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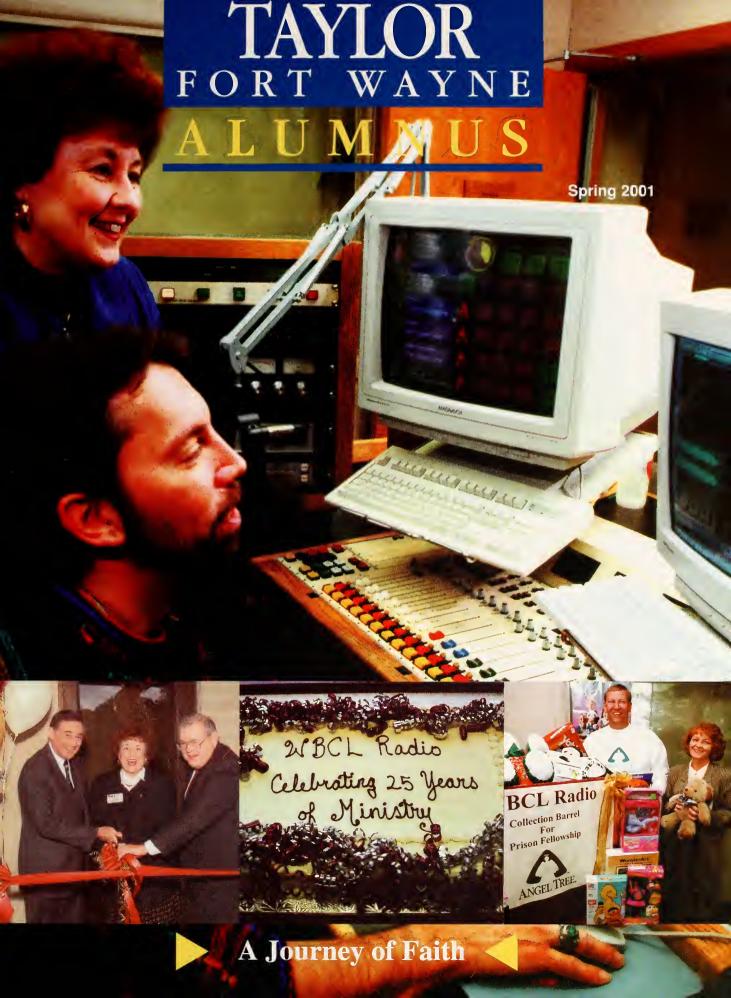


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# People of a Pioneering Faith

hat comes to mind when you hear the word pioneer? For many Americans, images of hearty, adventurous risk takers willing to leave the comfortable and convenient to find freedom and fortune in the Wild West most often appear. Like many of you I was weaned on westerns — what some called in that day the horse opera. I sat with rapt attention munching on popcorn and raisinettes as my heroes of yesteryear lit up the silver screen. And like many of you, I left the theater with enthusiasm for the cowboy games so much a part of childhood fantasy. It seems that in the marrow of many is a longing for a little house on the prairie where each day brings the possibility of adventure.

Christians are of pioneering stock. Beginning with Abraham and running throughout the history of Christianity, the Gospel demands a pilgrim people (Hebrew for pioneer I believe). The Great Commission call to bear witness and make disciples produced generations of risk takers willing to leave familiarity, predictability and security to pursue God's purposes for their surrendered lives. The results have been life changing and world shaping. Christianity's pilgrims are people of unquenchable faith willing to go where others would not and achieve what most could not.

One of my favorite anthologies of Christian pioneers is Hebrews 11. With God-dependent hope and spiritually enlightened eyes, the trail they followed wanders from mountain top victories and through valley



of death struggles to a final destination of eternal consequence. No one can leave Scripture's grand hall of the faith-filled without being challenged to strike out, as they did, for unseen destinations sustained only by the promises of Jehovah God. The fruit of effective Christian community is a harvest of those willing to take God at His word, trusting Him to lead where others care not or dare not go.

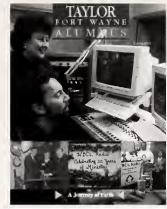
Taylor University is a place where Christ-centered pioneers are formed and challenged. From the University's founding in 1846, Taylor has been a training ground for those who will trust God fully and serve Him faithfully. The pilgrim spirit permeates the essence of our vision and mission of both Taylor University and Ft. Wayne Bible College. Full education for women, bold exploration of Christ's purposes in Science, Medicine and Biblical

Studies, uncompromising commitment to the conviction that all Truth is rooted in the One who is the way, the Truth and the life characterize the founding passions of those who have gone before us.

In this edition of the magazine you will read about some of those who heard God's call to explore the new frontiers of God's callings. As you explore their journeys of faith, we pray that you will be inspired to take the next step in God's plan for your life. When done we hope you will hear the Spirit of God calling in a fresh way: Faith-word Ho! You are sons and daughters of the pioneers. Pilgrims, go west, east, north and south - all the way to the ends of the earth. A grand destiny held in the hand of God awaits you.

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# TAYLOR FORT WAYNE ALUMNUS



On the cover: WBCL, a pioneer in Christian radio, broadcasts the love of Jesus Christ into all the world.

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# **WBCL** Radio Network - Guided by God into All the World

Reaching our world for Christ is not a new mission for WBCL radio. They've been sharing the love and hope of Jesus Christ to thousands of listeners for 25 years!

WBCL broadcasts the message of Jesus' love 24-hours a day, through music and talk radio formats, utilizing both national and creative programming efforts. They provide local news, weather, school/church cancellations, community happenings, a daily talk show, and live remote broadcasts. "All of our programming helps maintain community and spiritual involvement with our listeners,"

Char Binkley g65, executive

director, shares.

"We're more than a broadcast station; we're a family to our listeners," Char comments.

WBCL's commitment to their family community makes them unique. "We want to pick our market area and be effective there," she says, emphasizing that they can only be effective if they know their community and their needs. And that they do.

Aimed at your heart, WBCL broadcasts the message of Jesus love to uplift, encourage, edify and inspire the believer toward spiritual and emotional growth; while also presenting a message of hope and salvation to the seeker.

"We feel that if a Christian radio station is really going to minister to people, you need someone available to minister at all hours," Char reflects. That's why WBCL is a live 24-hour a day, 7-days a week, radio station. While most Christian radio stations utilize automation

during the night hours, WBCL is committed to meeting the needs of people whose "days" take place during the nighttime hours.

Setting them apart from other Christian radio stations, WBCL not only airs national and local news, they cover it. A news staff of three covers news in the local communities in which WBCL transmits its signal. Local news extends beyond Fort Wayne to the tri-state area, with the help of technological advances. News from Ohio is covered, typed into a computer, sent via internet, then aired moments later, presenting the listener with timely and accurate reports.

WBCL was a leader in the Fort Wayne market in meeting the needs of listeners via a morning talk show, beyond household hints and recipe swaps. Originally named "Spectrum for the Homemaker," the 25-minute daily program met the interests of female listeners and provided them an opportunity to participate via open phone lines. To meet the increasing interests of their audience, the program was renamed "Mid-Morning," expanded to 55-minutes with topics pertinent to both men and women. National and local guests remark on the program's quality and preparation. All these factors continue to keep WBCL a leader in the field of creative programming.

Live remote broadcasts allow WBCL staff to visit a variety of locations, as well as provide fun and entertaining opportunities for listeners to meet the staff. These events help maintain personal involvement with listeners.

The music and majority of the programs aired on WBCL are designed with the believer in mind. Knowing that approximately 20% of their listening audience are seekers, WBCL staff have a burden to share the message of hope and salvation to them, as well. With this in mind, "Challenging Moments" are aired daily. Original writings by Robbi Telfer, the one-minute thought provoking monologues are as compelling as the author's own spiritual transformation; which makes her the right







At top: Char Binkley g65, executive director tallies the numbers with Robbi Telfer, "Challenging Moments" author, at Sharathon 2001.
Middle: WBCL News team (1 to r): Rhonda Price, asst. news director; Jason Craner, news director; Stuart Hall, Ohio news correspondent. Bottom: Tim Yazel g86, assistant manager for operations, utilizes the station's state of the art equipment.

person to pen the thoughts. A listener in Lima, Ohio, writes: "Your radio station has touched my heart in many ways. Because of WBCL, I turned my life over to Jesus. On the way home one night a song came on the radio called "Our God Is an Awesome God." I listened to the song and started crying. I knew then what God had done for me — He gave His only son for me! I now know that I can live the Christian way. Thank you all for giving me a new life."

WBCL also directs ministry events and outreach projects. For 20 years, WBCL sponsored the largest one-day seminar opportunity for women in the area. "A Day Away" met the needs of women across denominational borders. "Likewise Projects" are intentional community service projects, designed to meet the practical needs of the communities. By collecting and providing food, clothing or gift donations, WBCL and the community partner to share the love of Jesus in practical ways. Easter baskets and Angel Tree programs are just two examples.

WBCL has been a pioneer in Christian radio since its initial broadcast in 1976. Despite its meager beginnings, located in a basement with a staff of two, the station was the first full-time Christian radio station in the area and the first 50,000 watt station. In the 1990's, WBCY signed on the air and a tower was put up in Archbold, Ohio, followed by

WBCJ in Spencerville, Ohio.

