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► *Fulfilling the Great Commission* ►

Taking the Great Commission into the Next Century

One of the great opportunities and responsibilities we have in Christian higher education is keeping the environment of the institution conducive to the nurturing and growth of a Spirit-filled life.

Taylor University's long history has been filled by those faithful to God's call to "minister the redemptive love of Jesus Christ in a world of need" -- such alumni as Harold Ochenga, Ted Engstrom, Grace Olson, Jared Gerig, Jay Kesler, William Pannell, Paul Robbins, Hazel Butz Carruth and literally hundreds of others. The names are not important, but the commitment to His call for a lifetime of service is what matters.

The transition of presidential leadership, to be completed by June 30, 2000, is critical to assure future generations that Taylor's mission will not change. The University must be committed to the task of insuring that the world can depend on its graduates to be "salt and light" in the midst of a confused world.

Every employee, student and graduate must be committed to the opportunity of regular prayer that God's servant will be prepared to accept this opportunity of leadership. Taylor University is quite dependent on one who will be called to the task of being the twenty-ninth president. This call is sacred trust where leadership will be committed to the task of merging academic excellence and spiritual formation, and continually graduating women and men to understand and accept the opportunity of the Great Commission. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19-20

In the affirmation of President Jay Kesler as expressed in a great hymn of the church, "A Charge to Keep We Have." It cannot stop! It has no end until we experience Christ's return.



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

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Fulfilling the Great Commission



A Cry in the Wilderness

Jesus told us, “If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even ‘sinners’ lend to ‘sinners,’ expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back.” (Luke 6:32-35a). This is not an easy command to follow! But for two Taylor Fort Wayne women, this is their passion, to love the unlovable, to serve those who hurt, and love those who perhaps have hurt them, and to do this out of the overflow of the love God has given them.

Although Christina Beckwith is American, her heart beats for Japan; she has lived there for over half of her lifetime.

Born into a pastor’s family and raised in the church, Christina met many people, including missionaries, even at a young age. Raised American Baptist, her parents grew up hearing stories of Adoniram Judson, the first missionary from their denomination. He served on the mission field to Burma. As adults, Christina’s parents adopted Judson’s heart for the Burmese. So when they attended a mission conference in 1985 and felt the call to overseas missions, they thought they would be sent to Burma; instead, they were called to Japan.

“I remember my first experience in Japan. We came into the airport and saw everyone with black hair. No one had brown hair like me. And I was white, and no one else was. Based on our appearance alone, we were looked upon as being very different. When we first moved there, people would walk by our house during the day, point at our house and say, ‘That’s the foreigners house.’” At first the other little kids were afraid of the Beckwiths; they would run up to look at them, peek around corners, run away, then come a little closer . . . eventually, they would come into the house and then relationships began to build.

Even greater than the physical and cultural contrasts were the differences in religious beliefs. Because the primary

Japanese religions of Buddhism and Shintoism teach the Japanese to believe there are many ways to come to God, they tend to view Christians as very narrow minded. “They did not hold that against us, even though they knew we had a message to give them,” Christina reflects. “In fact, since they knew we

were Christians, they started to associate any of our cultural differences as being ‘Christian.’” She shares a story, and a great example of why we should always live as examples of Christ. There was a young family in the Beckwith’s neighborhood whom they had gotten really close to. The family’s grandmother had died and they went away to attend the funeral. The Beckwith’s had a family tradition; every Friday night Mr. Beckwith would make pizza and they had a family night. The kids in the neighborhood had not tasted pizza until the Beckwith’s moved in, but after they tried it, they found they loved it. “We knew this family loved it as well. So when they returned, we made them a pizza dinner so they wouldn’t have to worry about making dinner their first night back. Their father came over to our house and said, ‘Thank you for your Christian pizza,’” reflects Christina.



Christina holds an orphan outside the Albanian orphanage where she worked last summer.

“Many Japanese do not really think much about religion. If you ask them what they think happens to them after they die, they say, ‘I don’t know and there’s no way to really know anyway, so no one really bothers to think about it.’” Therefore, it is quite difficult to evangelize in Japan, especially if you are a foreigner.

Christina’s father served as a pastor at a church that held both Japanese and English services. There were not many Americans in Japan to attend the English service and most Japanese people would not attend a service, even if they were asked. (Even though the Beckwiths gave 10 years of missionary service in Japan, many of their former neighbors have not yet become Christians.) Those who did attend the services were Asians from all different countries who attended local universities.

Answering the Call

One Sunday, three Burmese students visited the church. The first people they saw were the Beckwiths. "The Burmese asked my parents who they were. My parents said, 'American Baptist missionaries.' The visitors responded by hugging my parents! My parents were a little shocked at first, but then found out that they were Kachins from Burma." Kachins consider Judson their father, as he was the first missionary to Burma. They had been looking for American Baptist missionaries in Japan, since that was the denomination Judson belonged to. They asked if they could bring some friends back with them the next time they came; the next week they brought 50 people. They began attending the English service, later they attended the Japanese service. Soon they started bringing Japanese people with them. "A lot of times other Asians can be more effective witnesses to the Japanese because they share a similar background/nationality. So in essence, my parents did have a call to reach the Burmese, just not in Burma."

Christina took the call to missions as her own as a freshman in high school, though she did not want to admit it at first, because she knew firsthand the hardships of mission work. That year, she and her mom went to the Philippines. While there, she was exposed to real poverty and was broken for the people. During her sophomore year, she went to Burma and that is where she was called to serve people. The Burmese live under great fear and oppressive circumstances. It was particularly hard to see the children face those hardships. "It was especially hard when I realized I could leave and get out of that oppression and get to safety. It was impressive to me that many of the Kachins and other Burmese are strong Christians, despite the worldly oppression. The only hope they had was Christ; and they clung to Him. They had the light of God while living in darkness. They have no voice; they cry out and no one hears them. I felt a call to be a voice to the voiceless."

Last summer, Christina volunteered at an Albanian orphanage. "Most of the children are abandoned and the only love and attention they receive is from the orphanage staff. I learned how to share my life in a completely different way than I have ever done before. In the midst of violence and broken hearts, I shared love with them, with only Christ as my strength."

Christina concludes, "I don't know my next stop for certain. All I know is that I'll end up working in a really poor country with children; that's my passion. I've always had a burden for people living in oppressive situations for some reason."

-Lisa Paul

Christina teaches English to a Burmese family residing in America.



Yvette Jones with her doll ministry.

As assistant director of corporate relations at the Fort Wayne campus of Taylor University, Yvette Jones links students with businesses for work study and internship programs. These on-site experiences put money into the pockets of the students while also giving them practical experiences to list on a future resume. The problem, however, is that many of the students Yvette helps are not the high-profile job candidates most businesses are seeking. Instead, they are teenagers from inner city ghettos, broken homes and unimpressive high schools.

"Since 1996, Taylor University has been making a concerted effort to go into inner city schools to find high school students who lack funds, but have a sincere desire to attend college," explains Yvette. "Thanks to our Samuel Morris Scholarship Program, we can provide room, board, books and tuition assistance to approximately 30 new students annually who wouldn't normally be able to attend college. Once they get here, however, it is up to them to 'make the grade.'"



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Yvette has dedicated her life to helping young people get beyond the barriers of poverty and prejudice, failure and frustration, ignorance and ignominy. She serves as a walking testimony to the fact that even the most brutalized individual can find dignity as a child of God and can rise above his or her negative circumstances.

