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Brotherhood

It was a warm June evening in 1985 when Jay and Janie Kesler met with Joenita and me for an initial personal acquaintance.

This was an initiative encouraged by the Board of Trustees to help Dr. Kesler in determining my suitability to assume the responsibility of Provost/Executive Vice President of the University.

At that time, no one realized how long-lasting and deep this relationship would remain over the intervening years. The various challenges, opportunities and blessings of working together at Taylor University would become the glue that would bind us more significantly than anyone could comprehend.

Early in the relationship Jay would reference Jonathan and David as the model for the relationship. Even though this model was not foreign to me, I never felt Jay had taken an opportunity from me, but allowed me the privilege to work with him in a unique relationship that could honor the Lord through Christian higher education. And just as Jonathan and David became brothers in their relationship so, too, have Jay and I been blessed with the same privilege. Not only have we become brothers in Christ, we are also bonded as blood brothers.

The marvelous reality of these 15 years together has likewise been transferred to Janie and Joenita-our spouses. We have grown to rejoice with each other in times of joy and to weep with each other in times of sorrow, sadness and tragedy.

Even though we didn’t know how long we would share together in this “Office of the President” arrangement, we did know it would ultimately end and there would need to be life after that stage of life. Well, it is here and the transition is beginning to take place. It is now just a few days until Jay will retire and a new president will be in place. So, how do I feel? Well, I know things will be different – perhaps. But I am very grateful for the past 15 years: the best of my professional career. God’s faithfulness has been very evident. His mercy and grace have been new every day and my relationship with Jay has been a reminder of that.

Jay and Janie, these next words are for you. What can I say or how can I say it? You two have been marvelous colleagues and friends. You have been encouragers, spiritual mentors and a true brother and sister in all circumstances. When Joenita and I faced crises, you were among the first to know. We thoroughly enjoyed our travels together. I’m confident this transition is not an end, but just another beginning. May the love of our Heavenly Father, who brought us together initially and nurtured us over the years, be the same love that sustains us until we all have the privilege of attaining an eternal home with our Heavenly Father, where transition will never interfere. Thank you, Jay and Janie.

-Dr. Daryl Yost
Provost/Chief Administrative Officer of the Fort Wayne Campus

Dr. Jay Kesler and Dr. Daryl Yost
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The president of a large public research university once told me that he really only worked a half an hour a year but that the decisions made in a few minutes determined the direction of the institution and provided the basis for thousands of hours of work by hundreds of people for decades. His point was that a leader’s task of decision making takes a very short time but involves vast amounts of research, study, analysis, political consideration and implementation on the part of the leader and those involved. The decision itself is what leaders are paid to do and is the stuff out of which reputations are made.

Looking at retirement from the presidency of Taylor University I find myself asking what decisions will be remembered from the years of my tenure. The decision to take on the challenge of the Fort Wayne campus will far outweigh all of the rest. I was convinced that the decision was right when it was made and with each passing year I feel that our decision is confirmed by the growth and quality of the programs. The Board of Trustees is deeply committed to both the rationale and the direction the Fort Wayne campus is taking.

For the entire history of the institution Taylor has challenged graduates to take bold and courageous steps of service for Christ and society. The accomplishments of the heralded and the lesser known are recorded in the book of life and
The decision to develop the Fort Wayne campus is a departure from the historic formula. In the case of the Fort Wayne campus the risk was not that of individual graduates but of the institution itself. There was risk and uncharted water. Taylor is well established as a traditional, residential liberal arts college. For this we have received national recognition and a certain reputation for academic quality and focused mission. The Fort Wayne campus is also residential but involves innovative programs for part-time students, adult learners, distance education, certificate programs and leadership development efforts in the community.

Now we are beginning to reap the rewards of seeing non-traditional students receive degrees resulting from dedicated and sacrificial effort in flexible programs and perseverance, sometimes over long years of determination. We take off our hats to these students and bask in their success.

Students whose economic or social position makes a resident experience impossible are receiving a Christian education as part-time and commuting students. And now through distance learning hundreds of students geographically situated in far off places are able to enjoy instant access to the campus through the Internet. Dr. Gyertson has shared his vision for a variety of leadership development programs as well as graduate studies at Fort Wayne and through the “College of Adult and Lifelong Learning” (CALL).

Now as I review these last 15 years, I am heartened by the prospect that the Kesler/Yost period of Taylor University will have in its record the addition of the Fort Wayne campus and the continuation of the vision of the founders of the Fort Wayne Bible College and the founders of Taylor University blended together as a legacy. This is a large undertaking and a challenge to the present as well as the future. However, all truly worthwhile undertakings involve both risk and sustained effort. As alumni of Taylor University graduated from Fort Wayne or Upland, we join hands to actualize the vision. In the words of C.S. Lewis, “Not one square inch of the planet is uncontested” and together we engage in the challenge and thank God for the victories.
Celebrating
A Legacy of Leadership

Jay, I suspect you’ll feel at the end of the day like a pancake with too much syrup on it,” said W. Richard Stephens to Jay Kesler. Stephens, a retired president of Greenville College, IL, was one of the guest speakers at a luncheon held in conjunction with the May 13 celebration to honor the Keslers.

The day was filled with glowing tributes to the Keslers for their more than four decades of Christian service. Video-taped speeches from Chuck Colson and James Dobson were played at the 1:30 p.m. program. Colson and Dobson thanked the Keslers for their friendship and their commitment to servanthood. Other individuals offering thanksgiving and praise during the program included Dr. Robert Andringa, president of the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities; Paul Robbins, board chair and Christianity Today, Inc., COO; and Dick Wynn, president of Youth for Christ.

Andringa presented Dr. Kesler with a plaque, signifying his appointment as the third CCCU Distinguished Senior Fellow. The first lady of Indiana, Mrs. Judy O’Bannon, honored Dr. Kesler with the “Sagamore of the Wabash” award, Indiana’s highest honor. O’Bannon said Dr. Kesler is one of the individuals to whom she and her husband turn for guidance.

Other testimonies came from Taylor community members representing alumni, faculty and staff, administration, students from both campuses and parents. Presenters spoke of the Keslers’ commitment to Christ, Taylor and each other.

In addition to the video presentations and testimonials, the Taylor Chorale performed “My Soul’s Been Anchored in the Lord,” the title selection from the CD recorded to commemorate the Keslers’ legacy. (Copies of the CD are available in both Taylor bookstores.)

Following the afternoon program, a picnic was held behind Taylor Upland’s Wheeler Stadium. The Jazz Band provided the evening’s entertainment.
Above: Robert Andringa, president of the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities, presents Dr. Kesler with a plaque, appointing him as the third CCCU Distinguished Senior Fellow.

Above: Taylor Fort Wayne sophomore, Saida Sanchez, shares how Jay Kesler has had an impact on her life.

Indiana’s First Lady O’ Bannon shares a celebratory moment with Janie Kesler.

Two of the Kesters’ granddaughters, Bonnie Green and Katelyn Collins, present a revised version of Jay Kesler’s favorite poem, “When the Frost is on the Pumpkin.”

Left: Janie Kesler receives a warm embrace from Ruth Steiner g51.

Above: Dr. and Mrs. Kesler and chairman of the board, Paul Robbins, enjoy the program.
The Search is Over
Taylor Names Gyertson as its 29th President

The 29th president of Taylor University was presented to students and employees on March 13 as Dr. David Gyertson made his first public appearance on both campuses. “Gyertson, who was approved as the president-elect at the March 12 meeting of the Board of Trustees, will assume office July 1, 2000,” said Board Chair Paul D. Robbins.

In several addresses to the Taylor community and the media, Gyertson shared his vision of making Taylor a flagship institution for traditional students, adult learners and Internet education. “We have the potential to set the pace for the 21st century’s expectation of Christ-centered education,” he said.

While Gyertson sees Taylor as an institutional leader, he stressed that a tough mind must accompany a tender heart. “More than just degrees or the acquisition of skills, it is the development of character that really counts,” he said.

“Gyertson’s appointment marked the end of the search and screen process that began in May of 1998. He was among the 130 individuals originally identified by Taylor constituents, and emerged as the candidate through careful investigation into his background, as well as the advice of several leaders within the field of Christian higher education,” said Robbins.

In the Upland chapel service, Dr. Jay Kesler expressed satisfaction with the Board’s selection of Gyertson as his successor. “I could not be happier,” Kesler said. “If you love me, you ought to love David. Transfer that love.”

For the past seven years, Gyertson has served as president of Asbury College, a Christian undergraduate school of 1300 students, located in Wilmore, Kentucky. Other recent positions include president of Regent University, Virginia Beach, Virginia (1991-93), and general editor/executive producer, Christian Broadcasting Network Publishing (1985-91).

Gyertson and his wife Nancy, a retired elementary school teacher, have one married daughter, Andrea, who lives in Los Angeles, California.
Q & A
with the new president

In his final weeks as president, Dr. Kesler quipped that he heard the voice of the Lord calling his name, and Kesler replied, “Here I am, Lord. Send David Gyertson.” What Kesler and the Board of Trustees, who named Gyertson as Taylor’s 29th president, both know is that he is a uniquely qualified individual who, like Kesler, has answered God’s call on his life. A scholar, businessman, pastor and devoted husband and father, Gyertson possesses the academic intellect and spiritual vitality that are benchmarks of a Taylor leader.

Why invest yourself in Christian higher education?
My favorite definition of a school is four walls and a roof with tomorrow inside of it. A meaningful Scripture is Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope” (NKJV). Christ-centered higher education is about the hope of tomorrow for the Church, for the Kingdom and for those whom God will use. It was in the context of such an educational experience, both in Bible college and the Christian liberal arts, that I sensed God’s call to help prepare the next generation for His service. In these settings Nancy and I have found great fulfillment following that call to equip servant-leaders for His purposes.

