firm a Foundation."

Taylor's history served as a springboard as those gathered look forward to even greater achievements in Taylor's future and for the Kingdom of God.

The investiture ceremony reflected on some of the milestones in Taylor's past and projected the vision for the University's future.

Dr. Jay Kesler, chancellor and Gyertson's predecessor, shared the meaning and significance of the investiture ceremony—to maintain continuity and vision of the University. He highlighted the fact that Taylor has its

leadership. Using an illustration from Howard Gardener's book, *Leading Minds, An Anatomy of the Human Mind*, McKenna traced the history of a handful of leaders from the 20th Century, where a common link was developed from their life-stories. The leaders' qualities, or gifts, gave them a sense of principle to which each would dedicate his/her life. And, when faced with challenges, these leaders were able to meet the dilemmas as each had the gift that made the difference: character. The "gifts of leadership took them to greatness as they would meet three challenges: identifying their life stories with that of the institution, mastering the art of communicating their stories to a variety of audiences and modeling their messages in life." McKenna reflected, "David was a youth at-risk to become a leader of choice, every step in his journey led him here. He brings the developed gifts Gardener discusses: imagination to see things whole; justice that brings compassion; identity that

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footprints now in three centuries. Taylor was founded in the 19th Century when communication moved across the earth at the speed of a running horse, survived the testing of ideas and values of the 20th Century where technology moved from the limits of earth to space, and is launched into the 21st Century where technology seems limitless with the advent of the Internet. Kesler encouraged Gyertson that he is not alone in this borderless realm. He is entrusted to the University's mission with the backing and support of the board of trustees' loyalty, the credentials of the faculty and administration, the eagerness of the student body, the loyalty and involvement of the alumni and the examples of the sister institutions. A group of people "whose [combined] presence is symbolic of loyalty to [Taylor's] leaders, offer Godspeed, support and promise of our prayers."

Paul Robbins, board of trustees' chair, presided over the ceremony and affirmed Gyertson's leadership. "Since 1846, Taylor has remained firmly rooted and grounded in its mission and distinctives. The qualities that have enabled the University to prosper for 155 years are rooted in our commitment to Jesus Christ. In critical junctures in our history, God has brought to us leaders whose unique abilities matched the needs of the University at that point in time. It has happened again. [Dr. Gyertson has] already proven to be a leader for the 21st Century and to be able to handle the challenges and opportunities that this new millennium brings to us." Kenneth Flannigan, search committee chair, and Dr. Jay Kesler presented Dr. Gyertson with the presidential medallion.

Dr. David McKenna addressed the challenges of

provides an ability to make sense out of a troubled world; and principle that guides his life." McKenna added two more: "a sense of humility, which tempers his success and a sense of humor, which makes his failures a teaching experience." All this has been granted to Gyertson by "the grace of God through Jesus Christ." He concluded, "Now is the time for the testing of leadership, which begins with this inauguration."

Gyertson responded with an inaugural address which focused on his vision for the University. The ceremony concluded with a benediction by Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, TUU dean of the chapel, who challenged his listeners to go out as ambassadors, wearing the medallion of Christ.

by Lisa Allen '92



Delegates from Yale University, Moody Bible Institute and over 60 other universities and colleges participated in the inaugural ceremonies.



CHARTING *the* COURSE

Continuing the journey

PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS
TAYLOR UNIVERSITY
APRIL 6, 2001
DAVID J. GYERTSON, PH.D.

THE TAYLOR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

In these first months of our adoption by the Taylor family, Nancy and I have discovered a vibrant DNA of entrepreneurial thinking, creative application, compassionate caring and courageous risk-taking.

Since 1846, Taylor University has been characterized by people dedicated to quality, Christ-centered higher education for the effective preparation of the next generation of professional, societal and spiritual leaders. Here there have been succeeding generations who saw no conflict between academic excellence, professional competence, social relevance and spiritual vitality. Their search for truth was fueled by the uncompromised conviction that such pursuit always leads to the One described in Scripture as *the way, the truth and the life*. Their commitments and convictions produced a faculty that believes, with God's help, it is possible both to stretch the mind and cradle the heart without compromising conviction, integrity or quality.

Here there have been laborers who faithfully laid the building blocks of scholarship, leadership and Christian commitment. They were a people whose callings were larger than classrooms, libraries, laboratories, offices or boardrooms. They possessed a passion, often costly in time, resources and personal preferences, to see lives not just *informed* but *transformed*.

Those whose lives shaped the missions of Taylor University and Fort Wayne Bible College were people with a vision larger than themselves. They were outside the box thinkers responsibly and courageously embracing new possibilities. They were among the first to take up the challenge of providing women with full collegiate opportunities for professional preparation and development. With the witness of an escaped African slave who took the name Samuel Morris and the global vision of Methodist-Episcopal Bishop William Taylor, the University's mission for world outreach and racial justice became an

integral part of the institution's *raison d'être* in each generation.

With the dual purposes of exploring the Liberal Arts of classic learning and embracing the biblical foundations of faith-informed living, Taylor University is a place that calls men and women to a journey of Christian discipleship that is Christ-centered, biblically anchored, liberal arts grounded, whole person focused, world engaging, vocationally equipping and servant-leadership motivated. The fruit of such vision has produced thousands of alumni dedicated to ministering the redemptive love of Christ to a world in need through lifetimes of learning, leadership and service.

What a history! What a heritage! What a precious legacy we must use wisely as we now pick up the challenge of translating the vision of those who have gone before us for a new season of unparalleled change and unprecedented opportunity.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

The literature of education these days is filled with predictions of what may be the greatest revolution in the history of human learning since the invention of the printing press and the implementation of the public day school. That which just five years ago was viewed as speculative and unlikely has come to pass with promises of greater changes to come.

Teaching at all levels is no longer the primary domain of the traditional educational establishment. Arthur Levine, president of the Teachers College, Columbia University, cites six forces that are spurring what he calls the massive privatization of higher education. Among these he includes the rise of an information-based economy, changes in demographics, increases in public scrutiny, the advent of new technologies, the convergence of knowledge-based organizations and a decline of public trust in government. For-profit, corporate and specialty based providers are finding larger opportunities for meeting the educational demands of the 21st century learner.

The very nature of education is changing from a teaching oriented discipline to a learning centered enterprise. Given the value of knowledge as the new universal commodity, education is being called upon to address issues of access, affordability, relevance, utility, lifelong learning and increased demands for tailor-made alternatives available anytime and anywhere.

Many of these changes appear to threaten the means and methods of education as we have come to practice it. However, I am convinced that the expectations and needs of 21st century learners present institutions like Taylor University with new possibilities and opportunities. Some of the most intriguing include combining character with competency, overcoming geographical, racial and cultural limitations and meeting the deepest needs of the human spirit through whole person experiences. Perhaps we of the faith-informed learning communities have come to the educational kingdom for such a time as this.

FAITH-INFORMED LEARNING IN THE 21ST CENTURY: SPECULATION & INVITATION

In light of all that is unfolding, what might a pace-setting, faith-informed institution of higher learning look like as the 21st century opens? While such speculation is presumptuous in light of the fact that we *see through a glass darkly*, Taylor University's pioneering, risk-taking DNA requires us to explore such possibilities. Let me share a few of the outlines I am seeing as I peer into this undefined future. Over the next several months, with the help of those who know and love Taylor best, we will discern more fully the shape of things to come.

I believe that effective, faith informed learning communities will be led by a generation of faculty who see themselves as models, facilitators and mentors more than curators, dispensers of information and career preparation specialists. Much of what the new learning requires will be better caught than taught. For those whose passion is to both inform and transform, who see their role as that of filling students with the passion to catch God at work in every place, plan, person and purpose, the greatest days for their calling are just ahead.

I believe that pace-setting, faith-informed institutions will provide living and learning experiences that call students to test and examine the core values and underlying assumptions of all that they are engaging. Every discipline will challenge students to think beneath the theory and beyond the experience to answer the *why* questions of life and learning as well as the *what* and *how*. The integration of faith with learning will move beyond the elementary thinking that some have characterized as the *Christian glazing of secular hams* to the deeper issues of meaning, value and implication that faith-informed investigation can effectively address. Compassion, integrity and transparency will characterize the fruit of such learning where the quality of relationships are as deeply valued as the quantity of skills and the acquisition of competencies.

I believe that the non-traditional learner will make up a significant proportion of our student populations. Our educational and student developmental models will be more effective in addressing the needs of urban, multicultural, lifelong and cross-generational learners. We will learn how to integrate as well as celebrate the multicultural tapestry of God's human creation embracing the biblical conviction that the Kingdom of God is made up of every tongue, tribe and nation and the mysteries of Truth are to be distributed without regard to race, culture, gender or social position. Such institutions will embrace the new technologies that provide distributed opportunities for learning as a providential gift for reaching every corner and culture of the globe with life-changing truths.

I believe that pace-setting, faith-informed institutions will be places that thoughtfully and prayerfully address the issues of learning and living that best define them. There will be a deeper commitment to find the high ground of essentials and greater comfort with allocating the less significant to appropriate perspective and position. Such institutions will be more pro-active than re-active, more issue reflective than issue driven. They will be places of respectful analysis and reasoned rhetoric because all who seek Truth have settled the essentials upon which unity is anchored and found places of charity where the less essential is freely examined and openly discussed.

THE COURSE TO CHART – THE JOURNEY TO CONTINUE

All of this looms before us with possibilities yet unseen and opportunities still unknown. Taylor University has in its genetic make-up the potential to effectively respond. All that is required is another generation of faith-filled, risk-takers willing, with God's grace and direction, to pay the price and take up the challenge.

We owe these possibilities to the courage and commitment of those who have gone before us. Names like Reade, Gerig, Ramseyer, Rediger and Kesler, along with the hundreds of others who stood with them, remind us that *opportunity* and *possibility* combined with *fidelity* and *courage* result in *fulfilled lives* and *transformed cultures*.

During the first weeks in the Taylor presidency, I found a paragraph in Jared F. Gerig's history of Fort Wayne Bible College titled *A Vine of God's Own Planting* that I have returned to often.

There is something solemn about the passing of a generation, strong of faith and vision, wise of truth and understanding, loyal of conviction and stability, brave of adventure and courage. Their burdens have fallen on the shoulders of other generations; the truths they believed and upheld have become conviction in the hearts of those who have followed; the vision and insight, which motivated them, have propelled others into the work. The challenge still stands to those in the future to become faithful followers of the pioneers who have gone before.

As we continue their journey, charting a course into waters they barely could imagine, let us follow, as they did, the Divine Providence that guided them safely to new and distant shores. Let us enter the 21st century firmly committed to quality, Christ-centered, whole person education so that we might prepare future generations from every tongue, tribe and nation for lifelong learning, leadership and service.



The Journey

It has been almost a year since Dr. and Mrs. Gyertson arrived at Taylor University. With his recent inauguration, Dr. Gyertson has moved fully into his role of president and is excited about the future. "We are praying and are expecting God to continue to give us the direction necessary to strengthen and extend Taylor's world-changing, life-transforming mission," says Gyertson.

As he leads the University forward, President Gyertson's enthusiasm for Taylor is contagious and his commitment to Christ is evident in each area of his life. Gyertson is even willing to share his struggles, as is evident in his willingness to tell the story of his childhood. He shares his life story as a demonstration of God's faithfulness and provision. The following excerpt from his March 13, 2000, chapel address gives testimony to God's plan and His grace; it is a plan and a grace to which the university president is devoting his life.