Today, the geographic boundaries continue to disappear. With the advance of the internet, a virtual link has been established between the station and listeners world wide. Local listeners can log on and "snowbirds" (listeners who travel south for the winter) can continue to tune in to WBCL hundreds of miles away. A world wide audience is now realized. Missionaries living in remote areas who have internet access can enjoy Christian music, teaching and edification. Nelson from Honduras e-mailed WBCL to say "I'm listening to you through the Internet. Nice sound, very clear, with no interruptions. Good music! Go ahead and praise the Lord!" WBCL has other documented listeners from the Middle East, Canada. South America, Europe, the Ukraine, as well as throughout the United States. "This is exciting as we realize that people in countries where the Bible is not permitted can find the message of Jesus via internet." Rick Canter. director of information services comments and adds, "where Bibles can't go, computers can."

Benefits of technology to the listeners include an increase of quality, quantity and convenience of programs that are offered. With the development of the Christian Radio Consortium, more national Christian programs are available through shared programming. National programs that need to discuss a timely topic can now do so within 12-24 hours, rather than days. Listeners who miss a Mid-Morning program can log on to WBCL's web site and access archived programs. In the future, some Mid-Morning programs can continue beyond the allotted hour, via internet chatrooms, providing for additional communication between

the show's guest and audience.
Other ...where Bibles can't go, programs and contests will be

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...where Bibles can't go, computers can.

designed for web only availability. The internet also allows WBCL to meet and respond to needs of listeners directly and promptly, without the obstacles of time zones and distance.

Although WBCL had been using automation (tape-based system) for quite some time, they were among the first 20% of radio stations to move their music to a digital system where all of their music, promotions, satellite and original programs are stored. WBCL was the second station in Fort Wayne to stream digital messages through Radio Data Service (RDS), which is standard on many 2001 vehicles. "RDS is a digital messaging system that can transmit written messages on equipped radios," Tim Yazel g86, assistant manager for operations, defines. "In the future RDS will be able to communicate traffic and severe weather

messages, with no interruption to the music being heard from your radio. It could also tell you when emergency vehicles are approaching. Another benefit for WBCL listeners with vehicles installed with RDS is the alternate frequency network. While traveling in the tri-state area, listeners tuned in to WBCL will not

have to
change the
dial from 90.3
FM to 88.1
FM or 89.5
FM, to
receive the
clearest signal

from the WBCL Radio network; RDS will do this automatically,"Tim explains.

"The internet is a great tool to reach more people with Christian programming, but it will only happen as we give them a reason to come back, day after day," Char states. "The addition of staff and efforts to keep programming current and creative will do this."

WBCL has been a forerunner in Christian radio broadcasting since its inception, all without sacrificing their commitment to the local community. "The staff is praising God for 25 years of ministry and we're poised for 25 more," Char shares. She concludes, "we're looking forward with great anticipation to see what God will do as He uses the WBCL Radio Network ministry to touch more lives in the years to come."

# Professional Writing Major . . . A Cut Above the Rest

It has been said, "Those who can, do, and those who can't, teach." TUFW associate professor of English, Dr. Dennis E. Hensley, is disproving this adage. He does both. And well.

As director of the newly established professional writing major, Dr. Hensley teaches a full load of classes, including: fiction writing, freelance writing, American literature, world literature and basic reporting. However, he has also written three books, 97 national magazine articles, and 55 book reviews...just since joining the Taylor faculty in September of 1997.

"My students are not as impressed by what I published ten years ago as they are about what I published ten days ago," explains Hensley. "Besides, I am a writer and I am a teacher. My wife

of 29 years says that if I can't be writing, then I want to be talking about it. She's right."



Dr. Dennis Hensley poses by the "Brag Board" where his current students' published writings are proudly displayed.

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 on futurism, Millennium Approaches, was released worldwide as an Avon paperback.

"This major is not a standard 'creative writing' program," Hensley emphasizes. "We train students for careers as working, successful, full-time writers. The avenue they follow after graduation is their choice, but we open all doors for them. Some have become newspaper reporters, some are working as professional publicists for record companies, some are graphic designers for publishing companies, and some are writing novels or screenplays. Nobody is unemployed."

On the second floor of Witmer Hall, outside of Dr. Hensley's office, is what is called the "Brag Board." Each time one of Hensley's current students gets something published in a national periodical, a copy is placed on the board for the public to see. The board covers 48 square feet, and every inch is

covered by student-written articles, reviews, devotionals, columns and features. The publications include <u>The Upper Room</u>, <u>Moody Magazine</u>, <u>Evangel</u>, <u>Pathways to God</u>, <u>Purpose</u>, <u>The Fort Wayne News-Sentinel</u>, <u>Church Libraries</u>, <u>Conquest</u>, <u>Midwest Motorist</u>, <u>Writer's Journal</u>, <u>The War Cry</u>, and even such specialty periodicals as <u>Arabian Horse Magazine</u> and <u>Sports Tabloid</u>.

"I tolerate no slackers," says Hensley. "As soon as freshmen come into this writing program, they are expected to start writing. I arrange for editor friends of mine to provide writing assignments, which I supervise, for the students; however, the articles carry the bylines of the students and all payments go to the students. Not only do the students earn some cash, they start to build an impressive portfolio of publications that later help them land great jobs. It is very exciting for them to see their name in print in a national magazine."

One of the specific ways Dr. Hensley opens doors for his students is by bringing nationally famous editors and authors into his classes as guest speakers. For example, during the past calendar year his guest speakers have included Bill Myers, author of the popular "McGee and Me" series of children's books and videos, Holly G. Miller, travel editor of The Saturday Evening Post, Bob Hostetler, co-author of 12 books with evangelist Josh McDowell, Lin Johnson, senior editor of The Christian Communicator, and Joan Guest, acquisitions editor with Harold Shaw/Random House Publishers. Additionally, he has had literary agents, journalists, and radio and television personalities give talks.

"This gives my students a chance to put their faces in front of people who are the big guns in both Christian and secular publishing," explains Hensley. "Not only do the students benefit from the teachings of these people, they also get to show them their manuscripts and to talk with them about their career goals. After more than two decades as a writer, I am fortunate in having a long list of professional contacts I can bring to campus. It makes our program very special."

And how well has the program flourished? Well, when Dr. Hensley arrived on campus in September, 1997, and was given a section of "Freelance Writing" to teach, he had just two students. One year later under his direction, the program had become so well known, the university had to run two full sections of "Freelance Writing," both with overload registrations of 33 students per class. Others had to be turned away until a new semester.

In just three years the TUFW professional writing program has become so famous nationwide, other Christian schools have asked Taylor to provide release time so that Dr. Hensley can help them establish similar programs. Regent University of Virginia Beach has awarded a \$90,000 endowed chair to Dr. Hensley to have him come to its campus next fall as "Distinguished Visiting Professor of English and Journalism." He will help Regent develop a post-graduate program along the same lines as TUFW's undergraduate writing program.

"Dr. Pam Jordan, my department chair, and I have a mission for the professional writing program," says Dr. Hensley. "We want to develop Christians whose writing skills are so excellent, they can rise to the top of any writing endeavor in the secular publishing world without having to tarnish their testimonies. We Christians have a worldview and a perspective that has been suppressed far too long. It is our goal to produce students who can help change that. Thus far, we are 'write-on' target!"

## **Brag Board**

The following students' book, video and CD reviews appeared in the winter 2001 issue of Church Libraries, along with Dr. Dennis Hensley's: Lia Angell, freshman, Greensboro, NC; Melissa L. Ayers g99, Liberty, IN; Natasha K. Fast, freshman, Peoria, IL; Kelly M. Greenamyer, sophomore, Angola, IN; Nick L. Hayden, sophomore, Kendallville, IN; Jeanette M. Hensley TUU, senior, Fort Wayne, IN; Jessica L. Hochstetler, sophomore, Milford, IN; Jennifer Hynes, sophomore, Morgantown, IN; Joshua Jackett, junior, Brighton, MI; Crystal E. Miller, freshman, Fairmount, IN; Heather Neilson, freshman, Millersburg, IN; Rachel D. Osborn, junior, Salem, OH; and Erica L. Williams, sophomore, Bloomington, IN.

Additionally, Melissa L. Ayers, had three devotionals published in Pathways to God and Jennifer Edgar, sophomore, DeBary, FL, had four devotionals published in the same publication. Jessica Hochstetler's devotional was published in The Quiet Hour. Erica Williams received "Honorable Mention" in the April 2001 issue of Writer's Journal for the magazine's spring contest for fiction writing. Nick Hayden will have four devotionals published in the March/April/May 2001 issue of Pathways to God, while Elena Pierce, former student, will have two.

Candy Bosselmann, former nontraditional student, took fourth place "Honorable Mention" award in the national short story contest sponsored by Writer's Journal magazine.

# Changing M

Teaching crime prevention to at-risk youth before patterns of criminal behavior begin



eaching students doesn't mean instruction in reading, writing and arithmetic for **Jenni Jackson g96** (above, right). It does mean training students to take responsibility for their own life choices, making positive choices.

What Jenni's teaching may not get students college admission, but it may keep them alive and out of a life of crime. Taking prevention measures to at-risk youth before they commit a crime is what the program is all about. Jenni is trained to teach students Adolescent Responsible Thinking (ART), through Lifeline Youth and Family Services, Inc. The program was largely developed by Dr. Wyatt Mullinax, counseling and treatment consultant for Lifeline, and is based on the 10 thinking errors of criminal behavior, researched by Dr. Stanton Samenow, author of Inside the Criminal Mind. "We are responsible to challenge the students, not change them. Changing behavior and lifestyle is up to God and up to the individual students," Jenni explains.