“What story can students tell me that I have not already lived?” she asks pointedly. “Do they want to complain about prejudice? I was born poor, black and female. Do they want to discuss personal abuse? Well, let them try to top this: I was born out of wedlock, I was kidnapped and raped at age five, I grew up in a tiny two-room apartment where I slept on a foldout couch with a brother and sister, I had a mother who allowed my stepfather and other men to use me sexually during my grade school and teen years, and I once attempted suicide and was committed to a mental institution as a result. No...I’ve yet to meet a student who can say, ‘Mrs. Jones, you just don’t know how hard life can be.’ When it comes to a battered life, I wrote the book on it.”

Of late, that is more than just an expression. For the past five years, Yvette has been working on a book manuscript that shares the trials and triumphs of her life. She has been invited to share passages from her writings at women’s conferences, church revivals, college social work and sociology classes, and on numerous radio talk shows. Her presentations focus on teaching people how to forgive those who have injured them and how to create worthwhile lives in spite of these bitter past experiences.

“I was fortunate in that the man I married was patient with me,” notes Yvette. “He allowed me to talk about my grief. He spent time in prayer with me. He boosted my ego by praising me for my accomplishments and he helped me set goals. It may have taken me a few extra years, but I completed my college work and developed a new sense of self-worth and confidences. That’s the legacy I want to pass on to my own two

daughters, as well as the college students I work with at Taylor.”

One of the fascinating ways Yvette has succeeded in creating a good self-image in her own two girls has been by making porcelain dolls for them to play with. “When I was a girl, there were no pretty little black dolls for girls to play with,” she says. “So, I studied doll making, read doll magazines, bought my own equipment and I started making dolls with beautiful black complexions. I dressed them in lovely clothes, styled their hair in fashionable ways and even gave them classy names. My daughters loved them. But, to my surprise, so did everyone else who saw them. Soon, I was being commissioned to make dolls for collectors, some of whom paid me up to \$600 per doll.”

Yvette immediately saw the ministry opportunities associated with dolls. She started teaching doll making classes in her home. While the women sat in a group making their dolls, Yvette would coax them into talking about their families and jobs and childhoods. Some of the women were making dolls because they had not had the kind of childhood that had permitted play, love, and sharing. This was a chance to recoup some of those lost years. Often, they would shed tears and ask for a hug. The weekly lessons, thus, also served as times of introspection and healing.

“Having discovered that the dolls could break down barriers among women, I began to use my collection as a way of talking to women about improving their self-image,” recalls Yvette. “Even now, I will take my dolls into college sociology classes or women’s Sunday school classes and ask the women what ways they can or cannot identify with the image of ‘Oh, You Beautiful Doll.’ It is a great conversation starter.”

After meeting Yvette and hearing her life story and testimony, two key questions arise from women in her audiences: how was she ever able to forgive the people who had abused her and how can they emulate her and move forward, too?

“I was bitter and full of hatred until I came to know Christ as my Savior,” Yvette admits. “Then, I suddenly realized something. As much as I had suffered, my Master had suffered far worse. And, as a sinner, I had been the reason He’d had to endure the cross. So if, in spite of that, He could still love and forgive me, how could I not likewise forgive those who had disappointed and injured me? Understanding this parallel was the first big step toward turning my life around.”

What should others do to be like Yvette? “Fix your eyes on Jesus,” she says. “I tell people to use Him as their role model, and especially my students when they get an opportunity to work at an area business. Jesus was ready to do manual labor. He was humble. He accepted every person for his or her own merit. He was the servant leader who could teach His disciples great wisdom, yet turn right around and wash their feet.” She continues, “Jesus also looked for opportunities. When the disciples came to Him with the problem of feeding the 5,000, Jesus asked what they had (five loaves and two fish), not what they lacked. I give my students the same message. Don’t concentrate on your background of poverty or your previous lack of a quality education; focus instead on the tremendous energy you can bring to this job and the eagerness you have to learn and improve and serve. We all are the ‘walking wounded,’ but as believers we are also new creatures in Christ. Let’s keep that foremost in our memories.”



Dr. Dennis Hensley

Dr. Dennis Hensley contributed the feature article on Yvette Jones. He is associate professor of English at Taylor Fort Wayne. He is the author of six novels, 22 nonfiction books and more than 3,000 freelance articles in such periodicals as: Reader's Digest, People, The Writer, Evangel, The War Cry and Christianity Today.

Off-Campus/International Studies Program

As America rapidly becomes more and more diverse, there is a need to improve cultural understanding. One of Taylor University's objectives is to prepare students for a variety of professions on a foundation of appropriate academic experiences, cultural breadth and Christian perspectives. In order to keep within its mission, Taylor University offers many opportunities for students to earn undergraduate credit for a semester, January interterm or summer in an environment of total academic and cultural immersion.



Leah Pennington (l) and Jill Himes

Off-campus study programs challenge values and stimulate critical thinking, whether they take place in the United States or abroad. Many students return home from their off-campus experience with new perspectives, new questions and a deeper hunger to learn more about their own society.

Many Fort Wayne campus students have experienced one or more of Taylor's off-campus study opportunities, helping them to gain a more global perspective, developing an ability to interact with people of other cultures and broadening their spiritual horizons.

The following students share about their experiences:

Latin America Study Program

"I learned more in my five weeks in Costa Rica about the Spanish language and culture than in any of my 3 1/2 years study in the classroom. In a place where your comfort, language and customs are taken away, God makes Himself more real to you than you thought possible."

-Leah Pennington

"I decided to study Spanish through the LASP program because I knew that being immersed in not only the language, but the culture also was an excellent way to learn and be able to use the language. I made some wonderful Costa Rican and LASP friends."

-Minta Woll

"The L.A.S.P. experience makes me more marketable in the future, since I can now speak two languages fluently. LASP was a once in a lifetime opportunity."

-Jenny Wells

Jerusalem University College

"My experience overseas was without a doubt one of the most valuable experiences of my life. I was forced to depend on God totally and learned overwhelming, priceless lessons. I learned a great deal about myself and my Lord."

-Carly Pastuszka

"My experience at JUC supplemented my education as a cross-cultural ministry major. Living in the country of Israel made a big difference in my study because I could see and learn in the culture itself, which widened my understanding."

"Spending a semester in Israel was one of the best decisions that I've ever made. Traveling all over the country and visiting places where people like Abraham, David, Jesus and the disciples actually walked hit me with the stark reality of the Bible. These are no longer people who just float around in my imagination wearing sandals. Somehow amidst all the lectures and sight-seeing, I was hit by how radical Christianity really is. There is something about learning while you are in a country completely foreign to you that completely challenges your perspective of life."

-Traci Todd

Lithuania Christian College

The LCC program allows Taylor students to study general education or some advanced English courses in Lithuania for one semester. Students live with three other

international students. "It is a wonderful opportunity and I have only good things to say about the international study program."

-Rebecca Smedes

Christian Center for Urban Studies

"CCUS gave me a chance to put to life what I've studied about the inner city. I realized that I needed to learn about the city as much as I needed to minister to it. Some of the uncertainties about my future have been eased because I got to experience a slice of the 'real world' early. Spending time away from home stretched me in ways no other experience could."

-Elizabeth Rhine

Los Angeles Film Studies Center



L to R: Traci Todd and Angela Schumacher

"My semester at the Los Angeles Film Studies Center proved to be an incredible experience. I made wonderful new friendships

and learned about film making and entertainment public relations. My experience at LAFSC will help me make a smooth transition into entertainment public relations when I return to Hollywood after graduation."

-Courtney Heiser

Youth Ministry--A Lifelong Calling



The task of the Great Commission is not finished when we lead someone to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. In fact, it can be argued that the task has only just begun. Jesus left us with the command to "Go. . . make disciples." It was this same task that drove Paul, making it his goal to "... present everyone perfect in Christ" (Col. 1:28). Thus the Church has, throughout the centuries, sought ways of bringing believers to maturity in their faith. It is in this same vein that Dr. Doug Barcalow seeks to train students in the Christian ministries department of Taylor University, helping them to grow in their faith and knowledge.