Dr. David J. Gyertson's Testimony

I didn't have the privilege of being raised in a Christian home. My dad was an alcoholic and abandoned us when I was 10. My mom had severe physical and emotional problems and couldn't work, so we lived on welfare primarily.

My first impression of God was that He was too big to have any concern about somebody like Dave Gyertson.

and his wife Marian found out I was living on the streets, they came and found me. Their invitation to live with them felt like another bag of groceries. After I had lived there about a year, this incredible sense of abandonment came on me. I made the decision that I was going to go out and never show up again.

Jim said to me that night, "Dave, what's the matter?" As a tough street kid I never showed any emotion, but that night I wept like a baby. I blurted out, "My mother threw me out. My dad's abandoned me. Nobody cares." Jim opened his Bible to Psalm 27:10, which says, "When your mother and your father forsake you, then the Lord will take you up." Jim looked at me and said, "David, somebody does care about you. The God of the universe loves you so much that He sent his Son to die for you." That night I received Jesus as my personal savior.

I never graduated from high school. When I was 15, the guidance counselor told me that I did not belong in school,

"David, somebody does care about you. The God of the universe loves you so much that He sent his Son to die for you."

But slowly God began to reveal himself to me and to show me that he did care.

This began in the second grade when the Gideons distributed New Testaments. I tried to read it. It was in the King James, and I didn't understand most of it. The few things I did understand, like the 23rd Psalm, I read over and over.

Later there came a knock at our door. I opened it and found a man in a black Salvation Army uniform. In his arms he had two bags of groceries. He knelt down on one knee and said, "We understand that you folks have some need, and we just want you to know that Jesus loves you. Here are two bags of groceries." He explained simply that "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever would believe in Him would not perish but have everlasting life."

A few months later my mother sent me to Sunday school where I got a Bible marker with a glow-in-the-dark cross. Above it was a picture of a lad with his hands on the wheel of a big sailing ship, in the middle of a storm. Over his shoulder stood a figure in a white dress with his hand on the guy's shoulder pointing the way. Up there in Northern Ontario, where it's dark in the winter, it was the only light in my room at night as I stayed awake wondering about my life.

When I was 13, I came home one day and found my clothes on the front lawn. My mother had locked the door and wouldn't let me in. When Jim Poynter, a local pastor,

but I knew that God had a call for me. Jim and Marian intervened and got me into a Bible college, on to a Christian college and then on for a master's and doctoral work.

After I had graduated from college, I found anger building in my spirit toward my dad. I could forgive my mom because she didn't know any better.

But I couldn't forgive my dad. At the end of my first year in my first pastoral setting, I felt the Spirit of God telling me to forgive my dad. I wrestled with God and finally said, "I can't." Then I felt the Spirit say, "Did you say you can't or you won't?" The light went on. I said, "God, if I could, I would." I heard the voice of the Spirit say, "Then why not let the Jesus in you that forgave you forgive your dad through you?"

Two weeks later I was in downtown Toronto, taking my turn as a part of the clergy rotation in the Harbour Light Mission where drug addicts and alcoholics came in off the streets. I preached a very simple message and gave an altar call. Nothing happened.

I gave the call a second time. In the back, one man got up. When he was halfway down the aisle I recognized him. That night, I led my dad to Jesus.

God continues to work in my life in amazing ways. Step by step, the New Testament, the bag of groceries, the Bible bookmark, and then the unconditional love of a family that took me in and introduced me to Jesus, won my heart to the Lord. There has been no looking back.

edited by Kim Shumaker '01



President's Seal

A symbol of Taylor University's mission

The new President's seal, used for the first time at the inauguration of Dr. David J. Gyertson on April 6, 2001, is a graphic celebration of the rich heritage of Taylor University in Upland, Ind., and Fort Wayne, Ind.. In addition it illustrates the merging of Taylor University with Fort Wayne Bible College/Summit Christian College in 1992 and foreshadows the global potential of Taylor's commitment to lifelong and distributed learning.

The circular design of the seal symbolizes the University's mission to reach every corner and culture of the world with the truths of Christ-centered learning. The open Bible reminds us of the heartbeat of Fort Wayne Bible College and echoes Taylor University's commitment to biblically-anchored higher education. The torch of learning and the leaves of laurel, symbols of our liberal arts focus, express the conviction that genuine enlightenment ultimately leads us to the source of all Truth in the Creator God. The flame illustrates the role of the Holy Spirit, God's presence among us, Who leads us into all Truth. The three elements of the flame portray the revelation of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

On the torch is the cross and crucible, a symbol designed by Dr. Milo Rediger in the late 1960s. It became the official University logo in 1986. The "T" represents the Christian cross, the "surest guarantee of God's love for man," Rediger stated. "The 'U' suggests the pot of oil from the Old Testament which found its place in the furnishings of the worship centers as the holder of light. The light symbolizes the eternal flame of Christian education. Note also that the cross rises out of and



above the oil pot as the New Testament in the blood of Jesus Christ rises out of and above the Old Testament, signified by the blood of bulls and goats, the animal sacrifices offered under the terms of the old covenant."

The date of 1846, at the bottom of the seal is the year Fort Wayne Female College, the University's antecedent, was founded. It reminds us of the historic covenant of Christ-centered higher education without regard to race, gender, social condition, cultural differences or geographic limitation.

As Taylor University enters a new millennium, we re-dedicate ourselves to all that this seal represents. Through our various venues and modalities, we begin the 21st century firmly committed to quality, Christ-centered, whole person education that prepares future generations from every tongue, tribe and nation for lifelong learning, leadership and service.

"As Taylor University enters a new millennium, we re-dedicate ourselves to all that this seal represents."

MRS. NANCY GYERTSON

Taylor's First Lady



Enjoying novels or biographies from the civil war period, reading cookbooks and working around the kitchen, “tackling the computer,” and cross-stitching are just a few things Nancy Gyertson likes to do in her free time, something she’s found relatively scarce as the wife of Taylor University president.

It isn’t something she is unfamiliar with, though. She has also served as first lady of Regent University and Asbury College. Still, as she looks at the major milestones in her life, moving to Upland, Ind., is one of them.

“I think career choices and moves are always major, especially to women,” she said. “Moving is not easy—packing up a house and starting again. Those decisions were never taken lightly. They were prayed over and many, many things were considered before each decision was made.”

Through her decision-making and her life, Gyertson has sensed God’s calling and direction. Born in Lansing, Mich., as the second of her parents’ two children, Gyertson considers herself fortunate because she lived in a Christian home and was raised in the church.

“As I became older, youth camp and camp meetings became very important to me,” she recalled. “I dedicated my life to the Lord in those teen years.”

After beginning her personal relationship with Christ, the next major milestone she faced was choosing a college. She decided she wanted to go to a Christian college and settled on Spring Arbor as her final choice. There, she majored in sociology and minored in elementary education.

“It was a good fit for me. It was a good experience,” she said. “I met some life-long friends and feel like I got a good education.”

Not the least of these “life-long friends” was David Gyertson. “It was a small college,” she said. “Most everyone knew one another.” She was a freshman and he was a second semester junior when they met, “and it wasn’t too long before we both felt that the Lord would have us be together.”

They married in June 1968 during the summer between her sophomore and junior years.

“We come from very different backgrounds,” Gyertson said. She had enjoyed a stable Christian family while he came from a broken home and had been taken in off the streets. “My family became very important to David,” she explained. “They quickly learned to love him and have become real parents to him.”

After being married for five years, Nancy and David decided they would like to start a family of their own. "We were unsuccessful in that, and several doctors told us we would be unable to conceive and that we should look into adoption," Gyertson recalled. As a matter of course, they attended a meeting regarding adoption, but they didn't feel God's leading in that direction. Gyertson remembers the discussion she and her husband had as a result of the meeting. "We really hadn't prayed about this. We had taken this into our own hands."

At the time, the Gyertsons were pastoring a church in Toronto. "We went to the altar at one evening service and had David's spiritual father pray over us—very privately, very unemotionally. He anointed us with oil, and we laid our request before the Lord," she said. "The very next month I conceived Andrea." As a special blessing, Andrea was born on her father's birthday and Gyertson reports that sharing a birthday



Dr. and Mrs. Gyertson enter their 33rd year of serving together.

Gyertson's love for children extends beyond her own daughter. "I love babies. I love children, so that led me to the classroom." She estimates that she has worked as a teacher about half of her adult life, putting her skills to use in public, private and Christian schools with students in kindergarten through third grade.

Now, she focuses on a different job.

"My job is to be a wife to David and to keep home in such a way that he has a sanctuary to which to come, a place to rest, a place to be secure away from all the demands of the job," she said. "While it is a very public home in many ways, I feel like it is my job to make it a private home for the two of us."

"I enjoy people, and I enjoy talking with people and being with people, but I also need quiet

time. I need reflective time," she explained. "A lot of people get energy from [others], but I'm not one of those. I can be energized and go in and do what needs to be done, but then I need my space. And, I think David is the same way."

Gyertson's support for her husband goes beyond creating a quiet home

environment. She often is able to give him a different perspective on an issue he is dealing with, and many times she just listens. "David shares a lot of things with me. He does do a lot of talking, so therefore I do a lot of listening." She explained that in the beginning of their marriage she was frustrated when she didn't have the answers to his dilemmas. "He told me a long time ago that he didn't need me to have the answers. He needed me to be a listener and in verbalizing, he often found the solutions."

Gyertson feels that the hardest part of her job is "keeping up with the grueling schedule and everyone's expectations," but she emphasized that the rewards of the job are greater than the sacrifices. "I love academic life," she said. "I enjoy everything about it." She says that working with wonderful and gifted people, traveling and meeting alumni are some of the major benefits of leading a university.

She loves to listen to the stories of people whose lives have been touched by Taylor—"how they met God or how they came in as an unbeliever and left as a believer; how they matured; how they found their careers; how they encountered professors that changed their lives." For Gyertson, these stories are worth working for.

by Linnea Goddard '01

"My job is to be a wife to David and to keep home in such a way that he has a sanctuary to which to come, a place to rest, a place to be secure away from all the demands of the job."

"plus many other things makes them very close."

Gyertson traces God's hand through the experience. "It's been a real lesson to me that sometimes the Lord answers our prayers with 'yes,' and while we came to him with that same request again, for whatever reason only He knows, the answer was 'no' the second time."

A FUTURE OF PROMISE

Commencement exercises were held on the Fort Wayne campus of Taylor University on May 26, 2001, at 3:00 p.m. in the Gerig Activities Center. Sixty-four young men and women received bachelor's and associate's degrees from the University. Dr. Maxie D. Dunnam, president, Asbury Theological Seminary (ATS), was the featured speaker.

A highlight of this year's Taylor Fort Wayne commencement was the first graduating class of the Samuel Morris Scholars Program (SMS). The program has been described as an Indiana initiative to meet the need for more Indiana residents with college degrees and Indiana jobs. The SMS program has sought to enroll at least 125 Indiana residents within a five-year period at Taylor University, with 60% graduating within five years.



Left: Josh Arthur is surrounded (l to r) by his aunt, Jill Parkison, mother, Barbara and sister, Lacey, as they wish him well on his graduation; bottom left: Marc Kelley asks Thad Keener if it's time to graduate; bottom center: Jennifer Vogel anticipates the commencement ceremonies. Below right: Rob and Traci (Zerfas) Slager prepare to march to the Activities Center.



Above: Dr. Gyertson and Dr. Yost enjoy the day's festivities. Side: Graduate Sandi Langham converses with Dr. JoAnne Powell after the ceremony.