Mullinax initially developed the "Thinking Errors" program for prison inmates. Having found successful behavior changes in adult criminals, the program was reformatted for younger audiences: juvenile offenders and at-risk youth, and their parents, as well. Jenni shares, "The program is especially helpful to pre-adoles-

cents and adolescents as they're in the experimental stages of their lives. I teach them to think before they act. By reflecting on past actions and consequences, I can help them see errors in judgment and help them change behavioral patterns."

The program, founded on the biblical principal in Romans 12:2, "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind...," has transformed lives. Early studies show that over 50% of participants show some progress after the completion of the program. Not everyone who takes the 12-to 16-week program changes immediately and changes may be minimal. However, even a slight change in a person's thinking and behavioral patterns may positively impact his own life or lives of others.

"I would like to be able to measure progress and see visible changes in each of the students' lives," Jenni confesses, "but that's not always the case. God has taught me to be faithful with what He's asked of me [to teach youth]... making them aware of the changes that need to be made, starting in their thinking patterns. I need to trust Him to do the rest, in changing the students' hearts. And, He is faithful. He will finish what He began (Philippians 1:6)."

# Alumni Journey Out to the Community

Il for One is a professional repertory theatre company which presents a message of hope. Comprised of believer artists, many of whom are Fort Wayne campus alums, they are doing something unique with Christian drama—taking Christian theatre outside the four walls of a church into the community.

Their most recent endeavor was the presentation of <u>A</u> Sentimental Journey (ASJ), a two-act drama with music set in the 1940's, to the Fort Wayne community, last fall.

Beginning as a fictional D-day skit, written by WBCL Radio's director of creative programming, Lynne (del Grosso) Ford cs, ASJ was presented to a local church's senior fellowship gathering in June, 1994. The skit coincided with the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-day and piqued interest on the part of the company to do further research and write a full two-act drama. Their research revealed three national core values: a public faith in God and His Word, the personal sacrifice endured by each person in the country, and a commitment of the country to right over wrong. With the emergence of these values, all for One (afO) was inspired to continue the writing process under the skilled hand of playwright Laurie Nichols.



Alumni Sharon Gerig and Pam (Witmer) Walley, and fellow cast member Dixie Lough, add a musical element to afO's cast, singing Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy in 1940's attire.

Over the next five years the first act was written, performed and rewritten, a second act and musical elements were added. set designs were completed, period costumes were researched and designed, and all for One's cast and crew grew from six to 24; nearly 40% of whom are alumni. These alums cross denominational, gender and generational lines, but all share the unique vision to reach out to the community with the love of Christ through drama-based ministry: Lynne Ford cs, Sharon Gerig g89, Adam g93 and Mary (Tenney) Henderson g92TUU, Matt Jones cs, Linda Moughler g63, Keith Sprunger g75, Sonja Strahm g66TUU and TUFW

faculty, and Pam (Witmer) Walley g92.

Stage director Sonja Strahm shares, "When Sharon Henderson, executive director of afO, called me in August 1999, and asked me to direct <u>A Sentimental Journey</u>, I realized this as an answer to prayer. As a faculty member on the Fort Wayne campus, I have had opportunities to direct a traveling drama troupe and

several productions; as part of a local church, I have also been a director of a drama program. But directing <u>ASJ</u>, which has a quality script and professional actors, would give me opportunity to take drama into the community at large, something I believe Christians need to be doing. I am so pleased to be a member of afO and on their Board of Directors."

Community based theatre starts with a vision of a church/ parachurch organization that understands the power of drama

to reach people outside of the church and desires to accomplish this vision through building networks in the community to bring about the vision. In August 1998, five Christian community leaders talked with afO about their shared desire to pay tribute to American veterans through ASJ. Over the next months a network of community support was established, resulting in 65 individual, church, veteran and corporate organization supporters

65 individual, church, veteran and corporate organization supporters working together for this cause.

The committee selected Fort Wayne's Grand Wayne Center as the performance location and two dinner theatre performances were scheduled. Five days before opening night, both performances sold out. An afternoon matinee was added to accommodate the show's demands. Over 100 audience members who requested additional information about the moral and spiritual values depicted in the presentation received

The efforts of our alumni do not end there. Plans are in progress for new Maundy Thursday and Christmas productions for 2002. In September, several of the Fort Wayne alumni involved in afO, along with other cast and crew, will partner with Kosciusko County Right to Life (KCRTL) and Pregnancy Help Centers in a five county area near Warsaw, IN, to present their next community-based theatrical outreach. They will present <u>Tilly</u> (an adaptation of Frank Peretti's pro-life novella); proceeds will go to support KCRTL and the Pregnancy ministries in those counties.

materials. Over 1,500 pieces of new winter clothing were

through WBCL's Likewise project in conjunction with ASJ.

collected and distributed to homeless and needy veterans

If you are interested in church ministry or community based ministry information, contact all for One at 908 Woodcreek Dr., Ossian IN 46777, (219) 622-4610 or afooncall@aol.com.

## Lehman Library: the Unique Blending of Tradition with the 21st Century

espite the time out for reconsidering site plans, the library is moving ahead—to become the library that it will occupy. By providing resources such as those that could be found at larger, public universities, Lehman Library is enhance-

ing its future while meeting the needs of today's student body.

During the last five years, the library has added many online resources to its information base in keeping with college library standards and trends. Databases to support research and study in every subject area at TUFW are offered from the library's homepage, Lehman Library Online

(http://www.tayloru.edu/fw/depart-ments/library/). In providing these databases, the library benefits from state sponsored programs (Inspire) and cooperative purchasing agreements (PALNI, Private Academic Library Network of Indiana). Databases from FirstSearch (WorldCat, ATLA Religion) and from Lexis-Nexis (Academic Universe, Congressional Universe) are among the offerings.

New resources such as JSTOR (Journal STORorage), searchable full-text for complete back files for over 100 scholarly journals for a variety of disciplines, and netLibrary, online access to thousands of electronic books with text and images, also broaden the information base. (Over 500 e-books from netLibrary were added to the Lehman Library online catalog in December 2000.)

The Interlibrary Loan service brings the resources of thousands of other libraries around the country, including most academic and public libraries in Indiana, to students and faculty at TUFW. Close at hand, resource sharing with the Zondervan Library, Upland campus, does much to enhance learning and study on the Fort Wayne campus.

All the while gaining advantages from online and shared resources, library staff continue to work on strengthening the library's print collections (3,500 new volumes are added yearly), enhancing reference services (e-mail as well as walk-in reference), and developing a strong instruction program for classes across the curriculum.

In planning for the future, the library benefits from the past, including print materials that are reminders of the heritage of Fort Wayne Bible College. Even though small in size, the library has titles uniquely held by TUFW, especially in the areas of pastoral ministries and biblical studies. These collections and the Instructional Materials Center collections provide important resources for local pastors, teachers, alumni, and friends – and are often in demand by other libraries for Interlibrary Loan requests.

Changes in technology have implications for a library beyond the building of collections to considerations for facility space as well. While not waiting for the new library to offer up-to-date resources and services, the limitations of the present facility make it difficult to accommodate all of the demands for technology, differences in learning styles, and diversity in the student body (commuter students, non-traditional, World Wide Campus). These issues are being addressed in the plans for the new facility, a place that will house the technology and the environment needed for the 21st century.



The library's new facility will provide:

- double the current library collection space
- network access to all reading and study areas; wireless access is under consideration
- 5-6 group study rooms
- lab instruction rooms

## A Taylor Education: Going to the Ends of the World

The future of Taylor's World Wide Campus will look different than it does today.

Although the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning (CALL) has met the needs of students for 31 years (currently offering more than 130 courses for college credit, two certificates and three associate of arts degrees), they realize that with the rapid pace of technology and the changes in the way people spend their time and money, students' educational needs have changed as well.

Dr. Terry Wise, vice president for adult and continuing studies, shares that CALL is learner-oriented. "Our programs are specifically designed for busy adult learners who are actively involved in work/ministry and who realize that a traditional, residential degree program will not meet their needs." He continues, "our nontraditional degree programs provide flexibility and accessibility. And although the degree programs are individualized, to meet students' specific needs, students are connected to the larger community via the virtual campus."

Flexibility and accessibility means that, in the future, students will join together from all over the globe to take classes online and instruction and discussion will take place in real time. Degree programs will look different in the future, as well. The competency-based programs are designed to include concentrated and curriculum-specific objectives to maintain flexibility among students. The programs will be guided by university-wide standards, maintaining academic excellence and integrity, not sacrificing it in the name of convenience.

Director of the World Wide Campus, Mark Sumney, sees the addition of these degrees as a step which will not only strengthen the role of the World Wide Campus in Taylor University, but also as a step which may raise its profile among the Christian community. "There are always advantages to residential education," he said. "I don't see our programs competing with residential programs at all, but I see it as offering an option, especially to students who otherwise wouldn't be able to get to one of our campuses."

Mentored learning is also in the future plans for CALL. Moving away from the traditional correspondence course where a student mails in his/her lessons, receiving comments via mail until the course is completed, mentored learning allows students to connect and interact with the mentors of their online courses.