Dr. Barcalow attended Bethel Baptist Church in his hometown of Jackson, Michigan. While there, he learned the basics of the faith, was active in youth ministry, and more importantly, sensed God's call upon his life. At the age of 16, he dedicated his life to service for the Kingdom.

Following the advice of his pastor, Barcalow applied to and was accepted at Fort Wayne Bible College. With a heart for young people, he majored in Christian education, studying under Drs. Ed and Francis Simpson. While attending college, he gained valuable experience by participating in one of

the school's traveling ensembles – The Singing Collegians – under the leadership of student/director, Jay Platte. Experience wasn't the only thing he gained, for it was while ministering with the Collegians that he discovered a kindred spirit and partner

in ministry, his wife Pam.

Married the summer after their junior year, the Barcalows were hired to lead the youth ministry at Grabill Missionary Church. After graduating in 1971, they remained at Grabill for the first seven years of ministry, working with **Pastor Don Gerig g62**. Subsequent ministries took the Barcalows to First Missionary Church, Fort Wayne, then Park Hills Evangelical Free Church in Freeport, Illinois.

Although engaged in full-time ministry, Dr. Barcalow continued to pursue his education. He earned a masters degree in Christian education from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School by commuting one

day a week. After that, the 70-mile commute from Freeport to DeKalb, Illinois, for doctoral studies at Northern Illinois University was relatively easy. "My personal experience has made me very much aware of the needs of the non-traditional, commuter student," notes Dr. Barcalow.

Working with students, either in the local church or on the college campus, has always been part of the Barcalow's ministry. Since coming to Fort Wayne in 1983, the Barcalows have regularly hosted students in their home. He states, "When we moved to Fort Wayne, we purposely chose a home near campus so we could both have a ministry in students' lives."

In addition to his responsibilities at Taylor, Dr. Barcalow has taught Sunday School classes at First Missionary Church (where he is currently an elder) and served for 15 years as chairman of the Three Rivers Sunday School Association.

Over the years, there have been many changes to the forms of ministry where God has placed Dr. Barcalow. However, the constant element throughout his 30+ years

of ministry has been to build up believers in the faith. Barcalow summarizes, "Whether I'm working with middle school kids at a retreat, college students heading into ministry, or teaching adults in a Sunday School class, I want to see them grow and mature. In short, I want to 'make disciples.'"



Top left: The Barcalows host students in their home. Above: Doug listens to the conversation. Right: Pam ponders the discussion.



Ministry Huddle Encourages Urban Commitment

The urban church stands at a crossroad. The 1970's began an exodus from America's cities to the suburbs; the movement caused cities and churches alike to suffer losses. The result was often hopelessness for those who remained.

The church has been at the forefront helping people to find solutions to this problem. Addressing either urban or church issues alone will not remedy the situation; the two go hand in hand.

In an effort to gain a deeper understanding of the challenges and opportunities of urban ministry, Taylor University's office of church

chapel service featuring the TUFW Gospel Choir and a message by Dr. Robert Lupton. "We need to be involved not only in the home life, but also in the influences of the community that affect the inner city," he insisted. "Those who occupy the land have the ability to influence that land."

Lupton's talk was followed by a panel discussion with audience questions and answers related to ways to reach the urban community with ministry. Taylor president, Dr. Jay Kesler, provided a general session address on the crisis facing modern families. "Pervasive evil is directed by Satan at the place where he can most affect society," said Kesler. "This

Dr. Robert Lupton has invested the last 27 years of his life in inner city Atlanta. In response to a call he first felt while serving in Vietnam, he left a budding business career to work with delinquent urban youth. Bob, his wife Peggy and their two sons, sold their suburban home and moved to the inner city where they have lived and served as neighbors among those in need. Their life's work has been the rebuilding of urban neighborhoods where families can flourish and children can grow into healthy adults. Dr. Lupton is a Christian community developer, an entrepreneur who brings together communities of resource with communities in need. Through FCS Urban Ministries (a non-profit



Dr. Jay Kesler and Dr. Robert Lupton present topics and answer questions at the recent Ministry Huddle '99.

relations and the center for justice and urban leadership hosted a one-day ministry workshop, "Ministry Huddle '99," on February 12. The theme for the day was "Christ-Centered/Urban-Focused...The Challenges and Opportunities of Urban Ministry." Top evangelical Christian leaders examined various topics as they tackled the multi-faceted issue of urban ministry. Dr. Jay Kesler, president of Taylor University, and Dr. Robert Lupton, president of Family Consultation Services (FCS) Urban Ministries, were the featured speakers.

"The urban ministry is right in our backyard," proclaimed Rev. Brian Colby, director of alumni/church relations, in initiating the Ministry Huddle attended by TUFW students and congregational, lay and professional leaders. The day began with a

place," he concluded, "is the family." Kesler argues that Satan is destroying the family in an attempt to distort the view of God as Father. Kesler challenged people to recommit themselves to the biblical principles of love, covenant and faithfulness, and to pass those values along to subsequent generations.

Following Kesler, Lupton spoke on how urban and suburban Christians should affect the urban society. He pointed out that as the world becomes more urbanized, Christians need to use new and different forms of ministry to reach members of the urban society. The day concluded with a question and answer session in which both Kesler and Lupton responded to concerns expressed by the Ministry Huddle participants.

organization which Dr. Lupton founded) he has developed two mixed income subdivisions, organized a multi-racial congregation, started a number of businesses, created housing for hundreds of families and initiated a wide range of human services in his community. He is the author of the books Their's Is the Kingdom and Return Flight, as well as the widely circulated Urban Perspectives, monthly reflections on the Gospel and the poor. Dr. Lupton has a Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Georgia. He serves as a speaker, strategist and inspirer with those throughout the nation who seek to establish God's peace in the city.

Teaching in the Inner City

Taylor Fort Wayne students have opportunities to minister to the needs of those in the inner city. Few have the impact or length of service than those who spend a semester student teaching in the inner city schools. Here are reflections of three student teachers who spent the fall of 1998 in the inner city school system.

Jenny Beeching always felt that she wanted to work with children from the inner city. Her student teaching experience confirmed that. She spent her first student teaching experience (eight weeks) teaching first grade at Nevada Elementary School, an inner city school. She says, "It was the best experience I have ever had."

"I was glad that I got to teach there; I now know for sure that I want to teach in an inner city school. The children in my class came from some really bad situations. They would share things with me that made me just want to take them home with me and keep them safe. The students are in need of teachers who will love them and go out of their way for them. Sadly, I knew they were lacking this attention at home."

Teaching in an inner city takes a lot of extra effort, but the rewards are worth it. "It took a lot of hard work to plan lessons as the kids struggled academically, but they tried so hard and did their best. Before I left, I had taught them how to read."



Jewell LaBrash teaches kindergartners at Irwin Elementary, Fort Wayne.

The experience opened her eyes to see how many needy and hurting children there are in the schools. "I think back to the first day of school....one little boy told me that his father had beaten him. Later he was so excited because the school had given him a book bag full of things like shampoo, snacks, etc. I wanted to cry when I saw the huge smile on his normally sober face." Not all of the children opened up to Jenny as quickly as the little boy had. "One girl who hadn't opened up to me all semester clung tightly to me on my last day-she didn't want me to leave. Not only did I get the chance to touch these first graders' lives, they touched mine, as well."

Erica Siegel also taught at Nebraska Elementary School. "When people think of the inner city, many times they think of hard core people who are in gangs, who are constantly fighting or the like. Well, in some cases that is true, but my experience in the inner-city was just the opposite. The inner city is a great place to be, to grow as a Christian and to meet people who really want to find someone they can depend on and love in return."