Four years ago, a group of newly graduated high school students received a promise of hope for their futures - a Samuel Morris Scholarship for a Taylor education.

The Samuel Morris Scholarship offers first-generation college students the financial means to attend Taylor University and provides services to help them excel once they are at Taylor.

"I would have never been able to attend college had it not been for the Samuel Morris Scholarship," Susan Oberlander shares. "They provided so much more than just financial support these four years, but the emotional as well. It is a wonderful program." Susan majored in criminal justice and plans to attend law school in the future.

"I appreciate the way the Samuel Morris staff took a personal interest in me and my studies while at Taylor. They didn't just hand me a scholarship and then say good luck. They devoted time and energy to make sure that I had everything I needed to make it at Taylor," Karla Brown reflects. Karla is going on to graduate school in the fall to pursue clinical psychology.

On May 26, 2001, the program's first graduates walked across a stage to grasp the promise of a brighter future via means of a Taylor University diploma. The dream of an education has become a reality for these students, made possible by the Samuel Morris Scholarship program. There were six Samuel Morris Scholars among the 2001 graduating class. "That is what makes this program so special -- they don't just invest their money -- they invest their lives into each of us," Megan Wood, fifth-year senior, said. "They are helping me fulfill my dream of being a college graduate. Thank you."



Left to Right: Mrs. Yvette Jones, director of corporate relations for the Samuel Morris Scholars Program; Justin Spurlock, Susan Oberlander, Karla Brown, all SMS grads; Dr. Randall Dodge, former director of the SMS program. All graduating Samuel Morris Scholars were adorned with sashes embroidered with Samuel Morris' home country of Liberia; the fabric came from Liberia.

Top right: L to R: Charisa Piety, Paul Ragon, Sharon Ridenour, Natalie Seward and Chris Shank are newly confirmed graduates. Top left to bottom: Jeremy Reynolds is all smiles at graduation; board member **Paul Robbins g60** participates in commencement; the Fort Wayne Chorale performs at graduation; JoAnna Nuss shares a hug with a fellow classmate.

Eicher Student Commons

Recognizing a Legacy

The Eicher Student Commons was dedicated May 24, 2001 at a special ceremony. It was named in honor of the Eicher family, for their significant contributions to missionary service at home and abroad, for serving in roles of pastoral ministry and for faithful and devoted service to the Fort Wayne campus.



Cyril Eicher addresses the crowd at the student dedication of the Eicher Student Commons, earlier this year.

For generations, the Eicher family has been influencing lives through Christian ministry and service. They are known for the attributes of: sacrificial giving, motivated by love for Christ, submission to the call of Christ, untiring efforts, faithful and devoted service, godly examples and their burden for the lost. Taylor University continues to benefit through the lineage and legacy of the Eicher family.

Henry & Mary Eicher loved their Lord and dedicated their lives to raising their nine sons and three daughters in a way that would honor and glorify God. Little did they know the far reaching impact their efforts would have. As of May 2001, the descendants of Henry & Mary have totaled almost 2200 years of Christian service. Their commitment to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ and educating men and women to be "salt and light" has been felt throughout the world.

Total years of service:

Foreign Missionary Service by the Chris, Peter & Barbara Eicher families:	621
Pastoral and other Christian Ministries:	1257
Service on the Fort Wayne campus by the Peter Eicher family:	<u>320</u>
Total	2198



Standing L-R: Dan, Peter, Christian, Henry, Jacob, John, Joseph
Seated L-R: Father Henry Eicher, Annie Yauch, Mary Ramseyer, Barbara Cox, Mother Mary Lichti
Seated on Floor: Simon and Benjamin (the youngest)

The Facility

The Eicher Student Commons was designed by Fanning and Howey Associates, Inc., Celina, Ohio. The following figures reflect the approximate costs associated with this project:

General Construction	\$3,733,000
Electrical	617,000
Mechanical	1,350,000
Telecommunications	220,000
Food Services Equipment	389,000
Equipment/Furniture	501,000
Architectural Fees	410,000
Endowment	<u>3,570,000</u>
Total	\$10,790,000

Main Level

The major sections of this facility include three levels:

The main level features the student dining commons, two private and the President's Heritage dining rooms. Adjacent to the dining commons is the Merrillat Student Lounge, bookstore, mail room and campus safety. The university's hub of information services is also housed on this main level.

Upper Level

The upper level houses the Cyril Eicher Student Development Suite, along with a career services laboratory, two classrooms (one named the Brotherhood Mutual Classroom) and two conference rooms. The Leightner Commuter Student Lounge completes the upper level.

Lower Level

The lower level houses the Reiff Prayer Chapel and Falcon Recreation Center.



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DEVELOPING RELATIONSHIPS AROUND THE WORLD

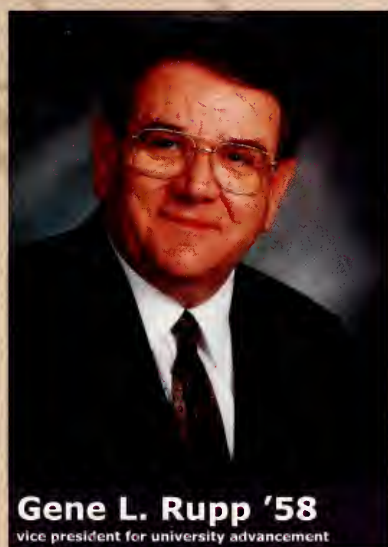
Taylor Tomorrow! Taylor continues to reach out and share its vision for the new century with the world.

As the Capital Campaign enters its fifth year, over \$63.5 million dollars have been raised. These monies helped pay for projects such as the Samuel Morris Residence Hall on the Upland campus and the Eicher Student Commons in Fort Wayne, as well as scholarships, endowed chairs, and the Taylor/Annual fund. Construction on the new Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center in Upland, Ind., begins this summer.

The Campaign looks forward to reaching its \$75 million dollar goal. Each new completed project helps Taylor increase her ability to strengthen hearts and expand minds.

Taylor is touching hearts and minds around the globe. This was evident in a recent trip to Asia where we met with 85 alumni, parents, potential students and friends. We are establishing and developing ongoing relationships with people who want to provide impetus for the vision of Taylor University.

Taylor Tomorrow! Reaching out and sharing the vision with the world.



Gene L. Rupp



Over \$210,000 Awarded in Scholarship Funds

Taylor University, Fort Wayne Campus recognized students for their academic excellence, extracurricular leadership and commendable Christian commitment during a special Scholarship Awards Luncheon on April 26, 2001. Over 275 parents, students and scholarship donors were in attendance. One hundred five students received scholarships, totaling over \$210,000.

Endowed Scholarships are awarded from the interest earned on the endowment principal and awarded annually, to be used in the next academic year. The annual Scholarship Awards Luncheon provides scholarship donors the opportunity to become acquainted with recipients.



Amy Gearhart (second from left) received the Forrest Weddle Memorial Scholarship. Presenters were (left to right): Mrs. Forrest (Thelma) Weddle, JoAnn Weddle (daughter) and Miss Lois Mannix, family friend.

"It is such a pleasure to work with families and friends who wish to remember loved ones in a special way and who are dedicated to supporting men and women in achieving a quality Christian higher education," says Sherri Harter, associate vice president for university advancement. Harter adds, "Scholarships are vital to our students as they prepare for the future. They go far beyond providing much needed financial assistance . . . they endorse a student's decision to follow the Lord's leading in their career field or ministry pursuit." She concludes, "The impact of these scholarships is felt year after year."

Sprint Technology Center Opens

Taylor University dedicated a Sprint Technology Center, Wednesday, April 11, on the Fort Wayne campus of Taylor University.

The Sprint Technology Center emerged through renovations in Witmer Hall, Taylor Fort Wayne's main classroom building; the project was completed in April.

Taylor University Fort Wayne introduced a new major in computer science in the fall of 2000. The new curriculum and facility expansion is possible through a \$100,000 technology grant from Sprint.

C.S. Lewis & Friends Alumni Retreat

Taylor University hosted a retreat focused on an introduction to the treasures in the Edwin W. Brown Collection. David Neuhouser, professor of mathematics, TUU, led discussions on the lives and works of C.S. Lewis and related authors.

The three-day retreat was held on Taylor University's Upland campus, Friday evening, June 29 and concluded with a worship service lead by Dr. Jay Kesler, chancellor on Sunday, June 31.

More Convenient Course Offerings

Beginning this fall, Taylor Fort Wayne will offer courses in the evenings, on weekends and via intensive terms as a means to achieve a degree in marketing, management and Christian ministries.

These programs will provide relevant and affordable degree programs, flexibility in terms of course scheduling as well as throughout the program and reward transfer credit equitably and quickly.

The programs fulfill the same credit hours (upper and lower division) and requires the same core courses for the traditional programs. All required courses will be available in the evening/weekend, condensed/intensive terms, and/or web-based formats.

Samuel Morris Scholarship Annual Golf Classic

Nearly 80 golfers participated in the Third Annual Samuel Morris Golf Classic, May 4, in an effort to strengthen the Samuel Morris Scholarship Fund which provides funding for scholarships to outstanding, low-income, first generation Indiana students.

Over 57 businesses supported the event through contributions. Among the premier sponsors were: Blackburn & Green, A. Hattersly & Sons, O E Trade Marketing, The Chapel and Dr. Paul Gentile. Over \$25,000 was raised to support this initiative.

Honors & Accomplishments

Administration

Taylor University is pleased to announce the appointment of **Dr. Randall E. Dodge** as the new associate vice president for student development and dean of students for the Fort Wayne campus effective June 1, 2001. He previously served as associate vice president for administration for the Fort Wayne campus. He replaces **Brent Baker** who leaves Taylor to fill a position at his alma mater, Anderson University. Uniquely, he replaces his father, who leaves his tenure as vice president of student life and dean of students, after 40 years of devoted service to the institution.

"Taylor University is blessed to have the competencies, character and warm heart of Dr. Dodge. His commitment to Jesus Christ, Christ-centered education and to Taylor University will be reflected in his work in our midst," shares Wynn A. Lembright, vice president for student affairs.

Faculty

Doug, professor of Christian education and **Pam Barcalow**, donor relations coordinator, WBCL Radio, led a series on discovering and using spiritual gifts at Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren, Decatur, IN, this spring.

Doug had nine articles recently published in *Baker Dictionary of Christian Education* as a contributing editor.

Regent University has announced the awarding of its \$90,000 endowed chair to Taylor University associate professor of English, **Dr. Dennis Hensley**, for the 2001-02 academic year.

"Dr. Hensley has been named the Distinguished Visiting

Professor of English and Journalism at our campus here in Virginia Beach," said Dr. William Brown, dean of the Regent University communications division. "From August 13, 2001 through May 19, 2002, he will teach one graduate writing course each semester and also serve as 'writer in residence,' assisting faculty and students with their professional writing projects.

Hensley joined the Taylor faculty in 1997 and is currently the director of the professional writing major on the Fort Wayne campus. Hensley holds four degrees, including a Ph.D. from Ball State University, where he was named "Distinguished Doctoral Graduate in English." In working full-time as an author for 22 years before joining the TUFW faculty, he wrote six novels, five screenplays, 154 short stories, 25 nonfiction books, and more than 3,000 national newspaper and magazine features. His two most recently released books came out in the fall of 2000: *How to Write What You Love and Make a Living at It* (Random House) and *Teach Yourself Grammar and Style in 24 Hours* (Macmillan). His 1998 best-selling book, *Millennium Approaches*, was released worldwide as an Avon paperback.