"We're going back to the heart of Bishop William Taylor. He pioneered a women's college; CALL is pioneering education for the adult learner," shares Wise. He continues, "pioneering is about serving beyond ourselves. Although we serve Taylor University, we look forward to serving the greater Christian higher education community."

"There will always be a place for residential learning, but there is increased need to extend education beyond four walls, making it accessible to others. Taylor University is 'bricks and clicks:' having a physical (residential) location and a virtual presence, not just online courses," Wise concludes.

## **Sprint Technology Center**



Taylor University Fort Wayne has established a technology center for computer science and telecommunications majors; the new expansion is possible through a \$100,000 technology grant from Sprint.

With the recent completion of the Eicher Student Commons, the Sprint Technology Center is emerging through renovations at Witmer Hall, with completion expected during spring semester.

The objective for creating the new Sprint Technology Center is to acquire the necessary technology to attract students seeking career training in computer science, systems and project management, and telecommunications. The total cost of the planned project is estimated at \$275,000, which includes eight to 15 new terminals and software packages to support the new technical majors on campus and funds for technical support of the lab.

Dr. Ron Sloan, associate vice president for academic affairs, says he hopes the new technology center will alleviate growing pains experienced by current usage demands of the pc lab. The new center will also enable Taylor University Fort Wayne to expand educational opportunities for northeastern Indiana area residents, especially financially disadvantaged and/or minority students and pre-college students as well.

"As the world becomes more technology dependant, it is also necessary for Taylor University graduates to be fully qualified to function in thes environment," said COO of the Fort Wayne campus, Dr. Daryl Yost.

Over the past five years, Sprint has partnered with Taylor University for the university's telecommunications needs, including phone systems, voice, data and fiber optic networking. "Sprint has advanced Taylor University's ability to provide online educational resources to all buildings on both campuses, expand distance education opportunities between the two traditional campuses and bring those opportunities to citizens of northeastern Indiana. The University is honored to have this partnership with a deader in telecommunications," said Yost.

"Sprint supports communities where we do business," said Jack Moore, senior public affairs manager at Sprint. "And the technology center at Taylor University Fort Wayne is a great way to bring more people into the high-tech sector of today's e-commerce business endeavors. Sprint also is committed to enabling people to have access to the latest technology as they advance in their career training."

## **Eicher Student Commons Opens**



Eicher Student Commons opened its doors in time for J-term 2001. Students enjoy the the centrality of the mailroom, bookstore, dining commons, as well as student development offices and campus safety. Above, Evie Tubbs, senior, makes use of the Eicher Commons' Atrium convenient location where she can utilize her laptop, as well as grab a cup of coffee via Higher Grounds coffee cart (in background). A student dedication service took place March 2; a formal dedication ceremony will be held Thursday, May 25, 2001.

## Jarvis Injured in Accident



professor, was in a serious car accident December 26, 2000. The car he was driving slid on a patch of ice and crossed into an intersection of oncoming traffic. The car spun and was stopped from sliding down a ditch by a light pole and a generator box. Bill was thrown from the driver's seat to the back passenger seat where the original hit was taken. He was taken to Lutheran Hospital and said to be in critical condition.

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Dr. Bill Jarvis

The initial diagnosis was 14 broken ribs, unconsciousness, lacerated liver,

punctured and deflated lung, and misaligned vertebrae in his neck. The driver and passengers in the truck that hit him were treated for minor injuries.

Despite many ups and downs the first month and a half, Bill was released from ICU in early February and moved to an acute care facility in Fort Wayne where he is receiving therapy. Progress is slow but steady.

## **Associate Director of Development Appointed**

Neither of Taylor's residential campuses are unfamiliar to newly appointed associate director of development, Ron Neuenschwander. Ron received degrees from both.

Having spent the past 24 years in sales and marketing, Ron brings a wealth of knowledge and a servant's spirit to the university advancement team. He received a bachelor of science degree from Taylor University, Upland, and an associate's degree from Fort Wayne Bible College. He has also received professional training in life and health insurances. He and his wife **Carole** (**Lubbers**) g77, have three children: Robert, Caron and Chelly.

Ron believes "the task of a Christian liberal arts college to be one of preparing students for a lifetime of learning and equipping for ministry." He also acknowledges that as associate director of development it is his duty to assist in accomplishing these goals. Ron will share this vision with alumni, friends, businesses and corporations. "It is our role to help provide the financial and community support necessary to meet the goals and mission of this institution as we in turn equip students to meet the needs of the community in which they will live, work and serve Christ."



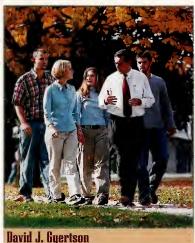
ANCHORED IN THE PAST ... FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

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## Returning to the Roots of Education

As I read through the Gospels, I am impressed with Jesus' example as an educator. Rather than taking his pupils aside and lecturing for hours, Jesus invited them to walk and talk with Him. The disciples learned by living with the Master Teacher – the One they called *Raboni*. This collaborative, interactive, lifestyle model of education was obviously effective: the world was changed as the disciples walked and talked as Christ had taught.

Today, this approach to learning is more relevant than ever before. The "sage on the stage" method of education is returning to our Lord's model of meaningful interaction, indepth discussion and real world application. We have returned to the Christian roots of education. When Christ is at the center, the outcome will be challenged minds and changed hearts.



President of Taylor University

Here at Taylor University, students have the incredible privilege of coming alongside Christ-centered thinkers in order to spend four years in collaborative, real-world learning. This is first century education that is relevant to twenty-first century learners. This is learning that transforms students into disciples.

The remaining projects of our Taylor Tomorrow campaign are designed to support this Christ-centered, interactive learning and living environment. To make those projects a reality, we need the sacrificial financial support of individuals who also are committed to being disciples. Please join us in praying that God, through His people, will provide the resources needed to train the next generation of Christians with tough minds, tender hearts and serving hands. David J. Gypton

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## First looks at the new student commons



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## Eicher Student Commons will be fully occupied by spring semester.

## Commons ends days of cramped quarters

After years of sharing office space and transforming conference rooms into classrooms, Taylor Fort Wayne's Eicher Student Commons is finally open for business. Featuring a commuter lounge, a new bookstore, an expanded cafeteria and offices for student development and others, the Commons will become the central building on the growing Fort Wayne campus.

A part of the *Taylor Tomorrow* Capital Campaign, Eicher Student Commons was made possible through generous foundation grants and donations from individuals.

# Profile

## The face of Taylor





## Students are testimonies to Taylor's impact

The focus of the *Taylor Tomorrow* campaign is students. That is why the advancement office looks to "students ambassadors" to promote Taylor's image. The ambassadors are Taylor's representatives on both campuses at special functions for alumni and friends. They help with phonathon and mailings and serve as hosts at special events.

Paula Davis, Upland, and Kari Reynolds, Fort Wayne, oversee the student ambassador program. Davis and Reynolds have witnessed the impact Taylor has made in the lives of these students who love to share about their time here. "It's encouraging to me and to the alumni and friends they meet," says Davis. Student
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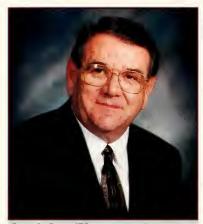
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## The fragrance of Christ



Gene L. Runn '58 Vice president for university advancement

As I write this note the leaves are just beginning to accumulate on the ground outside my office window. You can't step outside without being overwhelmed with a sense of this season. Burning leaves, the harvested fields and even the brisk wind are reminders that it is fall. You will probably read this note a few months after I write it, and for you the season will have the smell of winter: evergreen branches, family dinners and baking cookies.

The Bible talks about smells as well: in fact, 2 Corinthians tells us that believers are the "aroma of Christ" and the "fragrance of life." Those verses, taken from 2 Cor. 2:14-16, served as the theme for a student activity this fall. It's no wonder the student planning

committee selected those words: they are reminders of our duty to give our service as a pleasing "aroma" to the Lord.

Taylor University is committed to developing men and women to be the fragrance of Christ. That is only possible, however, through the generous gifts of our donors. Your gifts and commitments to Taylor are a pleasing aroma to God as well. Thanks be to God who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ.

## Gene Z. Rupp Pray for the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death; to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task?" 2 Cor. 2:14-16



## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Jerry P. Cramer. Director of the Capital Campaign, at: (800) 882-3456, ext. 5112 • 236 West Reade Avenue, Upland, IN 46989-1001

## Youth Conference Reaches Junior High Youth



Taylor Fort Wayne hosted its first ever junior high Youth Conference, "Got A Clue?," February 23-25, 2001. Nearly two hundred youth were in attendance.

"Got A Clue?" explored the questions that face today's youth. Youth discovered how God fits into the issues they deal with every day. Bill Myers, author/filmmaker, motivated and inspired youth. All Star United and Eustace, musicians, and Scott Wood, comedian, provided special entertainment. The weekend concluded with a Sunday morning worship service. Justin Nicolet, senior, pastoral

**ministries major**, presented the challenge and a praise band, comprised of Taylor students, led the morning's worship.

Youth were given the opportunity to meet in small groups, lead by Taylor students, to discuss the information presented by Bill Myers in the general sessions.