Why would you consider Taylor University a place for that investment?
We are preparing a generation with the potential to fulfill the Lord’s Great Commission and Great Commandment mandate in their lifetime. To accomplish this, Christian higher education must take the lead in every arena of learning, life and service. In praying about Taylor, with its complementary programs on two campuses, we sensed that it would be a pioneer in the 21st century adaptation of Jesus’ discipling mission. Most significant in our decision was the sense that the Board, faculty, alumni and students want Taylor to be a place where God’s Truth is faithfully explored, His Son fully honored and the Spirit freely followed.

You have been described as a students’ president. Why is that?
Nancy and I have a wonderful vision for and passion about young people. I think they sense that from us and respond to it. Institutions like Taylor exist to help students become all that Christ intends. They are the reason Taylor was founded. They are not just our business; they are our mission. As a result, everything we do must be focused on equipping them with academic excellence, professional effectiveness and spiritual vitality. I want, as well, to be seen as the president of those who directly impact the students. All of our employees, particularly the faculty and student development team, are on the front lines of this life-transforming mission. I am committed to providing the resources, encouragement, context and vision for their essential ministry. By being their president, I become more effective in my goal to be the students’ president.
Taylor’s community members represent a wide variety of beliefs and religious traditions. What can you tell us of your own background and how it prepared you to serve such a varied community?

There is a wonderful statement that Nancy and I resonate with: If your heart is warm, give me your hand and let us do Christ’s work together. For me the central issue is one of commitment to the person and purposes of Jesus Christ. My faith is a tapestry woven from many of the strands that make up the worldwide fellowship of Christ. I became aware of the majesty of God in the formal worship of the Anglican Church. Personal faith was realized in the evangelical fervor of the Holiness Movement’s call to the fully surrendered life. A love for Scripture and the conviction of its primary authority came through a biblical education that blends a theology of personal responsibility with God’s sovereign grace and mercy. Our joy in worship is the result of exposure to many styles of sincere, Spirit-filled fellowship – both traditional and contemporary. Our commitment to serve the needy is fueled by involvement with the work of the Salvation Army. We have pastored in Free Methodist and Presbyterian settings. We are privileged to minister across a wide range of denominational, theological and experiential expressions.

What personal disciplines have encouraged your spiritual and personal growth?
Discipleship is a partnership between the work of the Spirit and the will of the disciple. The Holy Spirit uses various tools in my life to varying degrees. These include systematic study of the Scriptures, corporate and private worship, teaching, the Word, the administration of forgiveness, service to the poor, readiness to witness, stewardship of resources and spiritual accountability. Perhaps one of the richest has been the discovery of the discipline of praying without ceasing – of being in a state of on-call readiness to communicate with God whenever and for whatever. While all of these disciplines of discipleship are present, there are seasons of concentration in each depending on ministry needs and personal disposition. Since the spirit is willing but the flesh can be weak, I am learning the importance of trusting the work of the Holy Spirit both to will and to do of His good pleasure in these disciplines.

Who has been a mentor in your life?
I owe a great debt to several people. My spiritual parents, Jim and Marion Poynter, made a profound impact on me. Their simple faith and unconditional love for all that God brought across their path influenced me deeply. Dr. David McKenna opened the door to the mission of Christ-centered higher education. His articulation of the Christian perspective in the liberal arts has a significant impact on my calling. The writings of Elton Trueblood, Watchman Nee, E. Stanley Jones, C.S. Lewis, and Chuck Colson inform my commitment to Christ-centered thinking. Nancy’s consistent confidence in God’s love is a solid anchor. Alex Parachin is, my spiritual brother and another of Jim and Marion’s jewels; joy in Jesus is a wellspring of both encouragement and conviction.

How would you describe your leadership style?
I am quite eclectic recognizing that different circumstances and situations may require varied approaches. My preferred style is collegial and consensual. I like working as a team giving all of the stakeholders an opportunity for input. While I am comfortable with the responsibility of making the final decision, I prefer a process that leads to informed consensus. My most important priority is to lead by example. I desire, with God’s help, to be known for integrity, consistency and transparency.
Broadening the Horizon
Over $3 million in grant monies given to Taylor Fort Wayne

Two new grants will bring $3.2 million to the Fort Wayne campus to benefit the library expansion and a new leadership development initiative. The grants, announced at separate press conferences in late March and early April, are awards from the Foellinger Foundation and the Lincoln Financial Group Foundation, both of Fort Wayne.

The largest grant, a $3 million gift from the Foellinger Foundation, is the first and largest grant in the Foundation’s “New Century Celebration Initiative.” The grant establishes the Institute for Organizational Effectiveness, which is expected to begin operation in Fall 2000 through Taylor’s Fort Wayne campus.

The Institute will facilitate training sessions to help not-for-profit leaders competitively meet the demands created by the current marketplace environment. Potential study topics, according to Bob Hodge, vice president for planning and information resources, may include selecting staff, customer service, conflict resolution, budgeting, and recruiting. Participants in the program will then have the opportunity to apply for grants, funded through the initial $3 million grant, to initiate leadership programs within their non-profit organizations.

“This will be an aggressive effort to strengthen Allen County non-profits through effectiveness,” said Dr. Daryl Yost, COO of the Fort Wayne campus.

The University hired Mr. Garrett Cooper to serve as director of the Institute, effective July 1. Cooper was formerly employed at Lincoln National Corporation where he served for a number of years. Most recently, he served as a faculty member of Taylor University in the business program. No decision has been made regarding the Institute’s location in Fort Wayne.

A second grant of $200,000 was received in late March from the Lincoln Financial Group Foundation. This grant, which is part of the $75 million Taylor Tomorrow Capital Campaign, will be used to fund the expansion and enhancement of the Lehman Library on the Fort Wayne campus.

The Lincoln Foundation chose Taylor’s campus as the site of their press conference to announce this and other grants totaling $1.1 million.

“This gift is significant in the remodeling and addition to the Lehman Memorial Library,” Yost says. “We applaud the Lincoln Foundation’s commitment to Taylor Fort Wayne’s future.”
I Lately Wandered Beneath the Sky

Two score and six roads converged
From as many distant doors
As two score and six in youthful strength
Did for a season dance
Four times now has spring returned
To brighten a barren land
And two score and six now grown depart
As farewells bittersweet draw nigh –
And of such mysteries He whispered to me
As I lately wandered beneath the sky.

"For Child," He spoke to me in grace,
"Such is the measure of a day.
The lilac yet returns to bloom
And tree and leaf and laden bough
Grow they sweeter than speaks the rhyme,
And on the grass of the richest spring,
Many memories do walk – the leaf that falls
To earth to wither does not come to naught,
But feeds the seed of coming years, with the
Wisdom borne of age, so that seed turns to fruit,
A harvest hundredfold. Of such things the prophets
Spoke, in song and lament old..."

And with His wisdom in my frame,
Swept along a path hidden to mortal sight,
Mine eyes beheld the passing time,
And these our Book of Days. But I cannot speak!
O me! O me! Of things passing away!
How could I sing of such divinity? For who am I to have
Such favor, but a lesser son of greater lights, and yet what wonders
Before my sight appeared! The endless wave on rocky shore
That grinds the stone to sand, the shifting sands,
Trackless glens to barren lands, that blossomed at His voice,
Or winter's cold to summer's flame, then autumn's mournful days
The wind shaped in the shedding trees,
Brittle leaf that falls to die,
The gathering gloom at eventide,
Or the passing mist at dawn.

And turning me to hidden days,
My lover sang a second time, and removing
The veil from mortal sight,
He bid me look at what will be,
"For child," He whispered sweet,
"Such is the grief of your passing kind,
And such the joy of mortal days, while
You yet tarry here, grief and joy
Intertwined, in all your shadowed ways;
The tender babe born to sin, guilty in its innocence, or
The aged man coming to my breast, free at last from
The wage of death...the changing seasons in splendor
Divine, and the cross on Calvary,
All are tragic sweet, and sing this glorious sadness,
For in these vanishing times you learn to see,
Within your heart eternity."

And then I saw wandering roads,
Bending out of sight, and sundered many paths did lie,
That once converged in spring, and shadows grew
Along those roads, and darkness great surround,
And down each road walked the image
Of a child grown to the flower of strength.
Upon their brow was the blood of a lamb
And a light within, welling as from a great depth,
And it shone round about them in a mighty way, piercing
The darkness fast, brilliant as the morning star
Midst the folds of eternal space,
And soon they vanished along hidden ways, along roads
Meant for them alone: Some to blessed comforts,
And some to eternal home,
Some to the consuming fire, saved for zealous in heart,
Some others went among lightless lands, voices to the lost.
And others poured out on a holy altar,
The first blood of latter days.
Some were spared, and some were lost,
The price of wisdom’s way.
Others knew the joyous turn of their first born child’s tears,
Others naught but the solitude of faith:
But all walked within that holy light, marked by sacred blood,
Spirits in a human form, haunting a fading world.

And then my reverie ended,
And I returned to this the richest Spring I’ve known,
Beneath tree and leaf and laden bough,
And stars still bright though different now,
As they alight upon the faces six and two score,
Children once but now no more.

And these two score and six
Now roam within a passing time,
Of fading days and growing shades,
Of joy and grief entwined,
And such as these will never gather again
In the confines of this world.
So weep beloved! And bid farewell!
For our reunion yet draws nigh,
As my maker whispered me
When I lately wandered beneath the sky....

-Penned by Jason Burnett,
2000 Taylor Fort Wayne graduate
for Commencement 2000
Fall of 2000 will see academic program changes with the addition of computer science, music and professional writing majors and a minor in Spanish. Members of the Academic Policy Committee approved these additions: “the decisions were made based on curriculum needs, enrollment and financial resources,” says Dr. Ronald Sloan, associate vice president for academic affairs.

Dr. Dennis Hensley will head the newly established professional writing program. The program focuses on the development of practical skills needed for careers as freelance writers, book and magazine editors, novelists and short story writers.

Scholarship Awards Luncheon

TUFW recognized 85 students for their academic excellence, extra curricular leadership and Christian commitment during a Scholarship Awards Luncheon in April.