Dr. Wesley Gerig, professor of Bible, led a Bible study at First Mennonite Church, Berne, IN, in April, taught a Sunday School class at Avalon Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, during the year's first quarter, and is currently teaching a Sunday School class at First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne. He will serve as a Bible teacher at the North Central District family camp in Elkhart, IN, in August.

Dr. Bill Jarvis, associate professor of education, continues to recover from his near-fatal car accident, December 26, 2000. Bill has made much progress over the past months. In early February he was moved from Lutheran Hospital's intensive care unit to St. Joseph Hospital's Acute Care Center. He was moved back to Parkview late March to their rehabilitation center. Just over a month later he was accepted and moved into the rehabilitation program at Johnson Hospital, New Jersey. Information for this article, and the article which appeared in the winter magazine, came from the family's website: <http://www.geocities.com/wedpa/DrJarvis.html> where you may also find updates on Dr. Jarvis.

Hadley Mitchell, associate professor of economics, took a group of 11 students to the Oxford Studies Program in January and traveled to Ryazan, Russia, for faculty training during the university's spring break. He presented a paper entitled, *The Ethics of Labor Relations*, at the Nizhni Novgorod State University, March 2001, and presented a lecture on systematic theology in Donesk, Ukraine.

Heather St. Peters' (instructor of communication arts and political science) Public Relations IV class developed a comprehensive set of promotional materials, conducted research and presented suggestions on their findings on Lithuania Christian College Study Abroad program to LCC, May 23. Heather, her husband and their daughter, Emma, will travel to Lithuania for a missions project this summer, serving LCC as instructors.

Quinn White, associate professor of education, was named Western Buckeye League Coach of the Year. He served as the Van Wert High School Track Coach this past academic year where the team finished their season with a 56-4 record, finishing as Conference Champions / State Finalist.

Staff

Adam Carrigan, admissions counselor, was chosen to receive the 2000-01 Student's Choice Award. The Taylor Fort Wayne Parents' Cabinet established the award to recognize a full-time, non-teaching faculty or staff member for his or her contribution to community life at Taylor Fort Wayne. Student remarks about Adam include: "God has used him in amazing ways in my life," "he interacts often with students," "his kindness and encouragement played a huge part in me coming to Taylor Fort Wayne," "he is enthusiastic, friendly and personal and he is a consistent Christian."

This fall he will attend Columbia Biblical Seminary and School of Missions, Columbia, SC, to pursue a master of arts degree in leadership for evangelism and discipleship.

Tonya Strubhar has been appointed admissions counselor. She is a 2000 graduate of Taylor's Upland campus where she majored in business administration and received a minor in public relations. Prior to her appointment as admissions counselor she served as the enrollment assistant/print coordinator on the Fort Wayne campus for the previous seven months. She replaces Adam Carrigan.

Taylor bids farewell to esteemed vice presidents

My first encounter with Al Smith was in the spring of 1981. I was trying to get information about student fees for the next academic year since my daughter, Lana, was finishing her sophomore year at Taylor University. "Sir," he informed me, "we have put that information out several weeks ago. The only place we haven't put it yet is on the university water tower!" Wow! After I collected my thoughts, I simply asked him if he knew who really paid his salary. That was the beginning of a pilgrimage we have now enjoyed for another eighteen years since my employment at Taylor University in 1983.

For those of us who have known Allan (as his father insists you call his son), we have come to realize his bark and his bite are two totally different experiences. There is no doubt about Al's passion for Taylor University. He has worked untiringly to position the University in a fiscally sound manner. He thoroughly understands the importance of well-defined policies and the value of observing them in daily decision making.

During Al's tenure at Taylor, not only did the budget and endowment grow several fold, the number of functions and entities multiplied, i.e., food service, bookstore, Fort Wayne campus, William Taylor Foundation, etc. Yet Al never lost focus on the responsibilities of his job as the vice president for business & finance to insure everything was done consistent with Taylor's mission.

Al's greatest contribution to Taylor University was his persistent advocacy for equality. Whether it was a discussion on student fees or employee salary, wages and benefits, he never allowed us to forget the virtue of equality.

We will never forget his ability to intimidate, his very distinguishable walk as he crossed the campus, his ability to ask questions that could bring you to an absolute silence. Al Smith is a man of compassion, love, and a desire to honor God in his life. We all knew Al was at his best when he and his wife Ardie were together. She brought out his best and her physical absence is a void. Al has chosen to follow a path he and Ardie had decided together to journey—to serve God in a new ministry—world missions.

Thank you, Al. Thanks for everything you have done for Taylor University and will continue to do as you respond to His call for the next stage of life. —Daryl R. Yost H.A. '96



Al Smith

As a young director of data processing at a small North Dakota bible college, I was introduced to Bob Hodge on the telephone about 15 years ago. We had recently received a gift of an old DEC computer that would move us into real data processing, and I was in search of some information about how to manage and lead this emerging technology area. After that initial telephone conversation, I began scheduling time to talk with Bob when I came to Indiana to visit my family in the summers. I talked with Bob and tried to get a whole year's worth of vision, wisdom and direction before I returned to the isolation of North Dakota.

After several years of meeting with Bob as part of my vacation, I commented to my wife, Sharon, "I would like to work with Bob someday!" It was another couple of years before my skills and interests matched up with a position at Taylor. I came to Taylor to work with Bob in 1991.

I have learned and grown a lot over the last 10 years. As I think about the time we have been working together, what I remember most is characterized by images or phrases. I remember learning about the time-cost-performance triangle, why it is important that we not grow up and wear our grandfathers' polyester pants, and why it is not possible to over-emphasize integrity.

Bob helped me make the connection between the work I do and Taylor's mission of "educating men and women for lifelong learning and ministering the redemptive love of Christ to a world in need."

He showed me that our work is just as much about telling the story as it is about working with facts, figures, fast servers and disks.

Bob encouraged my walk with the Lord. He modeled the wisdom discussed in James 3:17-18 and the concept of adaptive servant leadership shown in Philippians 2.

In an area where it is sometimes difficult to find the cause of Christ in daily activities, Bob has helped Taylor develop technology with a clear view and heart toward our mission. Thanks, Bob, for your effective leadership as you have modeled the leadership of Christ in our midst. We will miss you in the daily activities of the University, but many of the lessons and much of the vision, passion and sense of mission will remain. —Rod Eib



Bob Hodge

Following the Footsteps of Servanthood

Terrance Bridges, Taylor Fort Wayne student, is mission-minded and leadership-driven. A licensed minister, Terrance serves as associate pastor and coordinator of family and children visitation in his home church. He has traveled abroad to Jamaica and Haiti on mission trips and is founder of Kingdom Force International Ministry Inc. He is a Samuel Morris Scholar, Gates Millennium Scholarship recipient, who has been named to the University's Dean's List and the National Dean's List, and will be Taylor Student Organization president next year.

A remarkable record of accomplishments and achievements.

He has traveled an equally remarkable road to those achievements, overcoming what some would call obstacles and what others would call stepping stones.

Strong family bonds developed in his broken family; he was raised in a divorced, single-parent household. Terrance is quick to acknowledge his mother and grandparents as inspirational role models. They have been integral to his personal and spiritual development. Their living, active and consistent faith has spoken much to Terrance and his siblings over the years as they would watch their mom and grandparents serve faithfully in a variety of capacities in the church. Their dedication is what intrigued Terrance to pursue his own relationship with the Lord; through them he became "fascinated by God."

Besides raising a family single-handedly and holding down a full time (30 hours/week) job, his mother, Carol, took on additional responsibilities in the church, and in the process returned to college to pursue a degree in business administration and finance.

Terrance shares his thoughts on his mother's example, calling her "remarkable." He adds, "my mother didn't do those things for herself, her motivation was her children."

He plans to follow his mother's example of leadership in his own positions of leadership by serving others, first, as he serves his peers as student body president next year and as he directs KFIM, as well as in future positions of leadership. He shares the qualities he believes leaders should possess, and traits he seeks to enhance: follower of Christ, teachable spirit, passion for what (s)he does, persistent in tasks despite obstacles and authenticity in relationships (with God and others).

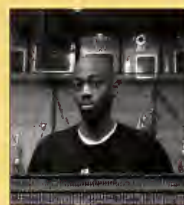
Student Gets Published

Erica L. Williams, a professional writing major, has received an Honorable Mention citation in the July fiction writing contest held by Writer's Journal magazine. A short story written by Williams called "Never Underestimate" placed fourth out of 257 national entries. Only four months earlier Williams had received an Honorable Mention in the March nonfiction article writing contest sponsored by the same magazine.

"Erica is an incredibly talented and hard-working writer," said Dr. Dennis E. Hensley, the professor in whose class Erica wrote the short story for which she received her award. "She has just completed her sophomore year of college, and in just two years she has received two national writing awards, has become a reviewer for Church Libraries magazine, and is having her devotionals and articles purchased and published in national periodicals. She has a great future ahead of her as an author."

Isaac Freeman, son of Lonnie & Helen Freeman, Houston, TX, is a junior, majoring in public relations. He was recently awarded most valuable player for the men's basketball team. He led the NCCAA this year in scoring with an

average of 26 points per game. He was named to the NCCAA All-American Men's Division I Basketball-Honorable Mention Team and for the last three years he has been named to the NCCAA Division I Men's Basketball First Team - All Region. Isaac played in the Chicago Big Four Tournament and Indiana Tech Holiday Tournament First Team. He has been selected to participate with Athletes in Action, traveling to Ecuador and Trinidad, this summer.



Tauna Herrell, daughter of Tony & Anita Herrell, both of Columbus, OH, is a sophomore majoring in youth ministries. She serves her peers as resident assistant and

serves on the multi-cultural council. The Fund for Theological Education (FTE) recently selected her as a 2001 FTE Undergraduate Fellow. As part of her fellowship, Tauna attended the 2001 FTE Summer Conference on Excellence in Ministry at Vanderbilt University Divinity School in June. She will also receive a stipend for the 2001-02 academic year to be used for educational expenses.



Marc Kelley, son of Andy & Brenda Kelley, Bronson, MI, is a graduate who majored in pastoral ministries/Biblical studies. He spent his fall 2000 semester studying abroad at

Jerusalem University College, Israel. Locally, he has served as a youth group advisor for St. Marks United Methodist Church, Decatur, and most recently has served on the youth staff at Anchor Community Church, Fort Wayne.

Taylor University Math Team Garners Second-Place Finish In State Competition

The Taylor University Upland math team finished second in the 27-team Indiana Collegiate Mathematics Contest at the Indiana Mathematical Association of America (MAA) meeting Friday, March 23 at the University of Indianapolis. The team, comprised of Taylor students Shawn Alspaugh, David Aukerman and Noah DeLong, scored 37 points. The mathematics contest consisted of teams of up to three students working for two hours on six complex mathematical problems. Points were awarded on how many correct outcomes the teams were able to determine.

Taylor's second place finish marks the first top-three finish for a Taylor math team in this competition. Results: Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology, 39; Taylor University, 37; Indiana University, 31; Wabash College, 31.

Pre-Med Majors Make the Grade

Dr. Tim Burkholder, professor of biology, TUU and Dr. Leroy Kroll, professor of chemistry, TUU, have reason to be proud of their senior biology and chemistry advisees. This year, all nine of Dr. Burkholder's senior biology students who applied to medical school were accepted and the single chemistry student who applied to medical school, was also accepted. That brings the total number accepted to begin their medical, dental or veterinarian school training this coming fall semester to fifteen, which includes the ten mentioned above plus five who have graduated from Taylor in the previous year or two.