Erica discovered that you can break down the walls of stereotypes when your weapon is love. "The students just wanted love and attention...to know that someone truly cared for them. After each day in the classroom, I left very encouraged. [Teaching in the inner city] was a truly positive

and fulfilling experience."

Jewell LaBrash noticed a marked difference in her two student teaching experiences. The first one was in a suburban school and the second in the inner city. Although she enjoyed both experiences, she felt like she was needed more by the students in the inner city setting. Jewell says that "the kids need more than just an education, they needed stability, love and self-esteem."



Jenny Beeching reads a story to her students.

Jewell completed her elementary education degree in December and has already had numerous substitute teaching opportunities. "My student teaching experience in the inner city prepared me well to go into the inner city and substitute teach. As a student teacher, I sat under a seasoned teacher and was able to glean a lot from her experiences," Jewell reflects. "Student teaching also challenged my faith as I taught students who lived in homeless shelters, a child whose mother had been shot in a drive-by shooting, and a boy whose father was in jail for drugs. Though it was hard to see the young children facing these difficulties, I still know God is in control."

For Jewell, student teaching was an opportunity to be a witness of Christ. She sums up her experience by saying, "By being in the classroom everyday, being consistent, showing love, disciplining with love, I was able to show Christ through my actions."

ANCHORED IN THE PAST... FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

Taylor Tomorrow

UPDATE



Dr. Jay Kesler
President

\$50 million point reached in Taylor Tomorrow Capital Campaign

Run, Run, Run! This could be a simple by-line that describes the schedule of many people. The actual running wouldn't be so bad if we knew where we were going and had a plan to get there. I have always admired long distance runners – they have an essential characteristic of discipline. Even though they are capable of quick bursts of speed, they must keep their focus on the long-term goal so as not to “burn-out” and never finish the race.

This is how I view the efforts of the *Taylor Tomorrow* Capital Campaign. Our planning for this important effort for Taylor University more clearly resembles that for a marathon than for a sprint. The unique thing about the *Taylor Tomorrow* race, however, is that it is not being run alone. Many people, namely faculty, staff, board members, alumni, parents and friends have run a lap or more to bring us to the incredible position of arriving at the \$50 million mark of the \$75 million campaign goal.

Our goal is to finish and finish strong! I have confidence in our Taylor team. Be assured this race is not being run in vain. This campaign marathon is a means of keeping Taylor focused on the ultimate goal as expressed by the Apostle Paul in Philippians 4:13 and 14, “Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

PROGRESS OF THE CAMPAIGN

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\$24,822,000	\$13,163,000	\$11,183,000	\$50,541,000

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Phonathon '98

Rebecca Riggs '00 and Carey Dupy '98 were
two of many students who contacted
alumni and friends during Phonathon '98.

Annual funds provide daily support for University

The cornerstone of all giving to Taylor University is the Taylor Fund (Upland) and the Annual Fund (Fort Wayne). This faithful support of alumni and friends helps current Taylor students with essential financial aid assistance.

As a vital part of the *Taylor Tomorrow* Capital Campaign, the Taylor Fund and Annual Fund will generate 17 percent of the \$75 million goal over a seven-year period (1996-2003). During the first two and a half years of the campaign, \$3.8 million in annual funds have been given toward the goal.

Every gift is important. The gift analysis to the left indicates the number of gifts and dollar amounts given to both funds since 1996. "We are extremely grateful for alumni and friends who consistently give month after month, year after year to the annual funds," says Joyce Helyer, associate vice president for Development on the Upland campus. "It is one way our donors can invest in the lives of today's students."

Sherri Harter, associate vice president for Development on the Fort Wayne campus, conveyed confidence in the generosity of donors who assist Taylor students and programs. The historic Taylor Fund and the Annual Fund express the essence of the *Taylor Tomorrow* campaign — *Anchored in the past ... Focused on the future.*

	Donors	Gifts
Up to \$100	8,612	\$394,000
\$101 to \$500	5,775	\$1,319,000
\$501 to \$1,000	466	\$560,000
\$1,001 to \$5,000	559	\$861,000
\$5,001 and up	75	\$672,000
	15,487	\$3,806,000

Gift Analysis - Taylor Fund and Annual Fund

July 1996 - January 1999

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Clyde Taylor's Legacy Continues at TUFW

Taylor University, Fort Wayne Campus is pleased to name the building at 909 West Rudisill, the Clyde W. Taylor House, which houses the Taylor University World Wide Campus, the Center for Justice and Urban Leadership, and the Fort Wayne Regional Community Policing Institute. The house is aptly named, as Taylor Fort Wayne desires, as did Dr. Taylor, to reach a lost world for Christ.

Dr. Clyde Taylor is a legend to missions work. His commitment to missions began as a teenager when he and three missionary friends ventured into the Amazon jungle for three years. Less than ten years later, he returned to the mission field with his wife, Ruth. Together, they served three times as missionaries in South America, where they were the first missionaries among the Inca and Campa Indian of Peru and founded the Bethel Bible Institute in an unevangelized area of Columbia. They visited more than 100 countries and their mission fields, and pastored several churches, including one of the largest churches in the metropolitan Boston area.

Due to recurring health problems, they returned to the United States. Dr. Taylor established an office of the National Association of Evangelicals and served as its executive director. Additionally, he was one of the founding fathers of the World Evangelical Fellowship, on the Board of Evangelical Foreign Missions Association, and on the executive committee of the World Congress of Evangelism in Berlin and Switzerland. What makes Clyde Taylor so dear to the Fort Wayne campus, however, is his involvement and commitment to the college as demonstrated through his service on the Fort Wayne Bible College Governing Board. His 39-year board tenure, cut short because of his death in 1988, was the longest board tenure in the college's history.



Clyde, center, in Peru.

In 1980, Dr. and Mrs. Taylor established The Clyde Taylor Endowment for World Mission. They founded and funded the endowment because of their keen commitment to missions, Fort Wayne Bible College and the further proclamation of the Gospel. The endowment continues to assist students on an annual basis to this day.

Dr. Taylor graduated from Nyack Missionary College in 1924, was ordained to the ministry in the Baptist church in 1930, earned his bachelor of theology degree from Gordon College in 1931, his master of arts degree from Boston University in 1942, received his doctor of divinity from Western Baptist Theological Seminary in 1951 and a doctor of laws from Houghton College in 1960.



Clyde Taylor, back, center, with the three missionary friends who traveled to the jungles of the Amazon.



The Clyde W. Taylor House on Taylor Fort Wayne's campus.

Community Advisory Council

After several years of thought, a Fort Wayne campus Community Advisory Council has come to fruition. Monday, November 30, 1998, the Council met for the first time. The purpose of the Council is two-fold. Taylor Fort Wayne will gain a helpful source of evaluation as they glean from the kudos and suggestions from "outsiders." Secondly, the friend base of TUFW will expand with the help of council members as they put Taylor in connection with individuals and organizations which Taylor does not currently have relationships.

The Council is diverse in age and occupation and is comprised of business people, church leaders and retired individuals, all from the Fort Wayne area. "Initially 53 individuals were invited to sit on the council with a commitment to attend 6-8 meetings over a two-year period," Sherri Harter, associate vice president for development, shares. "We thought we would be fortunate to have 20 people serve on the council; however, 40 have committed to do so. Only five declined and eight have not made a commitment. Even more, those who are serving on the council are doing it enthusiastically."