During the luncheon, the Christianity Today Christian Leadership award was presented for the first time. The award is in recognition of Harold Myra, CTi’s president, and Paul Robbins, its executive vice president. The Christianity Today Leadership Awards go to Christian liberal arts schools with which the two men are closely identified. Myra is a member of the Gordon College board of trustees and Robbins currently serves as chair of the Taylor University board of trustees.

The scholarship was awarded to Jeremy Reynolds, junior, public relations major. He continues a long family heritage, as ten others in his family have also attended the campus.

Record Enrollment

Enrollment records are at an all-time high in the eight-year history of Taylor Fort Wayne, according to Leo Gonot, TUFW director of admissions. TUFW enrolled 425 students during the Spring 2000 semester, up from 381 students just one year ago. These numbers represent a 12 percent increase. The largest percentage of student growth is seen in new student enrollment.

With current numbers, the University hopes to meet or break an enrollment of 500 students in the Fall.

Gonot credits the growth to the synergy created by new academic programs, building projects, increased personal connection between students and staff, as well as increased retention of current students.

Life@Work

Taylor Fort Wayne hosted The Fourth Frontier: Exploring the New World of Work, a dinner-seminar, co-sponsored by the University and CBMC, April 25.

Compared to church, family and government, work is a fourth frontier. The event challenged and inspired the audience as they discovered how to better integrate their spirituality into their workplace. “Your approach to work will be dramatically changed after this impactful evening,” Jay Kesler shared. Participants discerned how to turn their work place into a spiritual calling, discovered five reasons to work, found out what Scripture tells them about work and how it provides guidance today, were guided in how to be successful at following Christ and work-world ambitions, and learned the four non-negotiables for every person in the market place.

Stephen R. Graves and Thomas G. Addington, co-founders, The Life@Work Co. and Cornerstone Group, were copresenters; both men were on the 1997 national speaking team for Promise Keepers.
Eicher Student Commons Honors Missionary Family

The Board of Trustees recently announced their intent to name the new student commons The Eicher Student Commons in honor of the family.

The Henry Eicher family, 12 children in all, was raised by godly parents who moved to Michigan from Europe. The history of the family is an inspiring story of sacrifice, suffering and service for Christ in the U.S. and abroad on the mission field.

The most noted in regard to the Fort Wayne campus was the seventh child, Rev. Peter L. Eicher g05. He is credited with saving Fort Wayne Bible Institute from bankruptcy during the Depression with his smart money management and self-sacrificing ways.

Eicher, who retired after 27 years of service as the business manager, did not stop giving of his resources. He opened a small store on campus providing day-old baked goods, fruits, vegetables and damaged canned goods at a reduced price for married students and those struggling financially.

Taylor has benefited from generations of Eicher children including Christian Eicher, Peter and Mary Eicher g05, Barbara Eicher Cox g05, Cyril Eicher g32 and Mildred Eicher Gerig g28.

Overall, the Eicher family has accumulated nearly 450 years in foreign missions. Thirty-two family members attended FWBC and 18 graduated. Seven served the school in various capacities.

Terrance Bridges Receives Gates Millennium Scholarship

Terrance Bridges, sophomore, pastoral ministries major and Samuel Morris Scholar from Muncie, Indiana, has been awarded a Gates Millennium Scholarship. Terrance was one of 20 students from across the nation, who was flown, June 7-8, 2000, to Seattle where he was presented with the scholarship from Bill Gates.

The Gates Millennium Scholars initiative, funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and administered by the United Negro College Fund and partners, is aimed at expanding access and opportunity to higher education to those citizens who will help reflect the diverse society in which we live. The Foundation seeks to increase the number of African-Americans, American Indians/Alaska Natives, Asian Pacific Americans, and Hispanic Americans enrolling in and completing undergraduate and graduate degree programs. The goal is to promote academic excellence and to provide an opportunity for thousands of outstanding students to reach their fullest potential. Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation has established this initiative to encourage and support students in completing college and in continuing on to earn masters and doctorate degrees in disciplines where ethnic and racial groups are currently underrepresented. The Gates Millennium Scholars awards will enable 20,000 young Americans to attend undergraduate and graduate institutions of their choice and be prepared to assume important roles as leaders in their professions and in their communities.

In the inaugural year, individuals are eligible to be nominated as Gates Millennium Scholars if they: are African-American, American Indian/Alaska Native, Asian Pacific American or Hispanic citizens/permanent residents of the United States; have attained a cumulative GPA of 3.3 on a 4.0 scale; have applied to, have been accepted into or are enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university for the academic year 2000-2001 at the time of the award; or have applied to, have been accepted into or are enrolled in a graduate degree program in mathematics, science (including life sciences, physical sciences and computer science), engineering, education or library science for the academic year 2000-2001 at the time the nomination is complete; have demonstrated leadership ability through participation in community service, extracurricular activities or other activities.

In his freshman year at Taylor Fort Wayne, Terrance was named to the Dean’s List and National Dean’s List. He served as freshman class treasurer and was the recipient of the Freshman Student Leader Award. He traveled on mission trips to Jamaica with his own ministry in December, 1999 and to Haiti with the University in March, 2000. As a sophomore, he will serve as president of the Multicultural Activities Council and is the 2000-2001 recipient of the Welty Endowed Scholarship. Additionally, Terrance is a licensed minister at Union Baptist Church, Muncie, where he serves as associate pastor and coordinator of family and children visitation.
Honors & Accomplishments

Administration

Dr. Marilyn Button, director of Hoosier College Preparatory Program, edited the compilation of articles found in “The Foreign Woman in British Literature: Exotics, Aliens, and Outsiders.”

Dr. Terry S. Wise was appointed vice president for adult and continuing studies for Taylor University, effective January 3, 2000.

The decision to create a new vice president position was made a year ago after months of fruitless search for a dean of the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning. The rapidly changing nature of adult education prompted the administration to believe a senior administrator was needed to enable Taylor’s continuing education programs to keep up with the market.

As the vice president for adult and continuing studies, Wise is responsible for leading the development, implementation and operation of education/programs with the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning, currently housed on the Fort Wayne campus. He will take a proactive vision for undergraduate, graduate, adult/continuing education in a variety of locations with varied modalities of delivery.

Wise has served in vice presidential roles at Trinity College and Seminary, Newburgh, Indiana, since October, 1993. Most recently, he served as vice president for strategic planning and distributive education. Prior to that role, he served as vice president for marketing and recruitment. During his tenure at Trinity College and Seminary, Wise concurrently served as dean and professor in pastoral ministry and conflict management programs. Additionally, Wise has served as an adjunct faculty member at Western Kentucky University since 1998, teaching graduate level courses in communications.

Wise has a broad background in administration, leadership and teaching. He served as a senior minister for 10 years, is the author of 6 books, over 25 articles, and has led 32 seminars/lectures/workshops nationally and abroad. He serves his community in various volunteer roles and is a member of a number of communications and religious associations. He holds a doctor of philosophy degree from The Union Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio; a doctor of ministry degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, IL; a master of arts degree from Bethel Theological Seminary, St. Paul, MN; and a bachelor of arts degree from William Penn College, Oskaloosa, IA.

Wise and his wife Judy have two children, Elliott (12) and Natalie (11). They reside in Fort Wayne.

Faculty

Dr. Douglas Barcalow, professor of Christian education, took seven students to the Youth Workers Convention in Cincinnati, winter 1999.

Dr. Douglas Barcalow, Dr. Michael Cook, assistant professor of psychology, Dr. John Schutt, associate professor of biology, Mrs. Heather St. Peters, instructor of communication arts/political science, and Miss Sonja Strahm, associate professor /director of learning support center, were presenters at the third annual Fort Wayne Area Deans’ Conference, “Creating a Learning Community.” Dr. Ronald Sloan, dean of the Fort Wayne campus, presented a workshop entitled, “Is an Evangelical Christian Orientation an Obstacle or a Support to the Learning Community?”

Ruth Elder, assistant librarian, completed her second master's degree, Specialist in Library & Information Science, from IU Bloomington, May, 2000.

Dr. Dennis Hensley, associate professor of English, was the featured speaker at the Entrepreneurs’ Alliance Sixth Anniversary Dinner, winter 1999. His article, “A Christian Perspective on the New Millennium,” ran in the December 1999 issue of Conquest. He was chosen to serve as one of the first judges of the newly established Catherine Marshall Christian Fiction Awards of Excellence, to be referred to as the “Christy Awards.” The first of these awards, honoring Christian fiction of exceptional quality and impact, will be presented on national television, July 7. Hensley will judge the suspense fiction category.

Dr. Joseph Jones, associate professor of justice education, attended the Executive Leadership Institute in Washington D.C. with the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities in early June.

JoAnne Powell, assistant professor of social work,

Golf Tourney

Taylor University, Fort Wayne Campus hosted its Second Annual Samuel Morris Golf Classic, Friday, May 5, at Autumn Ridge Golf Club, Fort Wayne.

The golf classic is a benefit tournament to provide scholarships for Taylor University’s Samuel Morris Scholars Program. Corporate sponsors included: Blackburn & Green and A. Hattersley & Sons, Inc., premier sponsors; The Chapel and O. E. Trade Marketing, INC., tee sponsors.
At the request of Indiana's First Lady Judy O'Bannon, Taylor is participating in Hoosier Millennium, a state-wide project that encourages Indiana residents to honor the past and plan for the future. This is the third of four Taylor 2000 special publications. In the previous issues, we examined Taylor's history of academic excellence and commitment to leadership. This issue takes a look at the faithful individuals whose lives of Christian service have impacted the Taylor community and the world. The final Taylor 2000 publication will focus on Taylor's unique traditions. These aspects of the Taylor experience were, are, and will be the benchmark against which a Taylor education is measured.