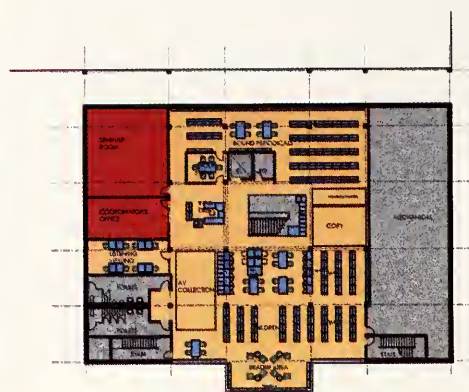
Learning Center Plan Progressing

Early in Dr. Gyertson's presidency, a select group of employees was challenged to begin work on a feasibility study that would give form to functions that could be realized in a new learning center (library) for the Fort Wayne campus.

This effort began in the fall of 2000 and culminated in a presentation to the academic committee of the Board of Trustees in May 2001. The Board subsequently authorized the planning on this facility to move forward with instruction to have a report for action at its meeting in October 2001.

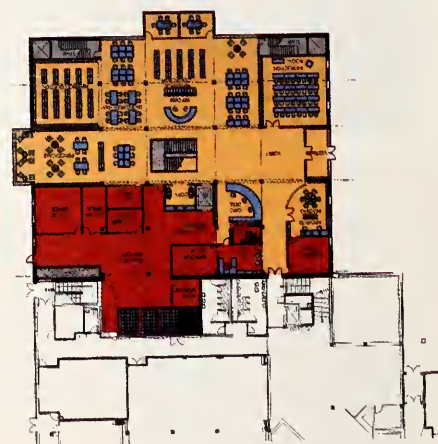
This proposed learning center will create a new facility approximately 38,000 square feet on three levels. It will be located contiguous to and immediately west of the new Eicher Student Commons. It will represent the most current practices, technologies and flexibility in response to the ever-changing learning environment.

The University will be working hard to identify and secure financial commitment to help make this project a reality.



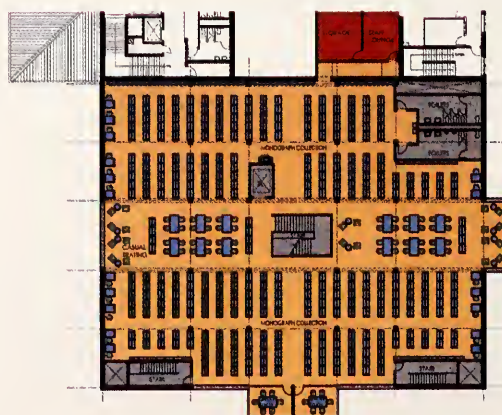
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AV Collection
Bound Periodicals
Listening/Viewing
Seminar Room
Children's Collection
Reader Area
Instructional Materials



MAIN LEVEL (at right)

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Periodicals
Instruction
Group Study Rooms
Study Area
Archives
Circulation
Staff Offices

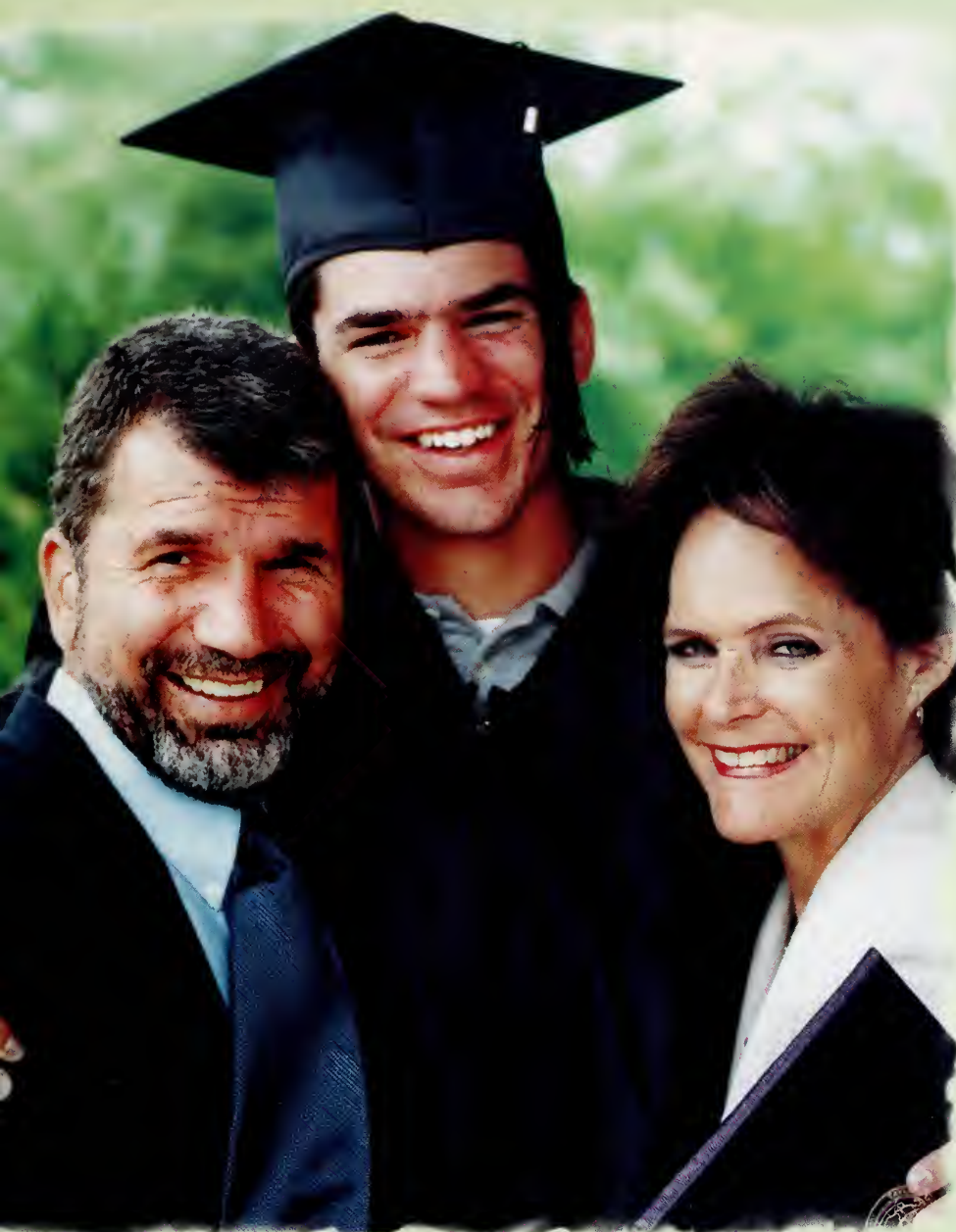


UPPER LEVEL (at left)

Monograph Collection
Group Study Rooms
Casual Seating
Staff Lounge
Storage

See the world...

through the eyes of an investor.



Remember how much time you spent teaching him the important aspects of life ... how to say please and thank you ... how to share ... how to love ... how to pray. Investing in the life of a child gives more valuable returns than any other investment.

Dr. Mark Cosgrove, JoAnn and Robert '01

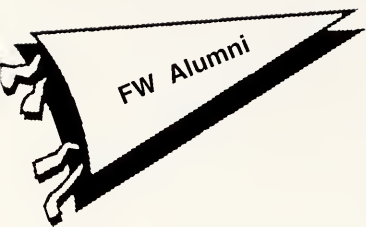
At Taylor University those central components of life continue to be taught. Integrating faith and learning, professors prepare students for careers that will enable them, in all walks of life, to go out into the world and minister the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to people in need.

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Alumni Banquet 2001

Celebrates the Athletic Tradition of the Fort Wayne Campus,
Honors 50th Class and 2001 Grads

*What a great evening
of hugging, catching
up with friends we
hadn't seen for years,
and cheering at the
introduction of
basketball players we
remembered from the
70's. Spirit and
celebration filled the
Eicher Commons on
this evening we will
long remember. . It
was one of the best!*

*-Steve g64 &
Char g65 Binkley*

A crowd of nearly 420 alumni, friends and parents filled the new Eicher Student Commons for this year's Alumni Banquet.

With championship banners flying, yellow pennants, and purple, yellow and white pompons decorating the room and alumni showing their school spirit, the Fort Wayne sports tradition was celebrated.

Dr. David Gyertson, Taylor's president, brought a welcome and greeting. Student leaders and catering staff were adorned in sports uniforms from the past as they served the meal to the banquet guests.

The Fort Wayne Choral Ensemble, under the direction of Dr. Jay Platte, performed three selections. An acappella presentation of the Fort Wayne Alma Mater brought alumni to their feet as they united their voices in singing the Alma Mater.

After a short time-out, the public address announcers, **Matt Jones g02** and **Michael Mortensen gTUU91**, director of alumni relations and annual giving, welcomed the crowd to cheer for the class of 1951, celebrating their 50th anniversary, and the class of 2001 as they celebrated their upcoming graduation.

Dr. Gerald Gerig and **Dave von Gorkom**, 1951 class officers, announced their class gift of \$17,372 to **Dr. Daryl Yost**, executive vice president and COO of the Fort Wayne Campus. Their gift will pay for the furnishings in the Leightner Commuter Lounge and will also provide funds for the Annual Fund.

Senior class president **Josh Arthur** and his fellow classmate and fiancée, **Lindsey Carpenter**, announced their class gift of community basketball standards for Witmer parking lot. Retiring members of the Alumni Council were honored with plaques for their service, following the senior class gift presentation.



Thom Walcott, junior, dons a sports jersey and serves the hungry crowd.



Josh Arthur and fiancée **Lindsey Carpenter**, both 2001 grads, presented the senior class gift at the banquet.



(L to R) **Ruth (Moser) Bennet g39** and **Ruth (McClure) Rupp g39** reminisce about college days before the banquet begins.

Alumni Awards were presented to: Sherri Harter, associate vice president for university advancement, for Honorary Alumna; Ken Hogg g85 for the Young Alumnus Award; and Robert Ransom g72 for Alumnus of the Year.

Joe Alvarez fs74 and Ken Conrad g71 involved the crowd as alums shared "Technical Testimonies" (never-before-been-told or otherwise humorous college stories) which created much amusement and laughter from the crowd, as each story was told.

Members of all the championship teams were recognized and the 1976 championship team was invited to the stage. As the 1976 championship team stood to the cheers of the crowd, Coach Steve Morley g65 was named the Distinguished Alumnus for Professional Achievement.

Bill Pannell g51, board member emeritus, closed the evening with prayer.



Pictured right, top to bottom:

Retiring Alumni Council Members: (l to r): **Matt Powell g98**, **Amy Level g92**, **Joe Alvarez fs74**, **Deb (Lehman) Shaw g80** and **Orvil Schlatter g59** are recognized for their service. **Susi Jones**, Alumni Council President, presents **Ken Hogg g85** with the Young Alumnus Award; **Robert Ransom g72** is named Alumnus of the Year; Sherri Harter is presented with Honorary Alumna status.



Joe Alvarez fs74 encourages the crowd to share "technical testimonies."



Dr. and Mrs. Gyertson, and Dr. Bill Pannell g51, right, enjoy fellowship at the dinner table.