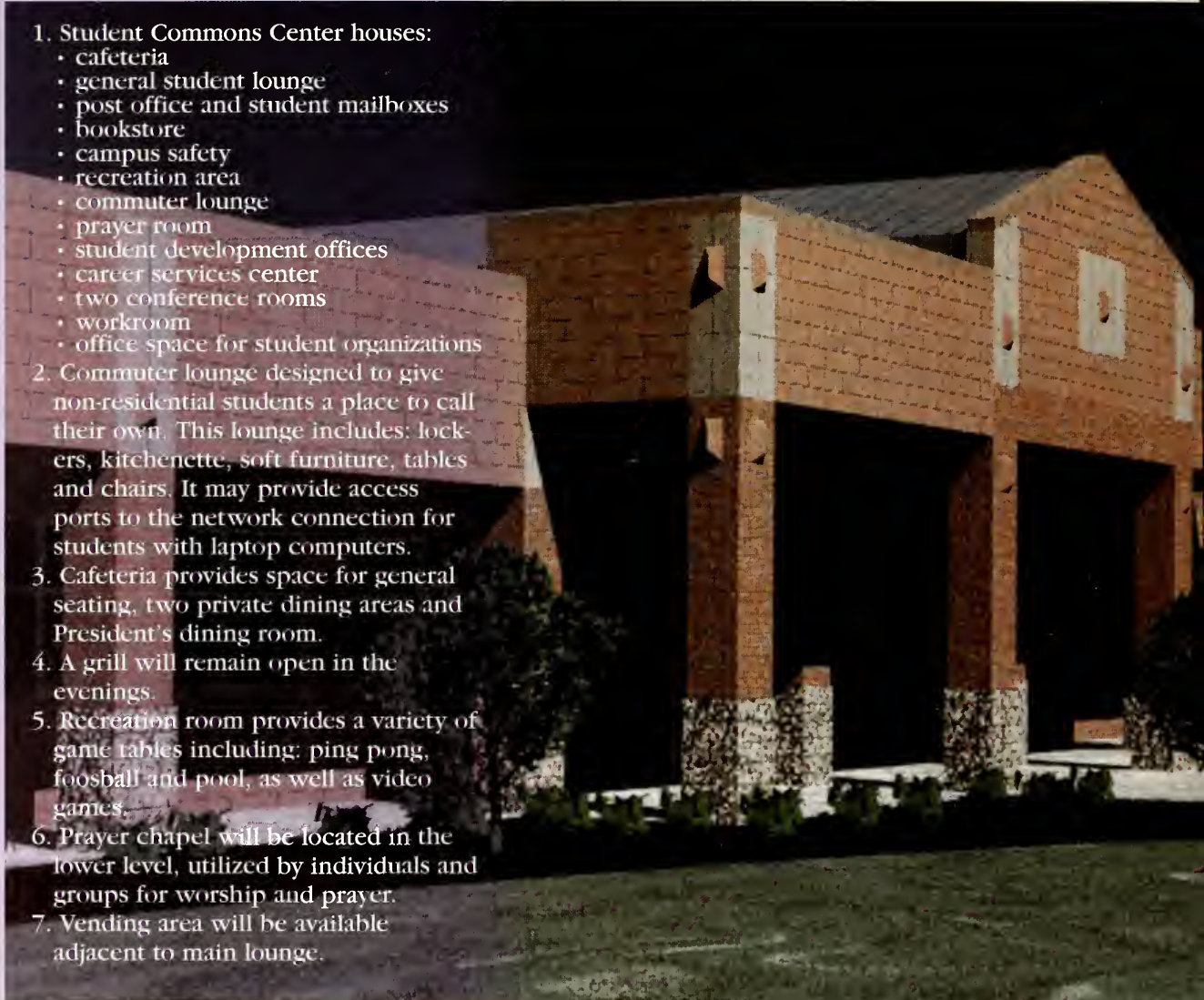
The Council most recently met on March 15. That meeting focused on enrollment services, with a presentation by Herb Frye, associate vice president for enrollment services.

The Community Advisory Council serves as an instrumental tool to provide TUFW with a fresh perspective on the campus' integral programs and operations. Taylor Fort Wayne will benefit by gathering valuable input and insight. Harter concludes, "As Proverbs states, 'Go to the wise and seek wisdom.' That is what we are doing; seeking wisdom to do what we do even better."

Architect's Renderings Library and Future St

Student Commons Center


1. Student Commons Center houses:
 - cafeteria
 - general student lounge
 - post office and student mailboxes
 - bookstore
 - campus safety
 - recreation area
 - commuter lounge
 - prayer room
 - student development offices
 - career services center
 - two conference rooms
 - workroom
 - office space for student organizations
2. Commuter lounge designed to give non-residential students a place to call their own. This lounge includes: lockers, kitchenette, soft furniture, tables and chairs. It may provide access ports to the network connection for students with laptop computers.
3. Cafeteria provides space for general seating, two private dining areas and President's dining room.
4. A grill will remain open in the evenings.
5. Recreation room provides a variety of game tables including: ping pong, foosball and pool, as well as video games.
6. Prayer chapel will be located in the lower level, utilized by individuals and groups for worship and prayer.
7. Vending area will be available adjacent to main lounge.



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Lehman Memorial Library

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1. Square footage will expand library from 15,882 to 34,130 square feet.
 2. Designed to serve 650 students and accommodate new undergraduate and graduate programs.
 3. Materials capacity nearly doubles the shelf space for materials.
 4. Expansion allows for 25-30 year growth in the collections.
 5. PC's: three centers for research PC's with access to the online catalog, databases and internet resources.
 6. Five group study rooms.
 7. Library Instruction Room/PC Lab containing 20 PC's.
 8. Offices and Service Centers: adequate space for all library functions, including administration, acquisitions, circulation, Instructional Materials Center, interlibrary loan, reference services and technical services.
 9. Study Seating: tables and carrels with comfortable study chairs - all wired for laptop use.
 10. Project/Seminar Room: part of the expanded Instructional Materials Center in support of education classes.
 11. Audio-Visual Room: 8 listening/viewing carrels.



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Summer Honors College



What is it?

The Summer Honors College at Taylor University Fort Wayne provides high school students an opportunity to earn **tuition-free college credit** before they graduate.

What are the details?

- Between June 20 and July 23, students will take up to seven hours of course credit, live in a residence hall, dine in the cafeteria and **experience college life.**
- In order to be eligible, students must be between their junior and senior years of high school and have at least a 3.3 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale.
- Application deadline is May 1. Only 30 students will be accepted.
- **Contact the office of enrollment services.**
219-456-2111 or 1-800-233-3922

WBCL Network News

Some of the most listened to segments on the WBCL Radio Network are the local newscasts which air frequently throughout the radio station's 24-hours-a-day, 7 days-a-week broadcast. The Christian radio network, owned by Taylor University, broadcasts with 50,000 watts to northeast Indiana at 90.3 fm. The signal is also simulcast with 20,000 watts to northwest Ohio at 89.5 fm and with 6,000 watts to west-central Ohio at 88.1 fm. In addition, the network operates a translator at 106.1 fm in Muncie, Indiana. Starting at 5 a.m., local newscasts are aired every half-hour through 9 a.m. At noon, an extended news report is presented. In addition, national, state and local news is aired every half-hour from 4 p.m. through 6 p.m.

WBCL Network News aims to report local and regional news accurately, fairly and in a timely fashion. The three-person news team covers crime, politics, agriculture, religion, business, education and breaking stories. The network relies on the Associated Press for coverage of national and international news, as well as state news. The AP is the world's largest news-gathering organization, with hundreds of correspondents and affiliate stations around the globe.

The WBCL Network News team is comprised of news director Jim Stanley, assistant news director Chevetta Gilmore and Ohio news correspondent Stuart Hall, as well as other news correspondents. Jim has worked for radio stations in Mansfield,

Ohio, Chicago and Fort Wayne. He has been with WBCL for 10 years. Chevetta served two years with the Public Broadcasting system in Toledo, Ohio, and Elkhart, Indiana, and general assignment reporter for Christian radio station, WFRN, Elkhart, prior to coming to WBCL in February, 1997. Stuart has extensive news experience in both radio and television, including news director at WTLW-TV 44, Lima, Ohio.