Come to campus at 10 a.m. on any given Monday, Wednesday or Friday, and you'll see a stream of students filing like ants toward the chapel service. Scheduled times of worship as a body of believers have always been a priority for Taylor University. Today, though no attendance is taken, students regularly fill to capacity the buildings in which Taylor's chapel services are held. But chapel attendance is just an outward expression of an internal faith that is harbored in the hearts of the Taylor community members.

We are an imperfect body of believers — convinced of our sinfulness in light of the perfection of Christ. Yet, Taylor alumni and friends have long believed that human nature must not be an excuse for inactivity. And so the richness of Taylor tradition is woven tightly with the history of Christian commitment. This issue of the Taylor 2000 stands as a testimony of God's faithful use of His people.
Undeniable Legacy:
Exemplary lives make a lasting mark on Taylor history

Taylor’s modern history is permanently linked to names like Jay Kesler and Milo Rediger, whose presidencies put Taylor on the map. But a century ago the influence of two men shaped the direction of the University, creating a foundation on which others later built.

Long before Taylor University bore its name, Bishop William Taylor was one of the first Methodist missionaries to reach California, where he ministered to miners, Native Americans and sailors. He later traveled the globe, supporting himself by writing books and sharing Christ wherever he went. His life of faith so closely aligned with the mission of Fort Wayne College that the trustees agreed to rename the school Taylor University in 1890. It is uncertain whether Taylor ever visited the school, but his life of service set a precedent for future students.

Sammy Morris enrolled shortly after the name change. Born to a tribe in southern Liberia, Morris was kidnapped as an adolescent and later escaped to work on a plantation owned by Christians. His strong desire to preach the gospel led him to Taylor, where he studied for three semesters before dying of pneumonia. His charismatic spirit and servant’s heart, captured in several biographies, made him a popular figure on campus and around the world. More than a century later, Taylor students still honor the memory of this African prince and brother in Christ.

Full Support:
Student Mission Band sends missionary to field

Throughout Taylor’s history, students have consistently gathered to pray for each other, for missionaries and for the salvation of the lost. One such gathering of students went beyond prayer, making tangible efforts at carrying out the Great Commission.

The Student Mission Band began at the Bethany Bible Institute in Bluffton, Ohio (the precursor to the Fort Wayne Bible Training School), to stimulate interest in missions. According to the 1925-26 Fort Wayne Bible College catalog, the Student Mission Band (SMB) was "largely responsible for the distinctly missionary atmosphere that is present in the institution."

But the impact of the SMB reached far beyond the atmosphere of its own university. Starting in 1927, the Band began the first of 20 years of full support for Rev. Clayton Steiner ’20, a missionary to Peru, South America. After supporting Steiner, the SMB sponsored various other missionaries, eventually supporting two simultaneously.

Though the SMB has dissolved, the spirit of the group has inspired numerous other enterprises, such as Habitat for Humanity and Lighthouse trips, toward Christ-centered attitudes and actions.

Practicing at the Pulpit:
Association preaches preparation for all students

Training young people for ministry has always been a top priority in Taylor’s academic and social curriculum. Initially, much of the emphasis focused on training male students, and associations and clubs formed to give men the opportunity to practice their preaching and public speaking skills. It wasn’t until 1926 that an association specifically for women was formed.

Taylor women didn’t just participate in the national Women’s Ministerial Association, they led. One year after Taylor’s chapter formed, Grace Olson spoke at the national conference.

The women preachers underwent a few name changes but the substance remained the same. They heard programs on practical homiletics, practiced their own preaching and occasionally met with the Men’s Ministerial Association and the Holiness League. As the student paper from that era testifies, the result was an affirmation of God’s call in the lives of women.
Unsung Heroes:
Everyday individuals who committed themselves to the cause of Christ

Upland

Robert x’10 and Carrie Brown. The Browns married in 1907 and went on to serve as Methodist missionaries to China. Beginning at their post in 1918, Dr. Brown worked at the WuHu General Hospital and was decorated by the Chinese government for his work, which involved caring for war victims during the Japanese invasion of the 1930s. He took significant strides toward making his malaria-infested province an increasingly safer place. Mrs. Brown did evangelistic work.

Ralph Dodge ’31.
Dodge and his wife, Eunice (Davis), lived a life of service in various African nations, including Angola, Zambia and Mozambique. The first bishop of Southern Africa to be elected by the people, Dodge was a forerunner in the movement to restructure society, removing power from colonial forces and empowering the people. His sensitivity toward issues of equality and culture earned the respect of the people he worked with and of historians. Dodge authored three books.

Phil Herman ’88.
When Herman and his wife Pam moved to the northwest suburbs of Chicago, they found themselves in a pocket of poor, predominantly Hispanic families. Through mentoring, tutoring and recreational opportunities, the couple has met many kids in need. With the assistance of an anonymous donor, Herman helped to found the Chartered Foundation, a mentoring organization which works with 200 junior high and high school kids each year. Most are struggling students who need the Chartered Foundation’s reminder that someone believes in them.

Fort Wayne

Howard ’50 and Ruth Dunlap. Married in 1942, the Dunlaps have served as a team in all areas of life from raising their five children to church and college ministries.

Howard pastored churches and worked at Summit Christian College before moving to Ecuador to lead an English-speaking church. Now back in the states, the Dunlaps continue to serve. Though Howard often received more recognition, the couple worked together. Judith Dunlap Barr, their oldest daughter, says, “Mom was always Dad’s right hand. She did whatever needed to be done to make the church work.”

Mary Ellen Gudeman ’64.
Gudeman left a professional career to enter FWBC, where she heard God’s call to missions. She graduated with honors and took a ship to Japan where she served with T.E.A.M. for 26 years. While there, she lived in the Kansai area, taught the Bible to university students, led Bible camps and weekend retreats, and helped plant four churches. (She plans to attend the dedication of the fourth this fall.) After retiring, she returned to Fort Wayne and now works with international students, local Japanese, and refugees.

Janet Nickel ’74.
Nickel’s commitment to Christ has taken her to the front line of political conflicts. The daughter of two FWBC employees, Nickel graduated and went first to a school for missionary children in Sierra Leone. Nickel was forced to leave the country when its government fell apart and the school was destroyed. She went next to Russia – where she taught teachers to use a Christian ethics curriculum – and then to Nigeria. She has just completed studying French in Quebec, anticipating a move to Guinea where she will work with refugees from Sierra Leone.

1924
Two years after Taylor becomes interdenominational, the Ministerial Association forms.

1930
Billy Sunday delivers the dedicatory address for the Maytag Gymnasium and the Magee-Campbell-Wisconsin Dormitory.

1940
Fort Wayne campus hosts its first Youth Conference. Six years earlier, Upland hosted its first Youth Conference.

1954
Venture for Victory, the sports evangelism group, is formed. Pictured: John Van Dixhorn, Tom Morgan, Tim Diller, and Ray Ritsma in 1961.
When Dick Becker '72 and his fellow Christian education majors traveled to the Bahamas in 1972, they had no idea they were setting a precedent that would take Taylor students onto nearly every continent for service and evangelism. That first trip to the Bahamas, led by Ruth Ann Breuninger, then an assistant professor of religion, evolved into Taylor's Lighthouse program, an annual opportunity for students to earn credits and valuable life experiences by spending their January term living and serving in a cross-cultural environment.

Lighthouse teams have traveled to Ethiopia, India, Singapore, Ghana, Venezuela and elsewhere, including areas within the United States. In each location, teams use performing ministries, service opportunities, community development and direct evangelism to share the light of Christ. Next year teams are planned for Bolivia, the Czech Republic, India, Ireland and Kenya, says Lighthouse director Jenny Collins.

Youth Conference: Taylor's mission extends to high school

While Taylor's purpose is to provide a Christ-centered college education, the University has consistently made an effort to encourage the spiritual development of high school students as well. Youth Conference, an annual event since 1934, began when Taylor students saw a need to bring Christian teenagers together for a time of spiritual renewal and challenge. Within five years, the popularity of Youth Conference exploded and more than 1100 high school students attended annually. Roselyn (Baugh '55) Kerlin, a former co-director, recalls borrowing mattresses from places as far as Purdue to provide accommodations for all the registrants.

Today, approximately four to five hundred students attend each Youth Conference, but the purpose is the same: to challenge Christian high school students in their faith and provide an opportunity for evangelism. Current Youth Conferences also include a seminar track for youth sponsors, giving them tools and resources for ministry. The keynote speaker remains a big draw for the conference. Through the years, individuals such as Jay Kesler, Dr. Richard Halverson, Ron Hutchcraft and Lori Salierno have taught.
traveled to St. Louis for the annual Baccalaureate Program Director’s Conference, November, 1999.

**Dr. Ronald Powell,** resigned from his position as associate professor of justice education, to move closer to family (see feature, pages 20-21).

**Michael Van Huisen,** assistant librarian, completed his second master’s degree, master of liberal studies, from IPFW, May, 2000.

**Staff**

**Chuck Belknap,** director of financial aid, retired from his position in the spring.

**Brian Colby** director of alumni relations, resigned from his position and took a pastorate position in Lima, OH.

**Marc Curless, Cara Glassie and Rebecca Green,** all residence hall directors, are leaving their posts to pursue other interests. Marc will student teach in the fall, then serve in Cambodia for several months in the spring, with his wife; Cara is pursuing an additional degree at Ball State University and Rebecca is returning to the field of journalism.

**Sherri Harter,** associate vice president for development, received her master’s degree in management from Indiana Wesleyan University, May, 2000.

**Paul Johnston,** was appointed as director of financial aid. He was previously employed at Lincoln Life for 10 years and Mutual Security Life for 18 years.

**Yvette Jones,** director of corporate relations, Samuel Morris Scholars Program, published an article entitled, “Not Even Death Wanted a Worthless Child Like Me: Overcoming Depression with the Prince of Peace,” in Excellence magazine, winter 1999.

**Kent Morton,** admissions counselor, leaves TUFW to take a position as director of MissionTeams International, a ministry arm of Church Growth Center, Corunna, IN.