Above: Steve Morley g65 is awarded Distinguished Alumnus for Professional Achievement.
Above left: members of the 1976 Championship team.

“Reaching the Unreached” for Christ⁺

The Class of 1951 pledged to “Reach the Unreached” for Christ as their class motto . . . and they did just that. The following life stories are a sampling of the letters the 50th reunion class sent in to the Alumni Office for inclusion in their class’ memory book, which was compiled for the class of 1951 and distributed to the members in attendance at their reunion, May 25, 2001.

Donna Cottrell shares: “When I graduated from high school in 1948, a friend, Ivis Wilson, was attending Fort Wayne Bible Institute. She talked with me about going back with her that fall, which I did. I attended church regularly and thought I was saved. At Fort Wayne I lived off campus and worked. I could see that other students had a joy and peace I did not have. I went home to southern Indiana after that first year. We had evangelistic services in our church and for the first time I realized that I really was not saved, so I went forward one night.



Ivis was the one who led me to the Lord. I

returned to college that fall.

“The Mission meetings on Friday nights were a great challenge to me, and I felt that some day I would be a missionary. I don’t remember who the speaker was, but one evening a man serving in Africa spoke. That night I definitely felt the Lord was leading me to work in Africa.

“After graduating in 1951, I applied to some mission boards. Sudan Interior Mission, now SIM, had offices in New York City. The secretary wrote that I was too young and should get some experience. So I worked with Child Evangelism Fellowship. In 1956 I was in the candidate class and was accepted by SIM to serve the Lord in Ethiopia, East Africa.

“The 15 ° years in Ethiopia were great years. For 10 years I worked in the SIM home office, in New Jersey and now in Charlotte, NC. In 1995 I retired from active status. Now I am living in my home where I grew up in southern Indiana. I have been involved with CEF in the local area, serving on the committee for five years. Also I help with teaching VBS and Sunday School in my home church, serve on the local and State mission boards of our denomination. My years at FWBC were a valuable experience for me, and I do praise the Lord.”

Joan and Orton Gilpin share their story:

(Joan): “My sister had gone to the Fort Wayne Bible Institute and was instrumental in having a ladies trio come to our Methodist Church for special meetings. During one of those meetings, I went to the altar and accepted Christ into my heart and life. I was blessed to have wonderful Christian parents. I was active in the youth group and Youth For Christ in Lima, OH.

“Money was scarce so I worked a year for the Lima Public Schools after high school. The officials there did not think much of my going to a Christian school instead of Ohio State—they said I would be sorry. But, praise the Lord, they were wrong!!!!

“My years at Fort Wayne were a real highlight in my life— I made many new friends—grew in my spiritual life—of course, met my husband there. Jared Gerig was dean at the time and was quite an influence on my life as I was blessed to have him as an instructor in several classes.

“My good friend, Edna Nance, from my home town, introduced me to a red head by the name of Orton Gilpin! That was a very nice thing she did for me—as he became my husband the summer after graduation. Orton was a good friend of her boyfriend, Lee Worthman, and so we became a good foursome. They were both members of the “Bachelor’s Club,” composed of seven fellows who prayed together, played ping pong and checkers together, and dated many girls! I was leery of this guy, but somehow God brought us together and these fellows still meet every year with their wives for good fellowship in the Lord.”

(Orton:) “Since I lived in Waynedale and played clarinet in The Temple Band, I was familiar with the Fort Wayne Bible Institute and was able to attend classes as an off campus student. My brother, Lyndon, and I attended together and met many good friends, grew spiritually and met our wives there. We spent a lot of time playing ping pong and checkers when we should have been studying! Our father had died when we were quite young, so we didn’t have a lot of money to spare. We also were blessed to come from a solid Christian home and have memories of our dad being SS superintendent at the Waynedale Methodist Church. Our mother had to go to work to support her four children and so we learned electronics and mechanics on our own—very dangerous sometimes. But God answered her prayers, watched over us, and all the children came to know the Lord.

“God has been so good to us, allowing us to serve Him together in Avalon Missionary Church and the Hope Missionary Church for quite a number of years in different capacities. He blessed us with three fine young men, who all attended FWBC at least one year, and nine special grandchildren. We will celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary this summer and we praise the Lord for His goodness to us.

“By the way, our class was the first to be able to graduate from a college, as the name was changed that year— 1951.”





Donald Nabinger reflects on the past 50 years: "I enrolled in Fort Wayne Bible Institute in 1947. It was an exciting and challenging step for a young man just out of high school. It was a time of learning and spiritual growth through interaction with my fellow students and the outstanding Godly faculty and staff.

"Shortly after graduation Rose and I married. In 1954 we left for the mission field of Alaska with Alaska Missions and were assigned to village ministry

among the Athabascan Indians on the Yukon River. This proved to be another time of learning and spiritual growth as we settled into a different culture in an isolated and remote area. There were no roads or railroads into the area and no electricity or running water. We heated and cooked with wood hauled by our dog team.

"Our first village was Kokrines and little two-year old Vivian was joined by baby brother Ralph. We were transferred down river to Kaltag. There we became good friends with the Kallands. Ed Kalland was one of the 18 mushers who rushed the serum to Nome in 1925. It is this event that is commemorated by the Iditarod Sled Dog race held each year. Ed taught me much about handling a dog team and God taught me many spiritual lessons with those magnificent Malemutes! It was at Kaltag that a baby daughter was stillborn. There is not room here for the story of how God literally wrought a miracle in this event but He is a mighty God Who can be trusted! Later our son, Raymon, was born in our cabin at Kaltag with Rose being attended by an Athabascan Indian midwife assisted by Virginia Kalland, a full-blooded Eskimo. God's providential hand was also abundantly evident in this situation. God used these two particularly difficult experiences to greatly impact the ministry among the people.

"During our furlough in 1965, God redirected our ministry through some physical problems I developed which precluded our return to village work. At the request of the Mission leadership, Rose and I began preparations to launch a much needed literature work, particularly in the area of Bible correspondence courses. After two years of preparatory work, we returned to Alaska and were assigned to Seward, a coastal town south of Anchorage. There I pastored Faith Chapel, produced a weekly radio broadcast for the local station, led a small youth group with young people from four local churches, and launched Arctic Bible Correspondence School. In 1968 the Mission transferred us to Lazy Mountain Correspondence School. I also taught for a year and a half at the Arctic Bible Institute.

"We are so grateful for the way that God has blessed the Arctic Bible Correspondence School. There have been students from 203 Alaskan villages and towns. In addition, there have been others in several other states as well as a number of foreign countries. That in reality makes it the Arctic Bible Correspondence School International. Only eternity will fully reveal what God has done. We thank Him for allowing us to have a small part of it."

L. (Wilson) Reed shares, "As a child growing up I never dreamed that I would one day attend a Bible College and go into the Lord's work. I was one of 14 children and our family saw some very difficult times. Four of my brothers and sisters died at a young age. We struggled during the Depression, but God was good and He helped us through it. I had a praying

mother whom I believe is due much of the credit for our family not only surviving the hard times, but also for learning to believe in God and placing our faith in Him.

"After completing the eighth grade I had to quit school to help on the farm with the chores and the housework. I was out of school for 10 years when I felt God calling me to go to college and study child evangelism. I went to Fort Wayne Bible College with no high school diploma and absolutely no idea where the money would come from to pay my expenses. I worked every job I could find and once again God provided all my needs. During my years at



Fort Wayne I learned to pray and trust the Lord as I never had before. He never let me down.

"My experience at FWBC changed my life and was well worth all the effort I put into it. Shortly after arriving at school my freshman year, I met Katherine Willis, who became one of my dearest friends. She walked close with the Lord and she was a blessing and an inspiration to me throughout my college years. She passed away in 1952.

"I married Leonard Reed in 1953 in a little country church near Elizabethtown, Indiana, and then moved to a farm near Mason City, Illinois, where we have lived all our married life. Leonard is a retired farmer. We have two children and five grandchildren who all live close by us. Lord willing, Leonard and I will celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2003. At that point all nine of my brothers and sisters, as well as myself, will have celebrated 50 years of marriage or more. Again, I believe this is an answer to my mother's many prayers.

"When we first moved to Illinois, my husband and I joined and became involved in the Baptist Church in Mason City where we are still members. I taught Junior Church for 40+ years. I believe God has used me to minister to many children down through the years. People will sometimes come up to me and tell me that my Junior Church class was where they accepted Jesus Christ and started learning about Him. That's the greatest reward of all.

"I could share of how God has helped me and my family through difficult times, how He has miraculously answered our prayers, met our needs, and worked things out for us time and time again. I thank and praise my Heavenly Father for all He has done for me personally, and for choosing me, a poor little farm girl, to spread the good news of salvation to many, many other children. God is to be praised!"

WBCL Visits a City Near You

WBCL Radio comes to a town near you during their 25th Anniversary Celebration.

Twenty-five years ago, on January 12, 1976, WBCL Radio began with two staff members broadcasting mostly automated programming 18-hours a day. Today, the WBCL Radio Network employs a team of 30, broadcasting 24-hours a day throughout Indiana, Ohio and Michigan via three stations and one translator. WBCL's Internet site reaches thousands more, around the world.

Throughout 2001 a goal of WBCL has been to meet as many listeners as is possible. They are doing this by making visits to 25 sites, in celebration of 25 years of broadcasting. This summer they will make the following stops:

July 14 Three Rivers Festival Parade
Fort Wayne, IN
9:30 a.m.

Staff: Phil Reaser, Scott Tsuleff,
Jason Craner, Rhonda Price & Terry Foss

July 20 Neil Armstrong Air & Space Museum
"Festival of Flight"
Wapakoneta, OH
12 Noon - 3:00 p.m. (IN)
Staff: Ross McCampbell, *Midday Live!*
Live Remote Broadcast

July 28 Grand Lake Festival Parade
Celina, OH
5:30 p.m. (IN Time)
Staff: Ross McCampbell, Mandy Leach, Scott
Tsuleff, Pam Barcalow & Ken Church

August 3 Village at Winona
Winona Lake, Indiana
12 Noon - 3:00 p.m. (IN Time)
Staff: Ross McCampbell, *Midday Live!*
Live Remote Broadcast

August 6 *Mid-Morning Live!*
Taylor University Fort Wayne
Eicher Student Commons
Special Guest: Dr. Bill Utesch,
licensed marriage & family therapist
Host: Char Binkley
Doors Open: 8:30 a.m.
Interview: 9:05 - 10:00 a.m.

Taylor Fort Wayne Invites Youth to Campus

Taylor University, Fort Wayne Campus invites area youth to be involved in a variety of activities on the campus during the summer months.

Leaders in the Sport Youth Initiative takes place July 9-August 3, 2001, and is made possible in part through a grant from the Foellinger Foundation Youth Initiative. Youth ages 8-12 can enjoy basketball, volleyball and soccer. Team tournaments will allow for the testing of skills learned at the conclusion of each week. The program runs four days a week, Tuesday - Friday, from 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m., July 9-July 27, 2001. Youth ages 12-14 may participate in the soccer camp, July 30-August 3, 2001.

The Hoosier College Preparatory Program provides a college experience to elementary, middle school and high school students in the Fort Wayne area, who would not normally consider college in their future. Their Kids to College program invites 100 6th-8th grade students to participate in a college experience for two weeks.

The Community School of the Arts offers Summer Arts Experiences for

- elementary age children who want to explore the arts,
- older children and youth who want to develop musical skills, and
- adults who wish to further their musical interests and talents.