Left to Right: Chevetta Gilmore, Jim Stanley and Stuart Hall comprise the WBCL Network News Team.

Falcon Athletics

After finishing the 1997-1998 campaign at 4-19, the women's basketball team has improved to establish a record of 6-9, with victories coming over IU-East, Circleville Bible, Appalachian Bible and Cincinnati Bible. Returning for the Lady Falcons were senior Shani Gray, junior Kelly DeWald and sophomore Elaine Paxson.



Elaine Paxson, sophomore, maneuvers on offense.

The 1998-1999 men's basketball team returned three starters from the previous year's squad. Freshman Isaac Freeman and junior Nate Fisher led the team in scoring, both averaging 16 points per game. Junior Brett Freeman led the region in both three-point and foul shooting percentage. The season ended at 11-14.



Lucas Williams pushes the ball up the court.

Profile

Cox brings business experience to campaign



Paul and Kay Cox

vice chair, leadership gift phase

Paul Cox '73 is a man who knows about business. As a Taylor student, he majored in business administration. He and his wife, Kay, now own their own business, Heartland Traditions Incorporated, which markets Longaberger® products in 43 states. And Cox is still committed to the business of Taylor University, where he serves as a division vice chair for the leadership phase of the *Taylor Tomorrow* Capital Campaign.

But Cox's connection to the University goes much deeper than mere business. He is involved because he is grateful for the growth he experienced as a student.

"In life, a person makes many decisions," says Cox. "A few of them are extremely important and have great influence on the rest of our lives. My decision to attend Taylor was one of those decisions. Because I look back on my Taylor experience with such meaning and value, it only makes sense that I continue my involvement with Taylor."

The child of Taylor graduates (Dr. Robert Cox '45 and Ruth Coughenour Cox '47), Cox maintained connections with the University by serving as the president of the National Alumni Council before becoming involved with the campaign. He and his wife also established a scholarship that is awarded annually.

"Paul's family background, along with his days on campus as a student, have made a rich backdrop for his current involvement with Taylor," says George Glass, associate vice president for Alumni Relations. "His experiences on the National Alumni Council added to his knowledge and interest of Taylor and her plans for the future."



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nine other awards. **Natalie Grillo**, junior, is editor. The student newspaper, *The Express*, received six awards. **Ciara Wade**, senior, is editor.

Praise



Some of the newscasts which are broadcast weekly with 50,000 watts to 20,000 watts at 88.1 fm. In addition, starting at 5 a.m., an extended newscast every half-hour.

WBCL Network and in a timely, religion, business, and sports. The Press for AP is the words and affections.

The WBCL assistant news director as well as other staff.



Gene L. Rupp
vice president for Development

Reaching the "impossible dream"

As I'm writing these comments for you, I have just finished my summary to the Board of Trustees for the January meeting. As I look at the financial section of that report, I am pleased and thankful. God has blessed us abundantly in the first six months of the fiscal year. With the \$8.4 million from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., a total of over \$13 million has been receipted in the first six months. This is almost unimaginable for us at Taylor University.

As I look at our capital campaign goal of \$75,000,000. We have reached a plateau which for many was the "impossible dream." But what we dream with God becomes a reality. All I can say is thank you, thank you, thank you!

It's humbling beyond words to see how God has worked during the first years of the *Taylor Tomorrow* Capital Campaign. It is my earnest prayer that we continue to be "Anchored in the past ... Focused on the future." God has blessed and now we need to be good stewards of His gifts.

May God bless you and be near you. Please remember us in prayer as we continue sharing the Taylor story.

Pray for the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign

1 Corinthians 4:2

"Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful" (NIV)



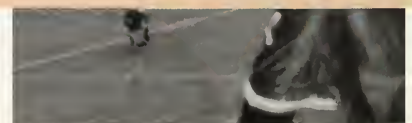
FOR MORE INFORMATION

Contact Jerry P. Cramer, Director of the Capital Campaign, at:

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See him give the closing of the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign.

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Faculty, Staff and Student Honors and Accomplishments

Faces of T.U.F.W.

Faculty

Tom Beckner, director of the Center for Justice and Urban Leadership, published an article entitled, "The Local Church: Missing Link for a Restorative Justice Model," in Restorative Justice Journal, November, 1998.

Dennis Hensley, associate professor of English, published an article, "Debunking the Myths of Freelance Writing," in the Nov/Dec issue of Writer's Journal. He presented a continuing education seminar on Freelance Writing in March. His book, How to Manage Your Time, was released in Moscow in December.

Bruce Pratt, associate professor for health, completed his doctoral exams in November 1998, at Ball State University, Muncie, IN, in educational administration. He is currently working on his dissertation.

Michael Smith, associate professor of communication arts, published four articles in Encyclopedia of Television News, Oryx publishing, and two articles in College Media Advises, November 6, 1998. He was selected to be included in the 1998-1999 edition of Who's Who in Communication and the 1998-1999 edition of Who's Who in Entertainment. He also spoke on Covering Religion in the Campus Media at Regent University in Virginia Beach as a part of a Morality and the Media journalism conference on February 19.

The following professors were selected to be included in the fifth edition of Who's Who Among America's Teachers, 1998: **Wes Gerig**, professor of Bible, **Rick Gray**, assistant professor of Christian ministries, **Bill Jarvis**, associate professor of education, **Joe Jones**, associate professor of justice education, **Joe Martin**, associate professor

of psychology, and **Michael Smith**, associate professor of communication arts.

Staff

Luci Tumas, secretary to the associate vice president of enrollment services, authored a biography of Marilyn Laszlo, a Wycliffe Bible Translator in Papua New Guinea, entitled Mission Possible. The book, published by Tyndale House Publishers, was released in October 1998. Also released last year was a documentary video of Marilyn's return visit to Hauna Village where she had lived for 23 years. Luci attended the award banquet with Marilyn in Hollywood on February 24, where the video received the Angel Award.

Students

Karla Brown, sophomore, psychology major, was one of 30 outstanding first-generation college students and 30 teachers who were honored at the 1998 "Realizing the Dream" in October 1998. "Realizing the Dream" recognizes the triumphs of first-generation students in their first year of college. The student honorees are Indiana high school graduates who subsequently demonstrated superior academic performance during their freshman year and exhibited leadership in campus or community activities.

Greg Mengelt, junior, is a contributor to the Fort Wayne News-Sentinel sports page.

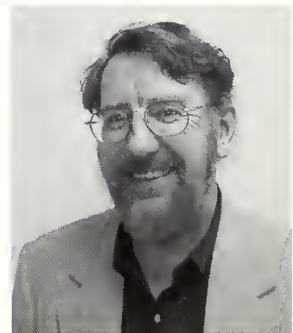
Taylor Fort Wayne's journalism program was recognized at Regent University's annual journalism conference. The yearbook, The Vine, received a first-place award for its photography and the staff received nine other awards. **Natalie Grillo**, junior, is editor. The student newspaper, The Express, received six awards. **Ciara Wade**, senior, is editor.



*Robert Aldridge
Assistant Professor of
Business*



*Patti Favorite
Assistant Director for the
Learning Support Center*



*William Jarvis
Associate Professor of
Education*



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Community Grieves Losses



Associate professor of business Rick Seaman gTUU78 died suddenly on December 13 while playing basketball in the Taylor University Upland gymnasium with his son Jared, TUU

Rick Seaman

freshman, and other students and staff. A special chapel service was held on Monday, December 14. He leaves behind a wife, two sons and two daughters.