**Kayleen Reusser,** TUFW student record coordinator, World Wide Campus, recently published two devotionals in God’s Abundance for Women and More God’s Abundance.

**Students**

The following students’ book, video and CD reviews appeared in the fall 1999 issue of Church Libraries, along with Dr. Hensley’s reviews: **Andrew Booth,** junior, Fort Wayne, IN; **Jason Burnett,** senior, Fort Wayne, IN; **Timothy Embry,** sophomore, Fort Wayne, IN; **Brandy Ford,** sophomore, Fort Wayne, IN; **Natalie Grillo,** junior, Dingmans Ferry, PA; **Jill Grondin,** freshman, Milford, MI; **Roselynn Hamm,** deceased; **Mylissa Jensen,** sophomore, LaGrande, OR; **Jessica Leman,** junior, Champaign, IL; **Jenelle Krueg 99,** Fairfax, VA; **Susie Mengelt 99,** Fort Wayne, IN; **Jenny (Munns) Calahan,** junior, Butler, IN; **Abi Raedeke,** junior, Chicago, IL; **Elizabeth (Rhine) Kiser 99,** Chicago, IL; **Sarah Spinney,** sophomore, Dudley, MA; **Exie Tubbs,** junior, Fort Wayne, IN.

Alpha Chi is a coeducational society whose purpose is to promote academic excellence and exemplary character among college and university students and to honor those who achieve such distinction. The following students were inducted into Alpha Chi this spring: (seniors) **Jason Burnett,** English; **Vicki Clifton,** psychology; **Lauren Dylhoff,** justice and ministry; **Rhonda Johnson,** elementary education; **Chrissy King,** law and justice; (juniors) **Joshua Arthur,** pastoral ministries & biblical studies; **Sara Augsburger,** psychology; **Thadeus Keener,** biblical studies. **Dr. Marilyn Button,** director of the Hoosier College Preparatory Program, is the Alpha Chi sponsor.

**Erin Yazel**

Although Erin was a commuter student, her involvements on campus were substantial. She served her sophomore class as vice president, and served the university as a development office student ambassador. She co-created the commuter student advisory council, served on faculty/student advisory council and the public relations advisory council. Her ministry experiences include: teen discipleship leader, camp counselor, Youth for Christ/Campus Life volunteer, WBCL Likewise Project assistant, tutor and a mission trip to Mexico. She rounded out her college career as cheerleader, youth conference concert coordinator and performed an internship with a local Christian TV station, all the while being named to the Dean’s list.
Service: A Matter of the Heart

Another bead of sweat dropped from Jenny Calahan’s face and evaporated against the heavy timbers of the wooden platform. Jenny was part of a group of Taylor University college students who were serving on a short term missions tour and they were racing against time to complete a small home for a family of six in the dusty village of Reynosa, Mexico.

She wiped her brow and tucked her souvenir metallic Mexican heart necklace underneath the faded hospital shirt she was wearing. Lines of irritation creased her forehead as she realized that even if they succeeded in finishing this house, it would just be one more mundane structure along a dirty road. She tried to stay focused on the nail she was hammering, fearing that if she thought too long about the conditions around her, she might not have the heart to board the air conditioned jet the next day and return to her comfortable and spacious home in America. Jenny hammered to the quiet, incessant rhythm of sewage water trickling down the ditch beside her, where two malnourished dogs greedily lapped the liquid on this terribly hot day. She again reminded herself of the task she had come to accomplish: build a house, and nothing more. Time was at a premium. Keep working.

She concentrated harder on the stubborn nail when the metallic heart slipped away from her neck once again and spun wildly in front of her eyes. Before she could grab it, small brown fingers gingerly touched it. Jenny looked up and a pair of dark young innocent eyes met hers. A child flashed a smile that glistened in the blazing Mexican sun.

Again, without a word, she touched the silver heart and her eight year-old eyes stared in amazement at the beautiful light the necklace reflected from its surface. It was only a moment before Jenny slipped the dancing heart from her neck and placed it around the young girl’s neck. No words were exchanged. They didn’t know each other’s language. Nevertheless, a message was given to Jenny through that precious little Mexican girl. In that instant Jenny discovered that Christian service was not so much what she did, as how she did it. Service was a matter of the heart.

The next morning as she entered the bus that would take her to the airport, Jenny paused and turned. There at the side of the house that she had help to build was the little girl, the heart necklace gleaming around her neck. She smiled and waved, but a tear spilled down her cheek. Jenny smiled back, but then turned hurriedly to board the bus. Jenny knew in that instant, she was leaving more than one heart in the little village of Reynosa. *-Jenny Calahan*

Mission Trip Changes Lives

Larry White, director of campus safety, his wife, Angie, their 17 year-old son, Everett, eight TUFW seniors and one alumus traveled to Jamaica over spring break for a mission trip. The team stayed with missionaries, Jim and Penie Koch, who open their home to foster children and orphans. One of the children, Shantel Hwewitt, has lived with the Kochs since last August. The White family immediately fell in love with her. Five days after the team arrived in Jamaica, Larry, Angie and Everett discovered that each was secretly dreaming of adopting Shantel. “To find out that we had all been thinking the same thing was a confirmation that God was working in this situation,” Larry shares.

“Shantel’s parents and siblings live close to the church. The Kochs do not know why the family picked Shantel to live with them, but they took her in as a gift from God,” Larry says. “We have met her parents and they have given their consent to the adoption. This means that they have to terminate their parental rights, which seems like a big step, but they both said they want the best for Shantel.” After the adoption is complete, the Whites plan to keep in touch with her parents and even take her back to visit them in a few years. “Shantel is very excited about the adoption,” Larry responds.
Kesler Shares CCCU Honor with Colson

Dr. Jay Kesler joined Chuck Colson and Richard Halverson, former Senate chaplain, as the only recipients of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities’ prestigious honor, the Distinguished Senior Fellow.

“This is not just an honorary title,” says Jennifer Jukanovich, executive assistant to the president of the CCCU. Colson, founder and president of Prison Fellowship Ministries, is currently working with the CCCU to develop Christian worldview initiatives for faculty and students.

Dr. Kesler has been asked to act as a spokesperson for Christ-centered higher education through media outlets. The CCCU is developing a radio program with Domain Communications that may feature Dr. Kesler. He and his wife, Janie, will also be free to develop other means of promoting Christian higher education.

“We not only trust him to articulate our common vision to the broader church community, but we think he is our best communicator to prospective students, parents, campuses and alumni,” says Bob Andringa, president of the CCCU.

Kesler is widely considered to be a leader among CCCU top administrators. “Every meeting of CCCU presidents demonstrates again the high esteem with which all hold Jay Kesler,” Andringa says.

Kerlin Honored at Women’s Seminar

By her own account, Rosie Kerlin had an uncharacteristic reaction when she learned she would be the first recipient of a women’s leadership award named for her. “For once in my life, I absolutely didn’t have anything to say,” she laughs.

Kerlin, 1955 Taylor alumna and current trustee, received the G. Roselyn Kerlin Women in Leadership Award at Taylor’s third annual women’s seminar, March 2.

Kerlin was recognized for extensive work in the field of education as well as her support of Taylor University. A member of the Danville, IN, school board, she was an elementary school teacher for 11 years, four of which were spent on an Arizona Indian reservation.

“These opportunities are not mine because of what I’ve done,” says Kerlin. “(They are) because of the blessings and mentoring of God and other.”

For Kerlin, there is no end to the opportunities facing women today. There is, however, one thing that she doesn’t want to see. “Women are not to be wimpy,” she smiles.

The seminar, titled, Wise Women: Gaining Godly Insight for Balancing Family, Career and Home, was attended by about 200 women from the Taylor community. Workshops dealt with topics including self-esteem, money management and societal views of women’s roles.

“Our goal was to bring alumnae back to campus so our current students could learn from them and their life experiences,” says Marty Songer, Taylor Upland’s director of alumni relations. “We hoped to develop mentoring relationships so our students could be challenged and learn from our speakers.”

The day’s keynote speaker was Taylor alumna Dr. Robin Chaddock, the author of a new book, “The Proverbial Woman: Being a Wise Woman in a Wild World.” She told the attendees that she expected that a wise woman in today’s world is a good steward with her body, finances and relationships.

Chaddock encouraged the women to find avenues of service that are natural extensions of who they are. “Know yourself and discern your call,” Chaddock said. “The work that a person is called to do is the work that he or she needs to do most and the work the world needs the most.”

Alumna Dr. Rhonda Jetter spoke at the dinner, encouraging attendees to develop quality relationships with God and others.
Servanthood

Sitting on the desk of Dr. Ronald Powell is a unique nameplate. Printed in lower case is the word “servant.” The nameplate faces him on the desk. The word is used as a gentle reminder to him of God’s call on his life. Not only is he tall in stature, but also in character. From the deep south of Alabama, all the way to midwestern Indiana, Dr. Powell has come a long way. Intensity, compassion and integrity are words that best befit this man. His life is a powerful example of God leading and directing lives to glorify Him.

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Dr. Powell grew up in a religious family; he was raised in the evangelical church. After graduating from high school he entered the University of Alabama as a prelaw major, with the intentions of being an attorney. Midway through his undergraduate studies, he fell sick and the doctors told him that he might not live. It was then that Ron realized God had a call on his life. He decided not to go in to the law profession and instead entered seminary. After completing the degree, he began working in ministry. During this time, he began volunteering in the prison system. His volunteer work began at a time when “chain gang” systems were prevalent in the Southern prisons. “I saw the hopelessness of men and women in prison in this country in the era of cruel treatments,” he shares. He had found his calling. It was in 1972 that he decided to get his doctorate degree in rehabilitation.