Approximately 250 students across campus participated in the event, from hosting youth in their dorm rooms, to assisting with registration, concert details, correspondence, etc. "We had a high percentage of participation by residential students in carrying out the youth conference, and several commuter students assisted, as well. It united the student body campus-wide," shares **Jon Ferguson, junior, pastoral ministries major**, co-chair of the concert committee. He concludes, "Our goal for the weekend was to make this more than just an exciting and fun time away from home, but to have an impact in the lives of the youth."

## **Performance Contest Serves Community**

The Community School of the Arts will hold its eighth annual Performance Contest, Saturday, March 10, 2001.

The Performance Contest serves the community, providing school age (elementary through grade 12) students an opportunity to perform and receive constructive comments and help, and to assist students in developing their musicianship and technical skills in a positive environment. A qualified adjudicator, whose goal is to provide accurate feedback about each performance as well as helpful and encouraging comments, judges each entry. Certificates are awarded in each division, including the Performer's Certificate for exceptional performance.

Approximately three hundred soloists and group ensembles are expected to participate throughout the day in piano, voice, woodwinds, brass, percussion and strings. Student participants come from private studios, public, private and home school environments.

Dr. Jay Platte, chair of the Community School of the Arts shares, "A distinct characteristic of the Performance Contest, compared to other contests, is the time permitted between performer and adjudicator. This contest allows for additional time, resulting in increased interaction between the student and evaluator which benefits the student."

## **Speech Competition**

Taylor Fort Wayne held its second annual Power of Communication Invitational Speech Competition for high school students, February 17. Planned by students in the public relations department and sponsored by both the public relations department and the office of enrollment services, the event has many purposes: to increase awareness of TUFW and its programs to high school students in and to give current students opportunity for practical public relations experience.

The all-day event was judged by English and speech teachers from area high schools and advanced public relations students from TUFW. The TUFW speech competition is not part of the Indiana High School Forensic Association, but serves as a practice site for speech students, allowing them the opportunity to practice their impromptu, dramatic, humorous, oratory and broadcast speeches in preparation for the state competition later this year.

Event coordinator **Jennifer Vogel**, senior, public relations, Fort Wayne, IN, hopes to see attendance for next year increase as more students will be invited, especially homeschoolers.

## Samuel Morris Scholarship Annual Golf Classic

The Third Annual Samuel Morris Golf Classic is a benefit event to provide scholarships to outstanding, low-income, first generation Indiana students.

The event is planned for Friday, May 4, 2001, at the Autumn Ridge Golf Club, 11420 Auburn Road, Fort Wayne.

To register or for more information contact Yvette Jones, corporate relations, Samuel Morris Scholars Program, at (219) 744-8786.

## Faculty and Administration

Several Taylor Fort Wayne faculty, staff and students were among those who participated at the 4th Annual Area Dean's Conference. Partners for the Future: Community and Higher Education February 23, 2001. Marilyn Button, professor of English and director of the Hoosier college preparatory program, presented "Great **Expectations: Providing** Vision and College Preparation for K-12 Students;" Solomon Abebe, associate professor, co-presented "Discipline: Different Strokes for Different Folks"; Doug Barcalow, director of Christian education and Carly Pastuszka, senior, Okemos, MI, presented "Generation Next: Discovering and Nurturing Interested Adolescents;" and Heather St. Peters, director for public relations studies and Myllisa Jensen, senior, La Grande, OR, presented "Enter the Workforce or Intern."

**Dennis Hensley**, professor of English, was selected for a second consecutive year to serve as chief judge for the "Mystery and Suspense" category in the annual Christy Fiction Awards competition. Hensley also served as a communications consultant to the American Bar Association this past year and was the motivation behind bringing the State Court of Appeals to Taylor Fort Wayne. Joseph Jones, associate professor of criminal justice, and Ron Sloan, associate vice president for academic affairs/ academic dean, assisted in the event's arrangements.

Yvette Jones, director of corporate relations Samuel

Morris Scholars Program, has published a book entitled <u>The Pursuit of Love</u>, a story about her journey of healing damaged emotions.

Pam Jordan, associate professor of English, served as a judge for the Sterling Sentinel Awards which grants scholarships to Allen County high school students.

JoAnne Powell, assistant professor of social work, and Twyla Lee, associate professor/director of social work education, attended the annual conference of the Association of Social Work Baccalaureate Program Directors in Destin, Florida. They presented "Learning by Doing: Linking Theory to Practice." Lee also served as registrar and session convener at the annual conference of the Indiana Association of Social Work Education, held at the IUPUI campus.

Larry Rottmeyer, professor of business, was elected to the board of directors for the Christian Business Faculty Association at the annual conference, hosted by Houghton College. During the conference, Rottmeyer presented "Critical Success Factors in Online Business Courses: Reactions from Faculty and Students."

John Schutt, associate professor of biology, and students taking his physical science for elementary teachers class served as judges at Harris, Weisser Park, and Whitney Young Elementary Schools, science fairs. Schutt's biology class assists in the Focus on Health model site on campus.

Arlan Birkey, Wesley Gerig, Joseph Jones, Pamela Jordan and W. Quinn White were selected to be included in the sixth edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 2000.

## **Students**

Despite the loss of six of last year's players, the 2000-2001 men's basketball team is combining the skills and experience of five returning players and is adding the developing skills and talent of four new players. While the upperclassmen bring strong leadership to the team, the Falcon's combined skills, effort and unity will carry them through their most difficult season since becoming Taylor Fort Wayne. Their record stands at 7 wins, 14 losses. 2000-2001 Men's Basketball Team includes Tim Buckholz. freshman, Warsaw, IN; Isaac Freeman, junior, Houston, TX; Anthony Greer, junior, Indianapolis, IN; Tom Hephner, senior, Churubusco, IN; Andy Hoch, junior, Fort Wayne, IN; Andy Mays, junior, Hopkinsville, KY; Marc Murnane, freshman, Carmel. IN; Kelley Sewell, senior, Parker City, IN.

Falcon cheerleading advisor, Tui Bedwell, is excited about this year's 18-member squad. She is encouraged by "the team members support of one another, on and off the basketball court." She concludes, "Over the next few months, I know this squad will reach new levels in collegiate cheerleading." 2000-2001 Cheerleaders include Marsha Baker, freshman, Warsaw, IN: Beth Bongard, sophomore, Westfield, IN; Kristin Carlson, sophomore, Virginia Beach,

VA; Amy Carrick, junior, Grand Rapids, MI; Lori Craw, freshman, Fountain City, IN; Chad Edwards, freshman, Indianapolis, IN: Bobbie Girod. junior, Bluffton, IN; Chad Heathco, sophomore, Martinsville, IN; Tim Henderson, freshman, Holmdel, NJ: Kristen Kendall, freshman. Olathe, KS; Heather Neilson, freshman, Millersburg, IN; Ann Spencer, freshman, Bristol, IN; David Stucky, junior, Geneva, IN; Joy Stutzman, sophomore, Mentone, IN and Thom Walcott, sophomore, Columbus, WI. Falcon: Jeff Sommer, sophomore, Huntington, IN.

Lady Falcon's basketball coach, Corey Laster, shares, "It's exciting to see the good strides the ladies have made. Most of them have previous playing experience, so we're building on that. Additionally, the team is refining their skills, and learning more about defensive and offensive systems." The team has a record of eight wins-six losses. 2000-2001 Women's Basketball Team members include Katie Broecker, freshman, Milford, OH: Amanda Craft, freshman. Farwell, MI; Erin Green, sophomore, Elkhart, IN; Brianna Harper, freshman, Brownsburg, IN; Sarah Haupert, freshman, North Manchester, IN; Josephine Koelling, sophomore, Elkhart, IN; Aleya Kruis, freshman, Gallup, NM; Beth Manon, freshman, Evansport, OH; Elaine Paxson, senior, Poneto, IN; Khristina Peppas, sophomore, Fort Wayne, IN; Joy Stutzman, manager sophomore, Mentone, IN; and Brooke Wilson, sophomore, Indianapolis, IN.

## Student's Faith Overcomes Challenges Of Disability

Melissa Robertson is a caring, open, unassuming and bright young woman whose interests include surfing the 'Net, reading, hiking and even an occasional bike ride. A senior psychology major at Taylor University, her heart's desire is to work in the field of counseling. She is also legally blind; but she doesn't see herself that way.

Melissa's condition, Optic Nerve Hypoplasia, is one that arrests development of the optic nerve. While she can see colors and shapes, she is unable to distinguish individual characteristics of people, places and things that normally-sighted people take for granted. "It's very different from living in darkness," she says. "I know what colors are, what a smile is. I'm thankful for what God has given me."

By most accounts, Melissa enjoys a fairly independent lifestyle, walking to class from her off-campus apartment. She uses a computer with the help of Zoom Text, a speech-based computer software, and listens to books on tape from the Library of Congress. Those aids, along with the support and encouragement of friends, have helped in overcoming obstacles that resulted from her impaired vision.

"You think of her as courageous, but you forget that she has a handicap. Her personality precedes her," says Dr. Vance Maloney, professor of psychology at Taylor and Robertson's academic advisor. "She's one of those students that you love to have in class, to get to know (and) love to hear from," he adds.

Melissa's Christian faith plays a central role in her life and attitude about her sight. "God does nothing haphazardly," she says. "He knit me together in my mother's womb. (My visual impairment) wasn't a mistake."

"God told the Apostle Paul, 'My grace is sufficient for you because my power is made perfect in your weakness," she shares. "He uses my weakness to teach me about His character and faithfulness."