Seaman's legacy at Taylor includes the Young Alumni Participation Program, which he initiated in 1993. In addition to teaching, Seaman served as the women's tennis coach since 1996. Tim Herrmann, director of financial aid, Taylor Upland, and Steve Brooks, fellow coach and friend of Seaman, both reflected on Seaman's energetic response to life. Others added that he was a dedicated husband, father, coach and athlete.

Another Taylor family member passed away on October 30. Jan Hagar, who was the visit coordinator in the Upland admissions office, ended her brief battle with colon cancer. She left behind two grown daughters and a daughter who is a senior in high school.

Jan's illness and death caused many to reflect on the goodness of her life. Dr. Daryl Yost, provost and executive vice president, remarked that "she represented exactly what Taylor University is about. Jan was a total servant."



Jan Hagar

Legion of Honor Award



George Glass (r) receives the Legion of Honor Award from Gene Rupp, vice president of development.

At a Taylor University Homecoming 1998 service, George Glass, associate vice president for alumni relations, Taylor Upland, became the twelfth person in Taylor's history to receive the Legion of Honor Award. The award is the highest presented by the Alumni Association.

Admired by his colleagues, respected by his athletes, loved by his students, George has served in varying roles throughout his 40 years at Taylor. He has been a part of Taylor University since receiving his bachelor's degree in 1958. He has served as chairman of the physical education department, athletic director, associate professor, cross country coach, track and field coach and currently serves as associate vice president for alumni relations. He received the distinguished professor award in 1979, was the first president of the local Dollars for Scholars program, and is the former president of Rotary International, an organization he continues to be active in today. In 1986, George shifted his heavy involvement in athletics to a commitment to alumni relations.

According to Marty Songer, director of alumni programs, Glass' nomination "received unsurpassed support," and the National Alumni Council reached an "enthusiastic and unanimous decision."

The Woman 2000



Rae Pearson speaks at a women's conference hosted by Taylor University, Upland.

According to the accomplished alumnae and visitors who were guest speakers at the *Women Entering the 21st Century* conference, held on February 11, "The Woman 2000" is a woman with a multitude of opportunities set before her.

Presenter **Janna (Lautzenheiser gTUU93) Fields** spoke honestly of the lessons she has learned in the process of combining marriage and career and the freedom she has found to pursue the passions God has given her. **Sue (Herbster gTUU78) Craig** encouraged conferees as she related her personal journey from career woman to homemaker.

According to Joyce Helyer, associate vice president for development, Taylor Upland, who coordinated the event, a total of 140 women participated in the day's activities, which proved to be a refreshing and stimulating look at life after college. The conference began with keynote address by **Dr. Julie (Reinhart gTUU55) Coburn**. A choice of two seminars followed. Other presenters included: **Cindy (Glass g82TUU) Shinabarger**, **Jayanne (Householder gTUU87) Roggenbaum**, **Robin (Cherneko gTUU81) Chaddock**, **Amy Bixel gTUU85** and **Heidi Lakanen**. The evening concluded with a dinner and panel discussion.

Dr. Laura Gerig gTUU91, associate professor of psychology, Taylor Upland, who coordinated registration for the conference, was pleased with its outcome. "You can read things in a book, but to hear someone speak from her own personal experience and say, 'These things are really important . . .' makes a big difference."

Proverbs tells us that “A man’s steps are directed by the Lord.” **George Powers g37**, can testify to that truth. How amazing to watch the hand of our Lord unfold our lives, day by day.

While in high school, George began taking piano lessons from Raymond Weaver, former instructor at Fort Wayne Bible Institute. “I wanted to be like Raymond. With him teaching at the college, it was very natural for me to continue my studies there after my high school graduation.” George received a two-year music degree from the college and headed off in 1940 to the American Conservatory for his bachelor’s degree in piano. Continuing his studies, he enrolled at the University of Chicago for his master’s degree.

With the war beginning, his studies were postponed as he was drafted, just in time for the Normandy Invasion. However, because of his ability to play the organ, he was moved from the front line to division headquarters. “Leo, the chaplain’s assistant, had served for over 38 years and was up for release. They had looked into the records and saw that I could play the organ and chose me to replace him,” George shares. “I always say that my ability to play the organ saved my life.”

Although his life was spared, he had several close calls, all in one day, in fact. “I was supposed to go via glider (in regard to the Normandy Invasion), but we ran out of gliders, so I went in on the Liberty Ship, anchored off shore. As I stood on the railing, I could see sand go up in the air in the distance. A friend of mine and I noticed the water closest to us was jumping and thought whatever was causing all the commotion was zeroing in on us. We went around the edge of the ship, where it would be harder for us to be hit. We heard a loud noise and a sharp crack. We didn’t know what was going to happen. Eventually when we didn’t hear anything anymore we went back to the front and saw a guy who had been there was killed; he’d been hit by a shell.”

The chaplain too had been hit (by shrapnel from the shell) and was evacuated back to England. George was put into a waterproofed jeep, alone. On the command to “step on it and go!” George drove into the water (English Channel) with the goal to make it to the beach. He would wait there until more trucks and jeeps could make it to shore. “I heard great noise of ‘acckkk, acckkk,’ then heard the roar of a plane engine. I saw a man jump from the plane, with a parachute. He was shot and the plane broke into two. Half of it landed in the water, the other half on the beach. That was my second brush with death, that day.”

That evening they went to Normandy, entering through a cattle gate. Instructed to park the jeep by the hedgerow, get out and wait, George dozed off. A sudden blast not far from

him caused the ground to shake; it was so close it blew the dirt into his hair. (He found out the next day that it had been a bomb crater.) Exhausted physically and emotionally, he tried to go back to sleep.

Having dozed off a second time, he felt someone tap him and say, “Put on your gas mask and report to the command post.” At the gate, he heard a voice say, “Halt! What’s the password?” accompanied by the sound of a gun cocking. George replied, “I don’t know.” The voice behind the gas mask paused then asked, “Just a minute, are you Powers?” George replied, “Yes,” and he was ushered on through. When he went to get rations the next day the captain approached him. “Did you know you were almost shot last night?” With the chaplain having been injured, George had not been told the password. And so the longest day of George Powers’ life concluded.

He escaped the the Battle of the Bulge, which was written up in Stars and Stripes. His division, 101st Airborne, captured the Eagle’s Nest where Hitler had his headquarters. For that effort he received a Bronze Star. He also received five Battle Stars and two President’s Citations.

The war was only a small delay in George’s pursuit of music. After the war, a friend of his from the Austria Army of Occupation Headquarters asked him if he was interested in studying at Trinity College of Music in London. He spent a term there and returned home in January, 1945. That fall, he resumed his post-graduate studies at the American Conservatory, where he was put on the faculty. After spending the summer of 1948 singing in a chorus, a friend whom he met, told him of an agency looking for an organist at the Methodist Church in Brooklyn, a job George took and has kept since that time. He has also studied at Julliard and Union Theological Seminary’s School of Sacred Music, where he received his doctorate.

Though he spent his life in the realm of church and music and knew he would not get rich, George still found a way to establish an endowed scholarship to honor his mother, who loved music, and his sister, Florence, who also attended the Fort Wayne campus and had a keen interest in missionary work.

Today, George continues to teach piano and organ in New York. George’s life has touched many--his music students and those who receive the legacy he established through the scholarship at Taylor Fort Wayne.



Above: George (r) and a friend at Hitler's Eagle's Nest, after they captured it. Right: George poses outside his tent, before the Normandy Invasion.



George at the 4-manual organ in Manhattan.

Alumni Banquet

May 21, 1999 — 6:00 pm

Appetizers

Alumni honored with awards from the
Fort Wayne Campus Alumni Association.