After completion, Powell began his work in the administration of then Governor of Georgia, Jimmy Carter. Governor Carter wanted to reform the chain gang system in Georgia’s prisons. Ron was hired as the second in command for community corrections. He was a part of the movement of changing and reforming prisons throughout the United States. Before he left the system, he supervised every divisional department, which included 13,000 inmates and 3,000 personnel. However, when the new governor took office, he was asked to step down from his position, one which he had held for eleven years. He was told that someone else was ready to take over the post. “This is why I believe that politics and criminal justice don’t mix. I was in an appointed position, so I had no civil service protection. I worked at the pleasure of the director of corrections,” he shares. “It was a lot of stress; I aged and my health suffered. I would toss and turn, sleepless, at night. I made mistakes. I let the job get to me. I would neglect my family. If I could replay scripts, I know that I would delete some expletives. I was not Saint Ron,” he recalls.

Saint Ron he was not, but he continued to fight. “I was challenged in Georgia. There was an employee who would help beat prisoners with the officers and I found out about it. I called him into my office and disciplined him. The staff member then began a campaign to remove me from my job,” he tells. “I never took bribes and I tried to treat everyone fairly.”

Despite this, he continued to persevere. It was then that the state of New Hampshire needed his help. He was appointed as the commissioner of corrections in 1983. His work enabled him to combine some of the smaller agencies in the system into one large agency. He became one of only five then current directors in the country who served for more than five years in this position.

It was in 1993 that Dr. Powell felt led to develop Christian leaders in Christian higher education. He sent a letter of inquiry to Taylor University, regarding the development of a justice program. The letter was received at the time the University was considering such a program. Providence ruled and Dr. Powell left New Hampshire to head up the criminal justice program at Taylor University Fort Wayne.

The term justice can be considered a biblical one. “Romans 11:22 talks about the kindness and severity of God. The justice system should seek to integrate the principles of helping and enforcing,” says Powell. “We are not ready for grace until we have felt the law. If we were not condemned then we would never desire God’s grace.”

There are pictures of horses in Powell’s office. The horses serve as a symbol to him of his work in the justice system. “The horse is a combination of velvet and steel. In one way they are powerful, muscular animals and then in another way they are soft and nurturing. My work was velvet and steel. If inmates wrote a letter to me asking questions, I would visit them and consider their situations; yet, I was known for my no nonsense management. I worked hard to keep predators off the streets and to protect the community.”

Besides his work in the justice system, Ron enjoys reading. He is currently reading six books at the same time. “In the last year and a half, I have read about 40 books,” he beams, proudly. “I really enjoy Russian novels and E. M. Forster. I also love American politics. Other interests include gardening. “I have found the pulling of weeds to be very therapeutic.”

However, the role Ron finds the most fulfilling is that of father and grandfather. He has five children and 11 grandchildren who live throughout the country.

His family indeed has his heart, as he concluded his tenure at Taylor Fort Wayne with Commencement 2000. After that final ceremony, he and his wife Micki moved to Minnesota, to be close to his youngest daughter and grandson.

When asked what he would like for people to say of him when he is gone, he replies with a grin, “Just put ‘servant’ on my tombstone. That will be all they need to know.”

-Kim (Nicky) Williams
Memorial Gift Plan  
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Has WBCL been a source of comfort and encouragement in your life? Have you wished you had a way to let others know how significant this ministry has been for you and your loved ones?

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When the time comes to honor the memory of a loved one, please consider setting up a Memorial Gift program with WBCL as beneficiary. In this way, you will be providing both a loving tribute to your loved one and a lasting legacy for thousands!

-Char Binkley and Pam Barcalow
Mortensen Named Director of Alumni/Annual Giving

Michael Mortensen ’91, former associate director of development, has been named director of alumni and annual giving effective July 1, 2000. He replaces Brian Colby ’94, who decided to go back into full-time pastoral ministry at Union Chapel Missionary Church in Lima, OH.

Mortensen likens his new responsibilities to a bridge builder — connecting alumni from the Fort Wayne Campus to each other. “Time and distance, along with the merger, have created a feeling of disconnection for some from what I have learned meeting with approximately 1,000 alumni the past three years,” Mortensen explained. “It is my hope that through more personal contact at alumni gatherings held around the United States, enticing campus events and an enhanced interactive web presence, we can bridge time, distance and change to bring our Fort Wayne family back together again.”

More dollars have been allocated in the Taylor budget in the last three years for alumni events and services, Mortensen explained. “I am pleased with the increased commitment of the University to keep our alumni connected.” During the past eight years, the Fort Wayne Alumni Association has seen an increase in participation in giving, which is a good indicator of alumni feeling more connected. “This is a great encouragement to me and to our faculty and staff,” he explained. “We hope this continues as we have more contact, and alumni see that the ministry and mission of this campus continues and expands.

Mortensen essentially grew up on the Fort Wayne Campus, as his dad and mom, Phil ’74 and Fran ’79, who continue to pastor an inner-city church, have been connected over the years. “This campus and the students of Fort Wayne Bible College meant so much to me growing up. Essentially, I have come home in the past three years — it’s been great reconnecting with friends that I have not seen in perhaps 20 years. I cannot be more excited about the opportunity ahead to bridge alumni back to each other and this place.”

Alumni Directory: Keeping In-Touch

Having a hard time locating your former college friends? The Taylor Fort Wayne Millenium Directory can help! The directory, last published in 1993, has been updated and contains alumni information in four major categories: biographical, e-mail, geographical and class year. Use the directory to find alumni living near you, connect with friends on-line or discover where alumni are serving around the world.

The Taylor Fort Wayne Millenium Directory is published by the office of alumni relations. For information on obtaining a copy of the directory, contact Tami Solak at (219) 456-2111, ext. 33331. If you have not pledged to Phonathon and would like to purchase a directory, the price is $10.00 each.

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They Will Know You Are Christians by Your Love

At first glance, one might be intimidated by the nearly 6-foot-tall, blonde-haired, blue-eyed Indiana State Trooper, but get to know the man behind the uniform, and you’ll discover quite the contrary: a quiet, peace-loving, humble man. Humility is not always a characteristic identified with law enforcement officers, but it is written on the heart of Steve Spallinger g99.

At Steve’s observation, he was concerned that his quiet personality was uncharacteristic of those preparing at the police academy. It is evident, however, that this quiet facade reflects his underlying patience and respect for others.

Actually, respect for others has always been Steve’s pursuit; he intended to pursue any career only if it was worthy of respect. It was in an unlikely encounter that he discovered that law enforcement might just be what he was looking for.

The rearview mirror displayed flashing red and blue lights and the siren’s blare confirmed it, Steve was about to have his first encounter with a policeman, an opportunity that indeed made a mark on his life forever. “I was pulled over for speeding by an Ohio State police officer. He treated me professionally, courteously and with respect. I was impressed. After he handed me the ticket, I asked him how I could become a police officer,” he shares.

His first step was enrolling at Taylor Fort Wayne in the criminal justice program where he received both training in the classroom and practical experience as he served as a student officer on the campus safety staff.

Steve was still a student at Taylor Fort Wayne when he took his next step toward being a law enforcement agent; he applied to the police academy. He reflects, “The application process was six months long. Every step of the way, God led me through successfully. I could see His hand guiding me through the written tests and interviews. His peace always paved the way.”

Upon college graduation and acceptance into the academy, Steve attended the six-month long police academy in Plainfield, IN. “Many of the classes at the academy were a review to me, because of the preparation I received from Drs. Powell and Jones, in the criminal justice program. While the other cadets struggled with classwork, my biggest struggle was that I’m more quiet and reserved than the other guys.” His perceived weakness in the academy has become a strength in his witness for the Lord, however. The other troopers and those with whom he comes in contact while on patrol often notice that his personality, when acted out, displays a quiet respect to those with whom he works and the community he serves.

It hasn’t always been easy though. There were many days and nights of waiting, wondering and weariness as Steve and his wife Amy (Mendenhall) g99 went through the process of acceptance into the academy, academy training, and now as they face the uncertainties a day may have in store for Steve while on patrol. Confirmation of his calling to be a police officer came to them through a matter of prayer and perseverance. “God’s will prevailed throughout the entire process,” Steve shares. The support of his family and wife has been invaluable to him.

Amy, also a graduate from TUFW, also pursued a career in civil service; she is a social worker in Valparaiso. The fact that the two of them both have careers in the field of public service has only served to benefit them. They have a good understanding of each other’s careers. “We understand the stress and demands of the job that each other faces.”

Despite the fact that Amy understands the risks Steve may face in his career doesn’t remove the reality of the dangers Steve faces being a state trooper. But because they know God has called Steve into this field, they find peace, comfort and strength. Whether it is Steve’s personality that quietly reveals the tenderness of God to others or it is the day’s events that unfold unpredictable situations, they are discovering that in their weaknesses, God makes them strong (II Corinthians 12:9-10).
Distinguished Alumni

The Alumni Association considers potential candidates for several distinguished alumni honors annually. This year the following alumni were awarded these distinctions at the alumni banquet.

Loyal Ringenberg

Loyal Ringenberg was recognized as Distinguished Alumnus for Lifetime Achievement.

Loyal, born in 1904 in Leo, Indiana, graduated in 1928 from Fort Wayne Bible Institute, and graduated in 1930 from Taylor University, Upland.

During the early Depression, he served as the founding minister of the Auburn, Indiana, Missionary Church. In 1932 he returned to FWBI 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 founders of FWBC. Meanwhile, he completed graduate degree programs at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, University Foundation (Florida), and the Winona Lake School of Theology.

In 1948, he began a nine-year period as the editor of the Higley Press where he edited the Higley Sunday School commentary and wrote his Bible study textbook, The Word of God in History. During the 1962-71 decade, he served as a missionary-educator to Taiwan, as a professor and academic dean at Christ’s College, near Taipei.

In the 1970s, he was an editor and writer for the Cicero Bible Press (Gibbs Publishing Company) in the Chicago area; during this period he wrote two Johannine commentaries, Who is Jesus? on the Gospel of John and Who is a Christian? from the Epistle of First John.

Loyal has never fully retired, continuing to present his teaching ministry in churches and nursing homes.