Fine Arts Experiences include exploration, advanced or private instruction in: piano, band and string instruments, voice, art, dance and songwriting.

The Summer Honors College offers motivated high school students an opportunity to get a head start on college through a tuition-free, five-week summer session. Nineteen high school students are enrolled in the program, coming from as near as Decatur, IN and as far away as Austria.

The summer honors participants will experience various aspects of college life. They will be challenged academically, as they will take up to six credits in the residential summer program; spiritually, through Bible studies; and socially, in group experiences. Summer honors students will take one general education course, one physical education course, and one humanities course foundational to the curriculum.

Previous participants share from their experiences:

"This is the ultimate college experience. It taught me that I can survive on my own in a college environment. . .[and] that I have teachers who will go out of their way to help me achieve my potential." Erik Kielisch, Osh Kosh, WI

"I wouldn't trade the experience I've had for anything . . .the lessons I've learned are for life, not just for college."
Marianne Myers, Big Fork, MT

Alumni Council President Plans for the Future

Hugs, laughter, great food, old friends and memories ... were all apart of this year's Alumni Banquet, held in the Eicher Student Commons.

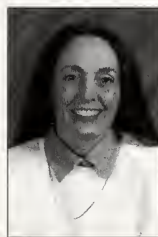
Thank you to those of you who came and shared time with the Fort Wayne family. And, a special "thank you" to all those "young alums" who attended. Your spirit and energy remind us of God's continued blessings on our campus.

Your Alumni Council wants you to know about an exciting offer for the fall of 2002. Remember those wonderful fall days on campus? Crisp air, gorgeous trees, ball games . . . Come back to campus to celebrate an Alumni Homecoming and Family Weekend, September 27-29, 2002.

This will be a weekend packed with events for your whole family. Watch for more details in future issues of the *Taylor Fort Wayne Alumnus*.

Mark your calendars! Plan to bring your college sweatshirts, your family and join us for another exciting weekend!

Susi Jones g71
Alumni Council President



Phon-a-thon Exceeds Goal

Forty-five alumni, friends and students made 3,918 calls, received 735 pledges, 240 will considers, and raised \$58,027 thus far in cash and pledges to assist Fort Wayne students with financial aid dollars.

"Momentum is growing here," Michael D. Mortensen, director of alumni relations and annual giving exclaimed. "It is so exciting to see alumni either increasing their partnership or coming back on board in their giving."

Nearly \$16,000 new or increased dollars were given this year, which includes a \$5,000 match from the Fort Wayne Alumni Association Council.

"We are thrilled and thankful for all levels of support," Mortensen said. "We deeply appreciate every gift given from \$1 on up – everything helps towards meeting our over-all goal and increasing our alumni giving percentage, which is so crucial."

Pledges and gifts continue to be accepted through the alumni office. Please call 219.744.8790 or e-mail alumnifw@tayloru.edu. Alumni also may send their gifts to Phonathon 2001 1025 W. Rudisill Blvd. Fort Wayne, IN 46807.



Ten students, four friends of the University and Michael Mortensen, director of alumni relations and annual giving, served in Quito, Ecuador over Spring Break. The team worked with HCJB Radio in construction at the South Clinic. In addition to the construction, team members held an alumni gathering for those from both the Fort Wayne and Upland campuses, they passed out bread and tracks at a dump, assisted a Kids' Club under the direction of Howard and Ruth Moser, both from the class of 1961 and a few members visited the local orphanage.

New Council Members

The bylaws of the Fort Wayne Campus Alumni Association provide for the election of council members each year. The following four people have been nominated for council membership (4-year term) and presented to the alumni association members for election/ratification.

If you are an alumnus of the Fort Wayne campus, you are eligible to respond to the ballot, below. Two check marks may be used for alumni from the same household.

Jeff Gerig g84

Larry Heidelberg g67

Cathy (Diller) Schrock g90

Shelley (Kale) Burden g91

Do you approve the nominations?

	Yes	No
Jeff Gerig	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Larry Heidelberg	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cathy Schrock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shelley Burden	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Write-in Candidates
for Future Elections:

BALLOT AUTHORIZATION

print voter name	class year
signature	date
print 2nd voter name	class year
signature	date

Please detach entire ballot and mail to:
Alumni Association
Taylor University Fort Wayne
1025 W. Rudisill Blvd.
Fort Wayne IN 46807



It's summer time – hopefully a time of rest and family fun! While the pace is slowed somewhat for us in the Alumni Relations office, we are still busy planning events to bring you back together. If you have an idea for a fun-filled gathering, please call Tami or me at 219.744.8790 or e-mail us at alumnifw@tayloru.edu. Watch our web-site www.tayloru.edu/fw for updates and give-a-ways this summer.

May you find peace and rest this summer!

Tami

Tami Solak
Alumni Secretary

Michael

Michael Mortensen
Dir. of Alumni Relations & Annual Giving

36 J. Pritchard Amstutz g36 and his wife live in Wesley Village, KY. They attend a small Missionary Church and J. Pritchard continues to do some chaplaincy work. You may contact them at 161 Wesley Dr., Wilmore, KY 40390-9795.

38 Robert g38 and Vera (Rohrs) Hubaker fs38 are now retired in Safety Harbor, FL, after many years of active ministry in Ohio, Indiana, Texas and Florida. They reside at 625 6th Avenue North, Safety Harbor, FL 34695.

47 Howard Harris g47 has recently published a book, *The Bicycle Tourist*. You can order a book or contact Howard at 6021 County Road 6, Gulf Shores, AL 36542.

Dwight g47 and Marie **Steiner** have just recently moved to 1730 E Aurelius Ave. Pax, AZ 85020.

50 Joe g50 and Maline (Sola) Jenkins g50 reside in Bradenton, FL. They have five children and are retired from forty years of ministry in India, Hong Kong and South America. You can e-mail them at bylorjoe@juno.com.

53 Richard g53 and Ida (Snoke) Leever fs55 are now retired but are serving in two RV resorts in the Palm Springs

area. Together they minister to over 1000 when the parks are at peak capacity.

Oline (Brooks) Knapp g57 recently lead a missions team to Ireland to build a playground for children in the area. She is a retired social worker now residing in Pinckney, MI. You may reach her at rknapp@ismi.net.

58 Liz (Kimmer) Kirby g58 and husband, Bob, went to Nairobi, Kenya, on a construction mission trip last November.

60 Harold fs60 and Elsie Amstutz reside in Clearwater, FL. They are retired after thirty-four years on the mission field in Africa.

Ken Mays g60 and his wife, Nita, were able to spend two months in Europe recently after being granted a sabbatical for 35 years of teaching.

66 Myron g66 and Betty Harrison g65 are on home assignment from the Philippines, but are planning to return in July when Myron will develop a training/mentoring role for Filipino pastors and OMF missionaries while Betty will get involved again with ministry among the urban poor.

68 Helen Inman g68 is on home assignment from Africa through January 2002. You may contact her via e-mail at aunthelen1@hotmail.com

72 Martha Buss g72 has been serving in Colombia for the past 22 years. By January 2002, she will leave Colombia and return to the U.S for a six month home assignment before being transferred to another country. She will move to either Buenos Aires, Argentina or Guayaquil, Ecuador.

73 David B. Nickel g73 has moved. You can reach him at his new address, 1108 Illsley Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46807 or 219-744-5999.

Sandford g73 and Wendie (Schwartz) Hashimoto g72 are church planting among the Portuguese speaking Japanese in Sao Paulo. You may reach them at Caixa Postal 21.192, Sao Paulo, 04602-970 or sanwendie@hotmail.com.

76 Mervin Charles g76 along with his wife, Laurel, have four children. He is the director of Global Ministries for Eastern Mennonite Missions. They have planted churches in both Pennsylvania and Brazil.

Todd Habegger g76 is currently pastoring Village Church of Gurnie with his wife, Marti. They have been there for 19 years.

John Jones g76 along with his wife **Sharon (Belcher) g76** and five school age children reside in Marion, IN. They also have three children in college.

Larry Lewis g76 is the assistant principal of Friends Christian Middle School in Yorba Linda, CA. He resides there with his wife, Sheryl, and three children.

77 Ruth Aju g77 and family reside in Florida. Their address is M-16 PO Box 591828 Miami, FL 33159-1828.

Greg Ponchot g77 is currently pastoring New Hope Church in Greenwood, IN. **Brenda (Knuckles) g77** works in the guidance office at Morresville High School. Greg and Brenda have two sons, Shane (22) and Bryant (20).

78 Gordon Nickel g78 continues to work as headmaster of Plymouth Christian Academy in Canton, MI. He resides in Canton, MI, with his wife, Ann Marie, and three children, Rebecca, Christina and Landon.

79 Keith J. Rupp g79 is currently pastoring at West Missionary Church in Berne, IN. He resides in Berne, IN, with his wife, Cindy (Huffman) g76, and son Matt.

Richard Sommer g79 pastors a small church in Pesqua, IL. He is currently seeking city council approval for zoning for a homeless shelter/drug rehabilitation center.

81 Richard g81 and Barbara (Ellison) Black g82 have accepted new positions at Hillmont Camp & Conference Center. Richard will be the director of the physical plant/grounds and Barbara will be the hospitality director. Their new address and phone number is 975 Hillmont Camp Rd, White Bluff, TN

38187. 615-797-4975 or via e-mail rabblack@earthlink.net.

82 David Hughes g82 and his wife, Karolee, may be reached at 50 Daniel Drive, Fortson, GA 31808 or by e-mail at pastorststephens@aol.com.

83 Hal g83 and Suzie (Zimmerman) Lehman g82, along with their family, will be home in the states on furlough August 2001 through December 2001. You may reach them via e-mail at hlehman@maf.org.

85 Don g85 and Marla (Murray) Bettinger g84, missionaries in Taiwan, returned stateside, June 11 and will be here until August 6. While in Indiana they will participate in the OMS 100-year anniversary celebration at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, IN. Don will lead a seminar on English Bible studies at an English consortium. For more information on the OMS celebration check out this website www.omsinternational.org.

Diane (Ridley) Bowman g85 has moved. Her new address is 10118 Thomas Ln, Dripping Springs, TX 78620. E-mail her at djrb@prodigy.net.

86 Brad g86 and Dee Ball continue to minister with Cadence International during the fall and spring seasons in Japan.

87 Shawna (Wheeler) Laster fs87 can be reached at her new email address, shawnalaster@aol.com.

David g87 and Dorcas (Ringenberg) McDeavitt g76, missionaries in Ecuador, plan to return to the USA soon. While here they will stay in Woodburn. You can reach them at PO Box 77, Woodburn, IN 46797. Their email address is dmcdeavitt@pactec.org.

88 Don Kidd g88 has been the general director of his denominational mission board for three years and is now in the

process of moving into a new position as USA director for European Christian Mission International.

89 Bruce g89 and Dawn Cluckie g89 plan to return to Guinea around July 25, 2001. They currently live in Fort Wayne, IN, and speak to different churches each week about the Yalunka people and challenge others to adopt the Yalunka in prayer. Email them at 110442.406@compuserve.com.

90 Christina (Roussos) Dugan g90 recently competed in the Dead Sea Half Marathon in Jordan with a team from Cyprus. She placed second in the women's division, gaining local recognition. She and her husband, **Rick g91**, live with their three sons, Gregory, Christopher and Marcus, on the island nation of Cyprus.