## Taking a Trip Down Memory Lane

Greg Habegger had his 15-foot jumper working; David Wayne was hitting 3-pointers; Ralph Gee was still silky smooth; and Jay and Janie Kesler sat in their old seats in the Odle Gymnasium. It was a trip down memory lane on January 20 as 25 alumni basketball players played in the first ever men's basketball alumni game.

While the main event was the game that pitted Trojan stars like Tom Essenburg and Steve Oldham against Dale Miller and Robby Phillips, the highlight came at halftime of the men's basketball game against Marion when the former players were introduced. They included alumni like Forrest Jackson, Steve Mozingo, Scott Dean and Al Lettinga, who is the father of current Trojan Matt Lettinga.

Essenburg, who was the organizer of the event, called the day a success and said he hopes to have another reunion and game in two years. If the smiles on the faces of the players were any indication, the event should be well-attended.

## Chorale Members Share the Gospel Through Music

Taylor University's Upland campus' Chorale traveled across 11 time zones to participate in an international music festival in the Ural Region of western Siberia in Russia late last fall. The Chorale was one of only two American choirs invited to the festival.

The trip allowed for six days of ministry in Siberia, a day of touring Moscow's Kremlin and Red Square and a performance in a restored cathedral. They traveled to Yekaterinburg where they performed concerts at three universities and held master classes with Russian conductors. They also sang in a grand opera house where Dr. JoAnn Rediger conducted a mass choir including more than 1,000 Russian singers.

The invitation to Russia occurred after an all-male choir from Yekaterinburg stopped at Taylor's Upland campus on their way to a choir convention in Chicago, two years ago. The group was so impressed with the spirit they saw on campus that they decided to invite the Chorale to this year's festival.



Forty-six Taylor Upland students and sponsors took the message of Christ to Russia through song.



Technology changes at a rapid pace, but so does life. At the William Taylor Foundation, we can help you make sense of some of those changes. Our financial advisors can provide solid advice on how your estate can be used to support the things that don't change, like the need for an affordable, Christ-centered education. Learn how you can use estate gifts as tax-free ways to support Taylor while still providing income for you and your family. Your generous gifts can help endow Taylor University, ensuring that the next generation of Taylor students finds consistent support in the midst of a changing world.

For more information on supporting the unchanging value of Christian higher education, contact Ken Smith at (800) 882-3456, extension 5144, or e-mail knsmith@tayloru.edu.

WILLIAM TAYLOR FOUNDATION

## Alumni Banquet

May 25, 2001 Eicher Student Commons 6:00 pm

Highlights Include:

Class Reunions

Fort Wayne Alumni Council honor Alumni the new Eicher Student Commons meet Dr. Gyertson, our new president

hear Taylor Fort Wayne's vocal ensemble, directed by Dr. Jay Platte

Special Program Feature:
Relive the
1976
National Basketball Championship

the Fort Wayne campus sports tradition



"The Banquet will be shortened this year, so you can enjoy spending more time with classmates, friends and faculty members," Michael Mortensen, director of alumni relations and annual giving.

Contact the Alumni Relations Office (219) 744-8790 alumnifw@tayloru.edu

# PHONATHON 2001

Your participation is needed to help us reach this new goal of \$52,000. By participating in Phonathon 2001, your gift will build the endowment of the Alumni Scholarship Fund. Each year, the interest alone funds scholarships for 15 to 25 students, who are dependents of alumni and other qualified students.

Your participation in giving impacts the lives of our Fort Wayne students who continue to take the gospel to the world in need. Your assistance helps alleviate our students from being strapped to debt, so they can start their ministry sooner. Your gift, regardless of the amount will help us meet the needs of our students; furthermore, you will help us increase our Fort Wayne alumni participation rate. The higher the participation rate, the better favor we have with area corporations and foundations. Check your class participation rate in the alumni news section of this issue. You can make a difference in Phonathon 2001!

How you can participate: phone, mail, in person, on-line at www.tayloru.edu/fw.

Send your payment: check, credit card, electronic transfer.

## **Great Expectations**

## Perspectives from the Alumni Council President

I wish you could have been there today, at the Fort Wayne Alumni Council meeting, that is. We met in the Heritage Room of the new Eicher Student Commons that opened a few weeks ago. The new smell is still there, and it is wonderful!

I wish you could have heard **Natalie Grillo** and **Justin Nicolet**, **seniors**, as each explained how God has used the spiritual input at Taylor Fort Wayne to bring about amazing growth. What inspiring stories.

I wish you could have experienced the fun of hearing **Joe Alvarez fs74** reminisce about the 70's. Can he really be that old?

I wish you could have seen the expressions on the faces of the council members when Dr. Yost mentioned that plans are already underway for a 21st century library to be built on our campus. What tremendous news!

I wish you could have joined in the lively conversation as we brainstormed about Homecoming 2002 and the Alumni Banquet on Friday, May 25, 2001. (Did you hear that the 1976 National Championship basketball team is to be honored?)

There is a tremendous sense of excitement on our campus, and I would love for you to experience it. Join all of us at the Alumni Banquet on May 25th, in the new Eicher Commons. It will be a perfect opportunity to catch up with old friends.

Sure hope you'll be there!



Susi Jones g71 Alumni Council President

# SOLDIERS IN TRAINING

oldiers in training" is not an unusual concept. But when you consider the "commander" and the drills he teaches, you may be a little surprised. Rev. D. Wayne King g73 is not in the military but is a civilian. He pastors the Clarksville Alliance Church in Clarksville, Tennessee. Although the church he pastors has a Tennessee address, 70% of his congregation is comprised of military personnel and their families, as the church is located three miles from the Fort Campbell, Kentucky, military base. Most of the soldiers are 30 years of age and younger. The other 30% of the congregation are civilians, mostly middle-aged, empty nesters. The diversity serves to unify the church, rather than divide it. The civilians are regarded as "mom" and "dad" to the young soldiers and their families, most of whom are away from home from the first time.

The civilians' strengths minister to the military families in practical ways, from assisting new parents learn how to care for newborns, to providing a supportive family environment when soldiers are away for weeks on end.

Thirty-two thousand soldiers are on the military training base, but the population changes frequently as soldiers are restationed and new soldiers replace them; a pattern that repeats itself on an on-going basis. Therefore, the Clarksville Alliance Church also finds itself as more of a training ground as well, with 70% of the church new or young Christians who are always coming or going, literally.

For some pastors, the constant turnaround and the inability to make long-term plans and programs could be a frustration, for Wayne, it's a perfect fit. It's where his gifts and desires lie. And he's a perfect fit for the church as well. He loves to teach and loves to love people. Wayne shares, "Clarksville Alliance is unique in that our mission field comes to us. The soldiers come to the church knowing they could be called to active duty and perhaps lose their lives serving their country. Others come just trying to deal with struggles in areas of abuse, cults, etc. No matter

the cause that brings them here, they come knowing they need to surrender to the Lord and needing to be loved."

Wayne keeps a kingdom view, not a church view, in all of this. Knowing his congregation is not typical, the programs are not typical as well. When only 1/5 of the congregation attended Sunday school last year, they had to reevaluate the program. Bible studies replaced

the Sunday school program and the attendance soared, with three times as many in attendance. With so many families with small children, programs are designed so that one week the father can attend a program while the mother stays home with the child and the next week the roles reciprocate, so both have equal opportunity for spiritual nurturing as well as opportunity to be the ones at home with their children. The church also offers a "Dad's Away" program for military families whose husbands and fathers are away for training for weeks or months at a time.



Wayne g73 and Ellen King g72

The ultimate kingdom perspective he has is written on the back of their bulletin, in the church's mission statement; it is backed up by Wayne's expectations. The mission concludes with an affirmation to "fulfill the Great Commission"—to make disciples. Wayne realizes

> that for the most part, his primary responsibility is to train (disciple) these new/young Christian soldiers, knowing they will put their training into "active duty" at their next station.



Wayne meets with members of his church, many of whom are stationed at the Fort Campbell military base, for Bible study.



Tami Solak
Secretary to Alumni
and Annual Giving

Michael Mortensen
Director of Alumni
and Annual Giving

one of our greatest joys is reconnecting with alumni. We enjoy hearing about your weddings, childrens' births, job promotions, and church and civic involvements. We also enjoy keeping you in touch with former classmates, by sharing your news with them.

Furthermore, we have been blessed to see alumni giving percentages climb again. Alumni giving ensures that a new generation of alumni will graduate, well prepared for service. Alumni participation, regardless of dollar amount, is important to the growth of the institution as many foundations seek to know the support received by an institution's alumni. Let's show our community how much the alumni are committed to the heritage of the Fort Wayne campus.

Alumni are among the most faithful supporters of Taylor Fort Wayne. Throughout the alumni news, you will find total dollar amounts, as well as the percentage of alumni in each class who gave during the 2000 calendar year. Figures include giving to the annual fund, designated giving, mission trips (Taylor World Outreach) and WBCL.