Arthur & Gladys Reifel

Arthur and Gladys Reifel were awarded the Distinguished Alumni Award for missionary service, as they have demonstrated superlative accomplishment in the arena of missionary service.

Art and Gladys faithfully served as missionaries for over 40 years.

Prior to coming to the Fort Wayne campus, Art really didn’t know much about Christ or even own a Bible. Upon graduation, he knew the continent and Gladys knew the country, as God spoke to them separately, but called them to go together.

Upon arriving in Nigeria in October 1945, they found a tribe of 60,000 people with only four Christians. Two of them, a husband and wife, lived in another town. The third was a leper who was so physically disabled he could not walk, and the last was a young man who did some preaching and conducted services in a small church.

Today, the people in Salka are much different, primarily because of the Reifel’s ministry. The fruit of their ministry can be seen in the spiritual and numerical growth of the Salka church, which grew from 4 to over 1,000 and continues to this day.

Amy Level

Amy Level received the Young Alumna of the Year award, given to an individual who has been on the Fort Wayne campus within the past 10 years, and who has demonstrated a love for Christ in their work and/or service.

Genuine, generous and gifted are three ways to describe Amy. When someone is hurting, she is always the first to see how she can help. Her principal says, “she goes out of her way to build bridges with her students and their families, which is not easy in today’s society.”

She frequently has her class come to her home after school; additionally, she takes her students on trips – going places and doing things they may not normally have the opportunity to do.

In addition to her teaching, she is a gifted percussionist serving on the worship team at Fellowship Missionary Church.

Pat Byall

The Alumna of the Year award was given to Pat Byall, who has demonstrated superlative accomplishment in her vocation while integrating her faith in her work.

Pat recently completed 40 years of service in Fort Wayne Community Schools. She has served as teacher, assistant principal, administrator and most recently as principal. In addition, she has given her time and talents as a former member of the Board of Trustees for FWBC and now serves as a member of the Community Advisory Committee for Taylor Fort Wayne.

She is recognized for her ability to bring about support from various sectors of the community and to provide a stimulating atmosphere for learning. Community support, especially from area businesses, has been a cornerstone of her administration. Her unique positive approach has endeared her to her staff, parents and colleagues.

Because of her strength from God and her disciplined approach, Pat has developed a recognized Latin Elementary program at Brentwood Elementary School – implementing a new curriculum and dress code; consequently, raising the standards and results at a school once plagued with problems.

L to R: Arthur and Gladys Reifel, Dr. Daryl Yost, Loyal Ringenberg and Amy Level. Not pictured: Pat Byall.
Bob and Sharon (Gerig) Snodgrass g54 recently moved to Sun City, AZ. You can write them at 9303 W Garnette Drive, Sun City, AZ 85373.

Rita (Erickson) Quay g49 and Carolyn (Mitchell) Berggren g66 co-chaired the longest running piano ensemble concert in the country. They recently completed their 48th annual concert with nineteen pianos and three hundred students presented by forty teachers and twelve hundred guests attending. Rita was also honored as “Teacher of the Year” for the Phoenix area by the Arizona State Music Teachers Association in 1999.

Pete and Donelda (Coy) Peterson g53 will be in the United States beginning in October 2000 for a year. You can write them at 51 Residence l’Oree de Marly, 78590 Noisy le Roi, France to find out when they will be near you. Or email them at PeteDoneldaPeterson@compuserve.com

John g56 and Jean (Wrightson) Butler g57 have had changes in their lives. John retired in May from the University of Northern Iowa. In early May he was inducted into the Journalism Hall of Fame at Ball State University for “his career in secondary journalism education and for service to public relations in education and the profession itself.” Jean volunteers at the Red Cross, teaches Bible studies and is active in women’s groups at church.

Harriet Fields g56 continues her work with Wycliff in Peru, South America. She has seen God work in miraculous ways.

Robert Mundy g57 has recently completed a book, All About Faith Promise Offerings; check out his web site at: www.faithpromiseoffering.org.

Lester g58 and Sharon (Carlson) Meisenheimer g58 work in Mendota was cut short by public pressure. Lester and Sharon were honored in the Walnut Chamber of Commerce luncheon as Lester was inducted into the Walnut Hall of Fame in March 1999. In July, at General Conference, they were again honored for completing forty years in the ministry. Then in December, Sharon received a plaque stating she was voted employee of the month at Colonial Hall Nursing Home.

David f61 and Dotty Klopfenstein are continuing their work with World Impact. Some specific things to pray for are: a larger house to house the men’s home, a job-training and entrepreneurial director, and more missionary staff, especially young males.

Eric Wiggig g63 wrote Blood Moon Rising. The story moves back and forth between ancient biblical prophecy and high-tech international espionage.

Barbara (Bennedict) Hibschman f64 was the keynote speaker at “Alliance Women’s Conference 2000” in the Philippines. This is a national conference and over two thousand women attended. The conference was April 17 – 21, 2000. She also is featured in the book My Turn to Care – Encouragement for Caregivers of Aging Parents.

Roger f65 and Suzanne Doriot are working on the complete Nalja New Testament. Copies were distributed to get input from readers and then the manuscript was given to Indonesian Bible Society for printing early this year. You can email them at RogerDoriot@xc.org.

Stephen g65 and Kaye Morley moved into their new home in September. Stephen was also appointed dean of students at Southwestern College in August. Their new address is 3121 East Roveen Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85032.

Larry g69 and Joanne Clements f69 are teaching in Kenya. Joanne is teaching 3rd grade and Larry is teaching junior high. Please pray for Larry as he transfers his course outlines, lesson plans, goals, and objectives from Mac format to PC.

Charles and Sharon (Beitler) Mattern g69 have moved; their new address is 1431 South Daybreak Drive, Globe, AZ 85501.
John Strubhar g69 had a quadruple heart by-pass operation on November 30, 1999. He is recovering at home.

Joyce (Edgar) Walters g69 is presently serving as an educational therapist with Chapel Hill Christian School. She works one-on-one with students who have learning disabilities.

Richard g70 and Cheryl Armstrong g73 have joined with several others to form a new organization called Emerging Young Leaders. Dick serves as the vice president/COO. Cheri works with Youth for Christ where she is in charge of the prayer letter production for all U.S. Youth for Christ missionaries serving overseas.

Phil fs70 and Linda (Perkins) Smith fs67 closed their piano store after twenty-three years in Flint, MI, and moved to Phoenix, AZ. Their new address is 12231 North 19th Street #184, Phoenix, AZ 85022.

Martha Buss g72 returned to Columbia after a six-month health leave. Doctors found nothing wrong with her heart and we praise the Lord for the miraculous ways He works. Two funds have been set up on her behalf at the national Alliance headquarters in Colorado Springs. They are called “Martha Buss Outfit Fund” and “Martha Buss Works Specials.”

Paul g72 and Marian (Enders) Keidel g72 are in France church planting. Currently, Paul is helping complete a transition with the church in Congo.

Fay (Walker) Winson g72 was diagnosed with Parkinson’s Disease two years ago. Since then she has become involved with Young Parkinson’s Support Group of Greater Boston. She would love to be a resource and encouragement to those dealing with Parkinson’s Disease. You can email her at winson@hope.gordon.edu.

Tim Erdel g73 is the campus archivist at Bethel College and returned in the fall from three weeks in the Dominican Republic and Cuba. While there, he taught a modular course on the Megilloth (Ruth, Esther, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs and Lamentations).

Craig g73 TUU and Donna (Yadlosky) Nelson fs76 have recently been called into the ministry. Craig resigned in June from working at Memorial Medical Center Emergency Room to be a full-time pastor. Their new church is called Path of Life Ministries and began last October. They are reaching out to bikers and single parents. You can email them at nelson@jackpine.com.

G.P. Peter g74 received an honorary doctorate of divinity from Florida Beacon Bible College in October, 1999. His next step in life is to birth a Bible College. Please pray for God’s continued direction and guidance.

Wayne g75 and Carolyn (Paxson) Allen fs71 will return home from Jamaica in July for a one-year furlough. Currently, Wayne is devoting much time to the development of the new Distance Education Programme (DEP). DEP is designed to provide high quality education to people who are actively involved in Christian ministry, or who for other reasons cannot devote two years of their time to traditional campus education. You may email them at waynewallen@hotmail.com.

Levi and Eudene (King) Keidel g75 now reside at 14430 Sunrise Court, Leo, IN 46765.

Nick g75 and Linette (Brownwell) Lee fs71 are living in Slatina, Romania, as independent Baptist missionaries. You may write them at O.P. 1, C.P. 29; 0500 Slatina; Olt, Romania. Or email them at Nlee4@aol.com.

Dwight fs77 and Vicki (Wright) Fegley g78 are moving out of Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF). Dwight is taking a position as a co-pilot for a young air ambulance company. Vicki will keep her position as administrative assistant in their church office. Because they no longer require financial support, they ask you to please link up with a missionary from your area with whom you can keep track. Their new email is fegley4@aol.com.

Gaye (Anderson) McMichael g78 is now a certified professional midwife in the metro Atlanta area and is also a certified childbirth educator and regularly teaches prepared childbirth classes. She also is affiliated with the Master’s Academy of Fine Arts, giving homeschoolers exposure and experience in the arts.

Carol Findlay g80 is continuing her mission work in Korea. She has recently started a Bible study with a lady she has been praying for during the last five years. If anyone is traveling to Korea in the next six to twelve months, please let her know. Her address is Hwagok PO Box 12, Seoul, Korea 157-650.

John g81 and Julie Gerig are continuing their ministry in Russia. They returned to the United States in December after U.S. government advisories recommended that Americans leave Russia to avoid Y2K difficulties. They enjoyed the time with families and friends. John is working to equip Russians who will lead youth. Their biggest challenge is finding resources for youth leaders. Please pray for God to provide. You may email them at 110413.4235@compuserve.com.