92 Lisa (Grubb) Johnson g92 has a new address. She can be reached at 5665 East 500 North, Kendallville, IN 46755.

93 Todd Nelson g93 received his masters of teaching arts degree from the University of Tulsa in December of 2000. He and his wife, **Rachelle g89**, currently live in Tulsa, OK.

94 David fs94 and Laura (Meinert) Bidle g96 have moved to North Webster, IN. You may contact them at 320 E Himes Street, PO Box 50, North Webster, IN 46555 or via e-mail Bidle96@kconline.com.

96 Terri Godfrey g96 is currently involved with a church plant, North Pointe Community Church, and volunteers with the sound/tech ministry.

97 Scott g97 and Kristen (Lundberg) Brunsting gTUU97 live in the Chicago area where Scott is working on his master's degree in counseling ministries at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School. Kristen is a programmer/analyst for ServiceMaster.

You can e-mail them at
s_k_brunsting@yahoo.com.

Shaun Nelson g97 resides in Chicago. You may reach him at 2037 W. Waveland, Chicago, IL 60618 or via e-mail at nuahs18@yahoo.com.

Carl Wunsch g97 completed his term with the military, June 17. He will begin working for the Phoenix Police Department, July 23.

98 Richard A. Carpenter g98 has a new address. He may be reached at PO Box 9, Burr Oak, MI 49030-0009 or by e-mail at dcarpenter@core.com.

Shawn g98 and **Denise Hicks** reside in Roaring Spring, PA, where Shawn works at a local sports and recreation facility. You can e-mail them at curvekid_2000@yahoo.com.

Bonnie Spallinger g98 has become a Gospel Missionary Union short-term missionary at Echo Ranch Bible Camp. She is the program assistant and plans the weekly activities and games.

Jim g98 and **Danielle Taylor** have moved to Hershey, PA, where they serve as house parents at Milton Hershey School. Jim is working on his master's degree in administration and Danielle is working on her teaching degree. They can be reached at penn3@mhs-pa.org.

99 Mark and Jenny (Wells) Bolinger fs99 have a new e-mail address, jennyger@msn.com.

Matt Conner fs99 lives in Muncie, IN, and works with youth and young adults at Selma United Methodist Church. You may contact him via e-mail at connerman2@aol.com.

Neil D. Horner g99 recently graduated from Asbury Theological Seminary, Lexington, KY, with a master of divinity degree. He now serves as pastor of adult ministries at Grace Point Nazarene, Fort Wayne, IN.

Steve g99 and **Amy (Mendenhall) Spallinger g99** live in Valparaiso, IN,

where Steve works as an Indiana State Police officer and Amy is working toward her masters degree in social work from Indiana University Northwest. You may contact them at 505 Raimier Ct, Valparaiso, IN 46855.

00 Jeannie (Byers) Baker g00 lives in Corpus Christi, TX, where husband, Steve, is in the Air Force, completing pilot training. They will move to Little Rock, AR, in November, where they will be stationed for four months.

Kevin g00 and **Shannon (Wells) Damesworth fs00** reside at 6342 Potter Road, Saranac, MI, 48881. Kevin was published in the June 2001 issue of Purpose, as was **Tiffany Gardner, cs.**

01 Eric Dunaway fs 01 and Amanda (Chapman) g99 reside in Fort Wayne. Eric is the Web graphic designer for Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN, and Amanda is employed at the Missionary Church Denominational Headquarters, Fort Wayne.

Thad Keener g01 will start seminary at Gordon Conwell this summer. You may reach the family at 3375 Heyl Rd, Wooster OH 44691 through August 25. You may email them at keenercrew@netzero.com

Marriages

Deniz Mujde to **Carl Badertscher g92**, September 10, 1999.

Josie Koepper g97 to John Bailey, May 5, 2001.

Jennifer Beeching g99 to Mark Byler, July 1, 2000.

Jeannie Byers g99 to Captain Steven Baker, February 17, 2001.

Laura Davis to **Marc Kelley g01**, May 27, 2001.

Jennifer Munns g01 to Joshua Carnahan, May 22, 1999.

Future Alumni

David g82 and **Karolee Hughes** a daughter, Lillie, December 4, 2000.

Scott g88 and **Susan (Kornhaus) Stombaugh g88** a son, William Seaton, June 15, 2001.

Jeffrey g90 TUU and **Sara (Gerig) Roberts g81** a son, Brian Ira, February 21, 2001.

Shannon and **Carol (Sparks) Carey g93** a son, Logan Michael, March 5, 2001.

Mike and **Kathy (Benz) Peters g97** a son, Jonathan Zane, March 21, 2001.

Joshua and **Jenny (Munns) Carnahan g01** a son, Caleb Lynn, March 29, 2001.

Bill g01 and **Lauren (Bour) Davenport g98** a daughter, Mary Elise, March 28, 2001.

Thad g01 and **Peggy Keener** a son, Samuel Paul, February 23, 2001. Kent and **Barbara (Steitmatter) Keener g56** are the proud grandparents.

Michael cs03 and **Colleen Sandolfini** a daughter, Paige Brianne, May 30, 2001.

In Memory

Idella Grace Gerig g26 passed away on March 6, 2001. Idella was born in Allen County and was a cashier at the Wolf & Dessauer department store. Surviving are a daughter and two sons; two sisters; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild.

Rev. Loyal R. Ringenberg g28 passed away May 17, 2001. See page 34, where a detailed tribute is listed.

Rev. Tillman Habegger g29 went home to be with the Lord, January 18, 2001. See page 34, where a detailed tribute is listed.

Alice I. (Lehman) Birkey g33, of Fort Wayne, passed away March 15, 2001. She was a homemaker and member of First Missionary Church and its Bonnet Singers. Surviving are a son; a brother and a sister; four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Prudence E. Gerber g39 went home to be with the Lord on January 27, 2001. She was a member of First Missionary Church and a missionary to West Africa under the Christian and Missionary Alliance from 1940-1967. Survivors include her sister; five nieces and one nephew.

Helen G. Wagner g39 went home to be with the Lord on March 8, 2001. She was a homemaker and a missionary in Bethany, KY.

Dorothy Demmin g42 passed away April 23, 2001. Surviving are a daughter and son, five sisters, four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

Mildred (Smith) John g44 passed away February 23, 2001. She was a phone operator at Indiana Bell for 31 years. She was a member of Daysprings Community Church, Auburn. Her sister, seven nieces, eight nephews, several great-nieces and -nephews, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren survive her.

Nadine B. Geiger g48 went home to be with the Lord on February 7, 2001. She retired from Lutheran Hospital in the printing department. Surviving are two stepdaughters, six grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren.

Loris Elton Olinger g51 passed away May 5, 2001. He was a World War II army veteran and a holder of the Purple Heart. Surviving are his wife, a son, a sister, three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Edna Ruth Worthman g51 passed away April 18, 2001. She was a homemaker and an Avon representative for more than 20 years. Surviving are her husband, a son and a daughter, a brother and five grandchildren.

Lois E. Bedford g55 went home to be with the Lord on March 26, 2001. She worked at Dunbar Furniture in Berne for many years and also drove a van for the Christian Mission Fellowship School. Surviving are her mother and four daughters.

Claudette Jane Bennett g68 passed away April 19, 2001. She was a teacher in several different Christian day schools and public schools as well as a tutor. Surviving are her mother, a brother, and three nephews.

Marilyn E. (Black) Chapman g69 passed away January 21, 2001. She was a prime-time instructional assistant at Bloomingdale Elementary School. Surviving are her husband, Rev. Leslie J., a daughter and a son, her mother, a sister, two grandchildren and two step grandchildren.

Shane H. Leazier g77 passed away March 28, 2001.

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“Now faith . . . is what [these men] were commended for.”

Hebrews 11: 1-2

Rev. Tillman Habegger, former president of the Missionary Church Association (MCA) and first vice-president of the merged Missionary Church, Inc., went to be with the Lord, January 18. He was born in Berne, Indiana, January 14, 1906. He was preceded in death by two wives, Evelyn Luginbell Habegger, to whom he was married for 46 years; and, Marguerite Steiner Habegger, to whom he was married for almost 9 years. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Dennis (Alice) Berryman and Virginia Habegger; two stepdaughters, Mrs. Roger (Carol) Ringenberg and Barbara Steinger-Renaldo; one sister, Floreine; two grandsons, Kirk and Craig Berryman; one great granddaughter, and five step grandchildren.

He received Christ at the age of eight. At the age of 21 Tillman dedicated his life to the Lord and felt the call of God to the ministry. He graduated from Fort Wayne Bible College.

Tillman served Missionary Church pastorates for 23 years, from 1929-1952, in Kansas; Michigan; Ohio; and Arizona. In the fall of 1952 he moved into administrative ministries. In 1955 the General Board of the MCA appointed him the first Home Secretary; and in 1958 he was elected president of the Missionary Church Association. He served as president for 11 years. In 1968 he worked to bring a merger of the two denominations (UMC and MCA) to form the Missionary Church, Inc., and served four years as vice-president of the merged church.

A faithful pastor, teacher of God's Word, loving concern for people, administrator and leader, he was called by many, "A Giant of the Faith."

Loyal R. Ringenberg, was born of Swiss Mennonite and Missionary Church heritage to Peter and Anna Gerig Ringenberg in 1904, Leo, Indiana.

In 1914 the family relocated as late-stage pioneer farmer-missionaries on the plains of northeastern North Dakota. After teaching in the public schools for four years, Loyal enrolled in Fort Wayne Bible College, graduated in 1928, and followed his cousin, Safara Witmer, to Taylor University, Upland, where he graduated in 1930.

During the early Depression he served as founding minister of the Missionary Church, Auburn, IN. In 1932 he returned to FWBC where he served for 14 years as professor of Bible and church history.

In 1935 he married Rhoda Roth, the youngest daughter of one of the FWBC founding fathers. Meanwhile, he completed graduate degree programs at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, the University Foundation (Florida), and the Winona Lake School of Theology.

In 1948 he began editing the Higley Press where he edited the Higley Sunday School commentary and wrote his Bible survey textbook, *The Word of God in History*. During the 1962-1971 decade, he served as a missionary-educator to Taiwan, primarily as a professor of Bible and philosophy and academic dean at Christ's College. In the 1970s Loyal was an editor and writer for the Cicero Bible Press (Gibbs Publishing Company), Chicago area; during which time he wrote two commentaries, *Who is Jesus?*, on the Gospel of John and *Who is the Christian?*, from I John.

Loyal never fully retired, but continued his teaching ministry in churches and nursing homes. He passed away on May 17.

Gale Rickner, Jr., was born July 3, 1923, in Hancock County, OH. Gale served in the United States Air Force from 1943-46; he took pilot training and graduated as First Lieutenant in 1945 and flew single engine fighter planes. Gale entered the Ohio National Guard in 1951 and transferred to the Indiana National guard two years later. Gale served overseas in France for one year flying defense against the Berlin Wall. He retired from military service after 25 years.

In 1962, he became a life insurance agent with Mutual Security Life and received the company's highest award for outstanding number of sales for eleven consecutive years. He was the only salesman to receive the state of Indiana Salesman of the Year Award twice. He was a lifetime member of the Million Dollar Round Table, an international insurance organization, and served as speaker and committee member.

Gale served on the governing board of Fort Wayne Bible College for 20 years.

He was a member of First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, where he served in many capacities. He served as acting youth director until a full time director was hired, taught Sunday School from 1962 until his death in 2001, and served on the church board for many years.

He is survived by his wife, Eve (Culler) to whom he was married 54 years, one son, three daughters, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



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