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1926	0%
1927	0%
1928	\$200/67%
1929	\$315/67%
1930	\$1,090/50%
1931	0%
1932	\$3,085/88%
1933	\$640/60%
1934	\$110/50%
1935	\$85/44%
1936	\$1,495/47%
1937	\$930/64%
1938	\$175/62%
1939	\$1,710/87%
1940	\$405/40%
1941	\$1,445/63%
1942	\$480/54%
1943	\$1,505/50%
1944	\$690/43%
1945	\$7,624/67%
1946	\$3,735/55%
1947	\$1,883/46%
1948	\$2,335/58%
1949	\$3,415/57%
1950	\$4,265/61%
1951	\$4,605/58%
1952	\$3,940/60%

\$3,355/38%
Pete and Donelda (Coy)
Peterson g53 are spending
the next year doing conferences and
missionary services in the states. You
can contact them at Team, P.O. Box
969, Wheaton, IL 60189.

1954	\$4,135/51%
1955	\$2,850/32%
1956	\$3,635/35
1957	\$545/29%

\$2,585/33%

Harold McKnight
g58 is still pastoring in
Sidney, OH. As well, he is chairman of
the chaplaincy program of Wilson
Memorial Hospital. You can e-mail
him at chrtabhb@bright.net.

1959	\$8,430/45%
1960	\$5,835/45%

\$5,560/34%

Janet Miller g61 is
currently residing in Hong
Kong, China. Her new address is P.O.
Box 1368, Shatin Central Post Office,
Shatin, NT, Hong Kong, China.

\$3,192/52%

Jerry g62 and Karin
(Lantz) Cramer g64
reside in Fort Wayne, IN. Jerry is the central district superintendent of the Missionary Church. Karin has served as a supervisor with the Allen County Division of Family and Children for the past fifteen years.

Gene g62 and Juanita Bertolet have had a change of status as missionaries with OMS International. They serve as offensive prayer coordinators for

the organization. Gene continues to design *Action Magazine* and other publications for Men for Missions International.

1963	\$2,624/42%
1964	\$6,575/33%
1965	\$8,300/36%

\$10,633/31%

Myron g66 and Betty
Harrison g65, missionaries in Canada, will be traveling the states during February and March on home assignment. You can e-mail them at harrisonmyron@omf.net or harrisonbetty@omf.net.

Niles g66 and Aileen (Wada) Kageyama g65 have been pastoring the Koloa Missionary Church in Hawaii for the last nine years. Aileen serves as a temporary part-time teacher at an elementary school. July 2001 will mark 35 years of marriage and of pastoral ministry. They have twin sons, Laron and Wayne.

\$14,911/43%

Rev. Ronald Yount
g67 and family have
moved to 2245 Vesthaven Way East,
Vestavia Hills, AL 35216. Ron is in his
tenth year at Grayson & Associates
where he works as a marriage and
family therapist and substance abuse
counselor. He has been appointed to
the adjunct faculty at Southeastern
Bible College and Jefferson State
Community College.

\$5,835/34%

Bruce gTUU68 and
Nancy (Richardson) Head
g69 currently reside in Celina, OH
where Bruce is the associate pastor at
Grace Missionary Church and Nancy is
a substitute teacher for Mercer County
Schools. You can e-mail them at
theheadfam@juno.com.

\$8,765/34%

Garry and Linda
(Thomas) Holton fs69
reside in Taichung, Taiwan, where
Linda teaches at the Morrison Academy. They have three sons, Samuel,
Joshua and Benjamin. You can e-mail them at holtonl@ms39.hinet.net.

Warren g69 and Patricia (Schultz) Crawfis g65 currently reside in Fort Wayne, IN. Patricia works for Anthony Wayne Services where she works with children with autism. She has volunteered as a court appointed child advocate in the Allen County Family Court for the past 15 years.

\$3,345/28%

Harry Hyde g70 has been the EMC director of international ministries for the past 15 years. The Lord is taking him in a new direction as he takes on new responsibilities as outreach pastor of Hope Church in Mason, OH.

1971	\$8,330/29%
1972	\$2,055/24%
1973	\$4,147/28%
1974	\$3,960/30%

\$3,350/26%
Wayne fs75 and
Carolyn (Paxson) Allen
fs71 are currently on a one-year home
ministry assignment. Missionaries with
World Partners, they serve in Jamaica
and plan to return there this summer.
Wayne is serving as an adjunct faculty
member at TUFW this spring.

1976	\$2,920/26%
1977	\$5,185/28%

\$4,685/32%

Phil Mortensen g78 completed his dream to

return to the Fort Wayne campus as a professor by teaching the Introduction to Urban Ministry course this past fall. He and his wife **Fran h99** continue to pastor Love Church in the inner-city of Fort Wayne. They may be reached at <a href="mailto:fpmort@juno.com">fpmort@juno.com</a>.

Bob Wido g78 is an airforce chaplain. He is a single parent of two children since he lost his wife, Donna (Young) g80, to cancer. You can e-mail him at robert.wido@dm.af.mil.

1979	\$2,525/20%
1980	\$3,179/26%

\$5,534/33%

David g81 and Lolly

Erdel can be reached at:

Seminario Biblico Alianza, Casilla 0906-2006 (Urdesa), Guayaquil, Ecuador,

South America or via e-mail at derdel@telconet.net.

Marty g81 and Ruth Ann (Blosser) Longcor g81 have moved and can now be reached at 1403 Elm Street, Auburn, IN 46706 or you may e-mail them at martydl@ctlnet.com.

Erin g81 and Teri (Barnes)
Sueyoshi g81 reside in Ewa Beach, HI.
Erin serves as the finance director at
his church, Mililani Missionary
Church. Teri is a pre-school substitute
teacher. They have four children, Ami
Kiku, Kari Matsuko, Ean Yasuiji and
Sean-Tyler Kenji. You may e-mail
them at etsueyos@gte.net.

Steven Ware g81 and his wife Rebecca live in New York City, where Steven serves as assistant professor of history and the associate registrar at Nyack College, Manhattan Center. Since graduating from the Fort Wayne Campus, Steven has earned degrees from Oral Roderts University, Trinity Lutheran Seminary and Drew University. He served as a full-time pastor in Kansas and Indiana from 1986-1993. They have three children, Rachael, Daniel and Stephanie. They may be reached at <a href="mailto:sware194@hotmail.com">sware194@hotmail.com</a>.

\$1,340/22%

Greg Tatum g82 and family have moved back to

Indianapolis, IN, after a brief sabbatical at Southeast Christian Church in Louisville, KY. He currently serves as minister to adults at East 91st Street Christian Church. You may e-mail them at <a href="mailto:greet@east91st.org">greet@east91st.org</a>.

1983	\$2,455/23%
1984	\$3,845/22%

\$6,730/26%

Lori Jean Wilka g85
currently resides in
Kenner, LA, where she serves as a
labor and delivery unit secretary at the
Kenner Regional Medical Center. E-mail
her at locohoosier@hotmail.com.

**1986** \$3,050/16%

\$1,790/15%

Shawna (Wheeler)

Laster fs87 can now be reached at 14232 Marsh Lane Box 107, Addison, TX 75001, or via email at Jovial7@aol.com.

**1988** \$1,265/20%

\$1,380/20%

Tim fs89 Everett, wife
Tracy and their two
children live at 1860 Carters Creek Pike,
Franklin, TN 37064. Tim is a senior
programmer analyst at American
Healthways. Contact them at
(615) 591-7650 or via e-mail at
tim.artz@amhealthways.com.

\$740/9%

Jeff fs90 and April
(Boling) Lenz g90
currently reside in Springfield, OH,
where April works for the Ohio Youth
Advocate Program. They have five
children, three of whom are triplets.

Regina (Vincent) Mujica g90 and family will reside at 15922 Lochner Road, Spencerville, IN 46788, until June, 2001. You can also e-mail them <a href="mailto:ginaisra2000@yahoo.com">ginaisra2000@yahoo.com</a>.

\$1,775/14%

Kevin fs91 and Tia
(Ross) Conklin fs89 have
moved to P.O. Box 591 Otterbein, IN

47970. Kevin is director of youth and Christian education at Otterbein United Methodist Church.

\$1,854/32%

Matthew g92 and
Amber Gerber are moving
to Draper, UT, where Matthew has
been promoted to vice president of
business development at Alpine
Systems Inc. Contact them at 594 E.
Treven Place, Draper, UT 84020.

Jamie McConnell g92 is employed at Damiler Chrysler's Indiana Transmission Plant in Kokomo, IN. She plans to attend Indiana University Kokomo this spring to get her master's degree in elementary education.

Steve Witzki g92 is the associate pastor at Jackson Friends Church in Canton, OH. He recently finished his master's degree in systematic theology at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary.

Adam g93 and Mary
(Tenney) Henderson
gTUU92 have accepted a senior pastor
position at Aboite Missionary Church
in Fort Wayne, IN.

Nancy (Elenbaum) Leming g93 serves as community service supervisor for Easter Seals Arc North Eastern Indiana. She has been married for eight years and has two sons.

**Bob VonGunten g93** currently serves as youth pastor of Elkhart Northside Church of the Nazarene.

Tammy (Kelsey) Wilson g93 and husband have three new foster children in their care. They continue to pastor in Kewanna, IN.

\$1,027/30%

Daryle Crawley g94

is the head disc jockey for

Mobile D.J. Inc., Indianapolis, IN. (See also marriages.) You can e-mail him at ddrcman123@aol.com.

Scott g94 and Anne Haddix reside in Fort Wayne, IN, where Scott is the director of student ministries at Avalon Missionary Church. He also serves as the women's volleyball coach at Taylor Fort Wayne.