Duane g81 and Peggy (Hodges) Hunt g81 serve as church planters with the missionary church in Florida. They have recently been sent to start a new church. Their address is 133...
Ruby Lake Drive, Winter Haven, FL 33884-3265.

Tim TUU g81 and Jeannie (Gerig) Johnson g78 are continuing their work in Japan, although they will be on a short home assignment June 8-August 17 (you may contact them via phone (219) 456-8707 or email them at timjeannie@aol.com). Please pray for them as they study the Japanese language. Tim will be the TEAM vice-chairman starting in August. You may email them at timjeannie@aol.com.

Dean and Jerriann (Heiser) Wenger g82 are executive co-directors at Camp Blue Diamond, a Church of the Brethren camp/conference facility located in central Pennsylvania. Jerri is presently in a ministry training program working toward ordination with an emphasis in outdoor ministry. Their email address is bludia@penn.com.

Dennis g83 and Valerie (DeBolt) Kesler g84 TUU have established Friendship Song Ministries, where they both enjoy speaking and performing concerts as a family with their sons, Jonathon (11) and Daniel (9). They would love to hear from you. Their new address is 783 Phillip Road, Montgomery, MI 48268 or you can phone them at (517) 296-6325.

Carol Pebley g83 has returned to the Philippines after being on furlough. She was there for just three months when she had to return to the United States due to inflammation from surgery in her left eye. The problem was treated and she thanks everyone for his/her prayers. She trains people to write in Kagayanen so they can, in turn, translate the gospel of John. You may email her at carol_pebley@sil.org.

Donald g85 and Marla (Murray) Bettinger g84 went through the earthquake in Taiwan back in September and ask for prayer for all the people who lost loved ones and are still without homes. They thank you for praying for their camp. You may email them at dbett@compuserve.com.

Marilyn Millar g86 has accepted a position in the food service division of a local hospital. She is attending Cornerstone Christian Community Church. She resides at 4102 Park Plaza Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15229.

David g87 and Dorcas (Ringenberg) McDeavitt g76 continue their ministry work in the Middle East. Please pray for the people with whom they work.

Joe Behun fs89 and Jennifer Perkins fs89 have moved and now live at 69151 Elkhart Road, Edwardsburg, MI 49112.

Bruce g89 and Dawn (Clark) Cluckie g89 will be coming home from Guinea very soon. However, they are saddened to leave their friends and “family” behind in Souelmania. The first church service was held last August. In early January, eight people were baptized in a nearby creek. Please pray for the new Christians while the Cluckies are gone. Bruce and Dawn hope to be in Indiana and Michigan from August through November, in Ohio during the months of January and February 2001, in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey and Maryland in March and April 2001. You can email them at 110442.406@compuserve.com.

Issrael and Regina (Vincent) Mujica g90 are expecting a baby the first week in August.

Nick g91 and Alane (Heinid) Johnson g89 continue their work with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship.

Recently they held Truth Week 2000 at Tri-State University and Christian students were able to share their faith with other students. Please pray for lasting fruits as students follow up the contacts made. You may email them at NickAlane@aol.com.

Laura Olson g93 is the Campus Life director at Miami Middle School, Fort Wayne, IN. She is also an instructor/motivational speaker with True Life Lies and is teaching abstinence in high schools throughout Fort Wayne, IN, and the surrounding areas.

Jerry Rediger g93 has moved to Kentucky while he is pastoring Virgie Alliance Church. You can reach him at P.O. Box 387, Vergie, KY 41572 or (606) 639-2595.

Michael g93 and Wendy Rice, along with their two children, Katie (born in May, 2000) and Daniel (4) have moved to Michigan, where Michael has accepted a new position as associate pastor at Lawton Evangelical Mennonite Church. They encourage their Taylor friends to write them at 57560 Rumshie, Mattawan, MI 49071 or call (616) 624-1524.

Todd and Tami (Kelsey) Wilson g93 have been qualified as foster parents. In addition to Josiah and Nate they now have Angel (9), James (7), and Dustin (3). They also have a new email address, so feel free to email them at tntwilson@rtcol.com.

Clark Keith Woods g93 was featured in Ebony magazine, November, 1999, in the article “30 Leaders of the Future.” He is a divisional manager at A.O.N. Innovative Solutions and the founder-president of MicroCom Solutions.

Scott and Joy (Duncan) Bianchi g96 have a new email address joybianchi@hotmail.com.

Jason fs97 TUU and Tina (Squires) Bell g96 have moved. Their new address
She is 11760 Tidewater Drive, Fishers, IN 46038. Tina is head director at Indiana Development Training Center, where she works with children and young adults with developmental disabilities. Jason is a chiropractic physician in Fishers. You may email them at jasonbell12@hotmail.com.

Deb Fox g97 will be in the United States from July 3-August 21. She has spent the past two years in the Dominican Republic with New Horizons. She will return to the Dominican Republic at the end of August and serve as a preschool teacher in an English speaking elementary school.

Shawn g98 and Danise Hicks have recently moved to 2076 Frosty Hollow Road, Roaring Springs, PA 16673. Shawn is currently a group sales manager for the Altoona Curve “AA” affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates and Danise is a receptionist at a dentist office. Fort Wayne students who participated in their wedding were: Lance Stiver g97, Bob Hamilton g98, Jim Horning g98, Jim Taylor g98, John Zurcher g98 and John Engler g99.

Jim Horning g98 has moved into his new home at 723 West Haven Drive, Newton, KS 67114. He is the director of student ministries at Grace Community Church.

Bonnie Spallinger g98 is currently living in Juneau, Alaska. She is teaching 4th grade at a Christian school. Her email address is bspallinger_75@yahoo.com.

Tad and Barbara (Field) Wullman g98 are working in the Philippines. Barb teaches 3rd grade students from Taiwan, Korea, Malaysia, Philippines, and the U.S. Please pray for her as planning lessons is challenging. You may email them at tbwull@imanilla.com.ph.

Jeff fs99 and Mary Ann (Burkey) Grate g92 are dorm parents in Germany.

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They feel better adjusted to their environment this year and stay very busy. They ask for prayer for a co-worker who is ill and for the German officials who are deciding whose Visas to accept or reject. You may email them at grate@01019freenet.de.

Ciara Wade g99 was recognized for her excellence in newspaper graphics and design by The Society for News Design Foundation.

Memorials

Mabel (Schwartz) Burgess g32 passed away June 7, 2000, in Port Charlotte, FL. Her husband, Rev. Mark g32, preceded her in death 21 years ago. Granddaughter, Angela (Crum) Ayers g91, lives in Valparaiso, IN.

Katherine E. (Roy) Ramseyer g39 went to be with the Lord on April 4, 2000. Her husband, Reverend Roy g39 and her children survive her. Her husband has been a pastor and district superintendent in the Missionary Church and is now chaplain at Town & Country Manor, Santa Ana, CA.

Daniel Demmin g42 was called to the Lord on June 10, 1999. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy (Martig) g42, and children. Dan and Dorothy served the Lord together even in retirement.

Juanita (Jones) Fromke g44 was called to be with the Lord on January 6, 2000. Over a hundred people came to honor Juanita at the funeral services. During her last few weeks, she spent her time reading her Bible and encouraging those around her.

Harold Walker fs44 had his homecoming on April 13, 2000, in Auburn, IN. Rev. Robert Liechty g60, long time friend, conducted the memorial service. Rev. Walker was an evangelist in the Missionary Church for more than 60 years.

William Harrigan g50 was called home on December 26, 1999. He was a missionary to Sierra Leone for 32 years. He is survived by his wife Ruth, sons Dan and Steve, and seven grandchildren.

David Voorheis g58 went to be with the Lord on August 28, 1999. He leaves behind his wife, Barbara. 

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Daniel Boyll g63 went home to be with the Lord on October 16, 1999. He is survived by his wife, Peggy, and three daughters. He worked with Avery Dennison Corporation for 30 years. He sang with the Envoys Gospel Team while at Fort Wayne Bible College.

Ronald Scharfe’s wife, Evangeline, passed away unexpectedly, June 6, 2000. Ron is a former faculty member of FWBC. Please remember Ron and his two daughters during their time of loss.

Lois (Peyton) Schultz g75 went to be with the Lord on March 3, 2000. She left behind her husband, Rev. Kenneth Schultz g74, and two children, Kimberly and Joshua. She served the Lord in various areas: Sunday school teacher, VBS, Pioneer clubs, Awana clubs, and was Sunday school superintendent. She and her husband had large youth groups in two churches. She wanted an evangelistic message at her funeral and about a dozen raised their hands for salvation.

Thomas Schindler g76 was called home March 7, 2000. He leaves behind his wife, Linda, and four children, Valerie, Stephanie, Jennifer and Jonathon. Tom was known for his Bible quizzing and helped to direct the program in the Missionary Church as denominational quizmaster. Tom had an impressive knowledge of Scripture and could literally quote word for word hundreds of Bible verses.

Mission Trip to Ecuador

The Alumni office, in conjunction with Taylor World Outreach (TWO), is planning an alumni/student mission trip to Quito, Ecuador Saturday, March 24 through Sunday, April 1, 2001. The group tentatively will work with HCJB doing light construction and ministry. Costs for the trip are projected to be between $1,200 and $1,500. If you are interested, please contact Michael Mortensen, director of alumni, by August 1, 2000, at 219-456-2111 or mm-mortens@tayloru.edu. Space is limited.

New Council Members Ballot

The bylaws of the Fort Wayne Campus Alumni Association provide for the election of three new council members each year. The following three 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.

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Write-in Candidates for Future Elections:

Please detach entire ballot and mail to: Alumni Association, Taylor University Fort Wayne, 1025 West Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne IN 46807.
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Family Weekend 2000
September 30 - October 1

Some features of this year’s Family Weekend include:

- Silent Auction to aid Student Emergency Fund
- Tour of the new Eicher Student Commons
- Falcons Soccer Team vs. Oakland City College
- Meet the Taylor President, Dr. Gyertson

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