Kenneth Speakman g94 has taken a job with Kelley Automotive Group for a couple of years as a sabbatical from ministry; he continues to seek the Lord's direction for his family.

\$1,532/30%

Peter g95 and Crista
(Cloyd) Eicher g94 reside
in Columbus, IN, where Peter is
director of youth ministries at the
Community Church of Columbus.

Rosemary Stelz g95 is a full time seminary student at the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, in Dubuque, IA. She can be reached at <a href="mailto:rstelz@dbq.edu">rstelz@dbq.edu</a>.

\$1,460/31%

Rona (Graham) g96
Bruce (see also marriages) is a case manager for Fort
Wayne Community Schools. She can be reached at rogotoco@excite.com.

Jenny Eickhorst g96 teaches third and fourth grade at Wildwood Day School, Wildwood, MO. Her specialty is working with children with attention deficit disorder. She can be reached at Pizazz4@aol.com.

Eric g96 and Becky Flood reside in Bryan, OH. They had a baby girl in October (*see births*) who joins sister Hannah (2). Their new e-mail address is celebrate@bright.net.

\$2,116/31%

Flena (Sherman)

Dickerson g97 works at the Salvation Army Boys and Girls Club of Metro Atlanta as the unit director for the Griffin Unit. She can be reached at lenasherman@hotmail.com.

(See also marriages.)

Amy English g97 currently resides in Kansas City, KS, and serves as kindergarten teacher at Westminster Academy. You may e-mail her at amyenglish@juno.com.

Lorena (Brothers) Forbes g97 is a second grade teacher at Mary Nicholson Performing Arts Academy #70, Indianapolis, IN. With the

support of the Indianapolis Public Schools Education Foundation, Lorena received a \$5,200 grant to support reading on grade level. You may e-mail her at Leforbes@home.net.

Renae (Arnett) Schaller g97 continues to work for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Fort Wayne, but has had a change of address (see also *marriages*). You may contact her at 7217 Lismore Lane, Ft. Wayne, IN 46835 or via e-mail at rschaller@bigbrother.com.

\$1,175/36%

Melissa (Smead)
Hudson g98 currently lives
in Fort Wayne, IN,with her husband
(see marriages) where she is a fifth
grade teacher for East Allen County
Schools. You can e-mail her at
hudsonjtmk@aol.com.

Matthew fs98 and Estefana (Ponce) Jesch g98 reside in Indianapolis, IN, where Estefana serves as a fifth grade teacher and as coach of a seventh grade girls basketball team.

Elizabeth (Brodhead) Starr g98 and husband, Paul (see *marriages*), reside at 1177 S. Harbour Dr., Noblesville, IN 46060. Elizabeth teaches kindergarten at Our Lady of Grace Catholic School.

\$3,456/44%

Shawn Bellon g99 is the director of a childcare program and a personal trainer. He plans to attend Florida State University for exercise physiology. Contact him at PO Box 1194, Tallahassee, FL 32302 or via email, <a href="mailto:sbellon@juno.com">sbellon@juno.com</a>.

Blake Eickhorst g99 is currently working for the May Company in St. Louis, MO. He is also seeking a position with the Missouri State Probation Office.

Kevin g00 and Shannon (Wells)

Damesworth g00 reside in Fort

Wayne. Kevin is a sales service representative with Cintas Corporation. You can email them at Damesworth 1222@juno.com.

Rick Henderson g00 lives in Fort Wayne, IN and can be reached at ricksh@juno.com.

Scott Hutchinson g00 serves as desktop publisher for the Missionary Church Inc. in Fort Wayne, IN.

Cliff Pappe g00 plans to marry Kristina Cripe on March 17, 2001. He is a chaplain assistant for the Indiana National Guard. He also serves as youth director at Grace Community Church in Goshen, IN. You can e-mail him at range 4@yahoo.com.

Angie (Glass) Peterson g00 lives in New Haven, IN, and serves as a substitute teacher for East Allen County Schools. You can e-mail her at gp722@hotmail.com.

Nathan Strunk g00 has settled into the graduate student routine at Duke University. Also, he works as the chapel attendant at the Duke Chapel. You can email him at <a href="mailto:nathan.strunk@duke.edu">nathan.strunk@duke.edu</a>.

Steve fs00 and Amanda "Mandy" (Wilson) West g00 are currently reside in Fort Wayne, IN. Steve has a position with SCAN (Stop Child Abuse and Neglect) and Mandy teaches fifth grade at Blackhawk Christian School.

Jay Wilkins g00 currently works at Applebee's in Muncie, IN, and also at Muncie Central High School as basketball coach. He plans to attend Ball State University this spring to pursue his master's degree in sports administration.

**Erin Yazel fs00** serves as public relations coordinator for Eagle Village, Inc., Hershey, MI. Her address is P.O. Box 214, Reed City, MI 49677.

## **Marriages**

Larissa Largy to **Daryle Crawley g94**, December 15, 2000.

**Tricia Brown g96** to Mark Spellar, October 21, 2000.

**Rona Graham g96** to Ty Bruce, November 18, 2000.

**Renae Arnett g97** to Jeff Schaller, September 9, 2000.

**Elena (Sherman) Dickerson g97** to Phillip Neal Dickerson, December 30, 2000.

Melissa Smead g98 to Jason Hudson, June 17, 2000.

Elizabeth Brodhead g98 to Paul Starr, September 23, 2000.

Lauren Dylhoff g00 to Joshua Brady fs98, November 11, 2000.

## **Future Alumni**

Richard g90 and Cathy (Diller) Schrock g90 a daughter, Alisa Mackenzie, January 12, 2001.

Dan and **Angela (Crum) Ayres g91** a son, Adam Daniel, November 23, 2000.

Dan fs92 gTUU95 and Jenny (Litherland) Newman gTUU97 a daughter, Katherine Grace, June 14, 2000.

Wade and **Kelly** (**Lerch**) **Wulliman g94** a daughter, Anika Jean, January 21, 2001.

**Eric g96** and Becky **Flood** a daughter, Abigail Joy, October 3, 2000.

Chris cs and Jenny (Fleehart) McMormick g95 a daughter, Grace Reiff, December 21, 2000.

## **Memorials**

Helen (Oyer) Bonecutter g27 passed away on December 2, 2000. She faithfully served Fort Wayne Brotherhood Mutual Life Insurance for thirteen years. She was also a member of Portage Women's Christian Club and the Concerned Women for America. Surviving are three daughters, fifteen grandchildren; several great and great-great grandchildren.

Lavina R. (Williams) Ebersole g32 went to be with the Lord on December 14, 2000. She was a faithful employee of Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Co. for twenty-three years. Lavina and her husband traveled for many years with Gospel Messengers. Surviving are her daughter, Shari (Ebersole) Sousley g61; stepsons, stepsisters, one grandchild and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her husband, son and sister.

Golda (Burkhart) Sloan fs36 passed away on November 23, 2000, in Fort Wayne, IN. Golda's husband, preceded her in death in 1988. She is survived by her sons David and Ronald, an employee on the Taylor Fort Wayne campus.

Ruth (Keller) Laymon g39 passed away on November 6, 2000. Surviving are her husband; daughters, Anita Laymon g64, and Susi (Laymon) Jones g71; a son; three grandchildren; and two-great grandchildren.

Della Marie (Quay)McElhone g48 passed away on January 18, 2001. She is survived by her husband of 56 years Harry McElhone g48, gTUU50; three children, a son-in-law, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, a sister and a brother, Robert Quay g48.

Clarence "Larry" Kirchner g50 went to be with the Lord on December 26, 2000. He is survived by his wife, Ruth (Zook) Kirchner g50. Clarence had been pastoring Living Word Baptist Church in Lima, OH, and ministering at Springview Manor and Lima Manor Nursing homes. He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving as a radioman first class in Puerto Rico. Survivoring him are three daughters, one brother, and five grandsons.

Duane C. Seiple g65 passed away on December 2, 2000. He was a significant help to the music department on the Fort Wayne campus through his donation of the Yamaha Grand Piano that is currently being used in the Founders Auditorium (Ramseyer Chapel). Surviving are his father and his sister.





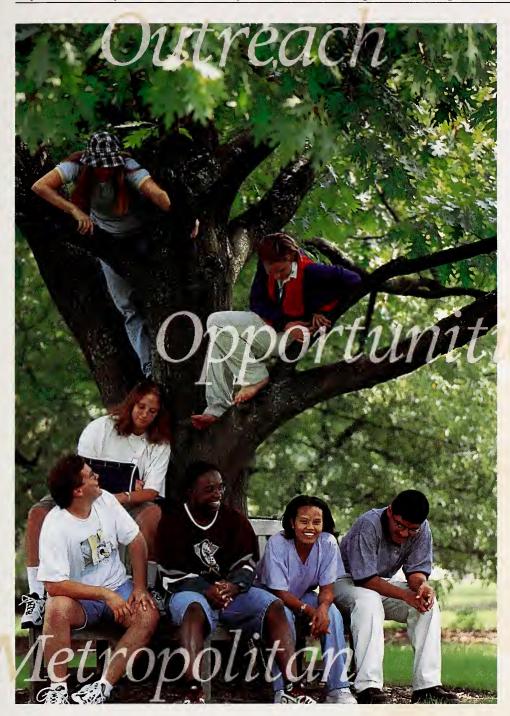








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