Entrees

Special celebration with classes of
1949 and 1974

Class Reunions

1939 • 1944 • 1949 • 1954 • 1959 • 1964

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Dessert

The Music Ministry of
Steve & Pam Walley

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You may contact the Alumni Relations Office at:

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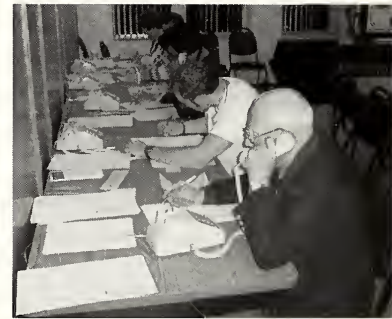
E-mail: alumnifu@tayloru.edu

PHONATHON 1999 Goes Over the Top!

As of Friday, March 19, Phonathon pledges exceeded the \$47,000 goal. Final tallies are being counted even as you read this article. **Thank you alumni** for your tremendous response!

Thank you as well for responding with more than \$20,000 in pre-telephone gifts. We also express gratitude to the Fort Wayne Campus Alumni Council for their generous gift of \$4,000. Taylor Fort Wayne students extend their appreciation to all 1999 donors for making Phonathon a great success.

If you have not yet made a pledge, please take a moment to consider a generous gift to increase scholarship aid on the Fort Wayne campus. You may respond by mail to the alumni office at 1025 West Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46807 or call (219) 456-2111, ext. 33331. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you Alumni!



Above, Marc Kelley, sophomore and Cyril Eicher g32, call alumni during Phonathon '99.

Alumni Scholarship Endowment Fund Approaches 1/2 Million Dollars

New Website for Alumni of Taylor Fort Wayne

Check out the new website for alumni of Fort Wayne Bible College, Summit Christian College and Taylor University Fort Wayne. You can find us on the web at www.tayloru.edu. We have included sections for alumni news note submissions, prayer requests, history & heritage, upcoming events, lost alumni, student ministries, admissions referrals, address requests and career services. You can reach us through the Taylor home page by clicking Alumni.

'72	Pre-endowment (scholarships from direct gifts)
'84	\$47,000
'88	\$154,646
'92	\$279,446
'96	\$383,736
'98	\$440,000

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Guarantees that you will receive fixed payments for your lifetime.

We at the **William Taylor Foundation** would love to have the opportunity to work with you on any one of these plans. Don’t delay! **The clock is ticking!**

20's

Dr. Jared g29 and Mildred (Eicher) Gerig g28 celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on December 22, 1998. A reception was held on December 19, 1998, at Glencroft Retirement Center. Many friends and family attended. Their address is 8620 N 65th Ave, Glendale, AZ 85302.

30's

Rev. Wesley g39 and Rena (DeMitchell) Smith g39 celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on August 19, 1998. They celebrated a year early by boarding the QE2 in Los Angeles and cruising to New York via the Panama Canal. The Smiths have pastored in American Baptist Churches in Indiana, Michigan, Oregon and California for 42 years. They also served as "interims" in churches throughout the United States and led many world tours. They have been living in Leisure World, a retirement community, for 14 years.

40's

Wayne g49 and JoAnn (Houser) Caulkins fs49 celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 29, 1999. Their four daughters made special preparations for a surprise celebration to honor them.

50's

Jake g56 and Ruth (Caddy) Schierling g72 spent August 1997 – May 1998, in Nigeria, West Africa, teaching full time at the Missionary Bible College in Tungan Magajiya. On May 27, 1999, they will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary.

Donna (Jewel) Clark fs59 was named DeKalb County Eastern Community School District's Teacher of the Year. Donna began teaching 36 years ago at VanDyke Public Schools in Warren, MI. In 1969 she came to Riverdale, where she has taught first, fourth and fifth grades.

60's

Terry g68 and Shirley (Berty) Snyder g64 recently moved to Corry, PA, where Terry is the senior pastor of the First United Methodist Church. Terry and Shirley are still involved in doing marriage enrichment retreats, and Terry is a trainer for Prepare/Enrich. Their e-mail address is: t-man.bird@juno.com.

70's

Darienne Gayle (Beitler) Dumas g70 is now beginning her 15th year as principal/teacher of Pathway Primary School, a one-room Christian school serving 15-20 students yearly. Pathway, located in the mountains near Albuquerque, NM, began as an elementary school, but now is for kindergarten through 12th grades. Darienne's own four children, Andy (21), Laura (18), Sarah (16) and Davey (11) have always schooled in this "homestyle" school. Andy and Laura are now off at college.

Diane Rodocker g70 began working at the headquarters of the Missionary Church in January 1998. Her responsibilities include serving as executive secretary to the director of church planting, and overseeing the mailroom.

David g72 and Diane (Nicholson) Ewald fs70 have four children: Dan (25), Sarah Kouba (21), Rachel (17) and Rebekah (14). Since graduation, Dave has been a youth pastor for 20 years, short-term missionary to Brazil, a Christian school administrator, director of a Crisis Pregnancy Center and is the founder and director of Worldview Institute in the West Palm Beach, FL, area.

Christy (Bledsoe) Pettitt g72 has been married to her husband Al for 25 years and has three grown sons. She received her master of arts in counseling from Regent University in Virginia Beach, VA. Her husband works for CBN. In 1997, she received her professional counselor's license in

Virginia and in 1998 her marriage and family therapy license. Christy is the program administrator for a non-profit master's level counseling agency, Eden Family Institute. She also does counseling for the sister company, Eden Counseling Center.

Ron g74 and Pam (Lantz) Eade fs73 are in their eighth year pastoring the Church of Genesis in New Castle, PA. Their daughter Tamara is in her first year at Northwest State Community College in Archbold, OH, and son Ryan is in the 8th grade. Pam works as secretary/bookkeeper for the McGrill Presbyterian Community Center. Ron is a volunteer police chaplain with the New Castle Police Department and was recently elected as president of the Greater New Castle Ministerial Fellowship.

Fred and Jane (Fader) Rose g79 have been married since 1981. Jane taught for 8 years in the Los Angeles area while Fred went to LIFE Bible College. They adopted Alexandria Helen in 1987 and flew to Moscow, Russia, to adopt Jillian Taylor in 1994. Jane is a homemaker.

80's

Philip g85 and Lynette (Schmidt) Kittle g85 are in Hilo, Hawaii, where Philip is the pastor of Haili Congregational Church.

Rev. Ian g86 and Ruth (Berger) Yorston fs89 are pleased to share about Ian's graduation from Asbury Theological Seminary in May, 1998, with a master of divinity degree. He was ordained a deacon in the Charismatic Episcopal Church in November. He serves as deacon to the Church of Our Glorious King in Huntington, IN.

Dan and Margaret (Kaholi) Booth g87 run a full time business and teach at "Shekinah Academy" (homeschool) for Zachariah (3rd grade) and Rebekah (2nd grade). Their daughter Staycie married James Sclafani in March, 1998, in Hawaii and is expecting in May 1999. They

spent 1997 in Australia for a teacher exchange program.

Jeff g87 and Cindy (Norwood)

Lawson g88 have two sons Zachary (10) and Joshua (8). Jeff was ordained in the Christian and Missionary Alliance denomination at a service in September, 1998, in Withee, WI. Jeff is currently pastoring the Lake Park Alliance Church in Shell Lake, WI. Cindy is finishing her undergraduate degree in early childhood education at the University of Wisconsin.

Jeff g89 and Sharon Eagen g87

are planting a church with Christian Missionary Alliance in Philadelphia called "Open Gate Ministries."

90's

Diane Bussel fs91 is currently teaching second grade at Brookline Elementary in Houston, TX, where she has been living since August 1996. She would love to hear from other graduates and former students of Taylor University Fort Wayne. Her address is 3131 Timmons Ln #254, Houston, TX 77027 and her phone is (713) 627-8335. She can also be reached by e-mail at d.bussel@mailcity.com.

Kevin fs91 and Tia (Ross)

Conklin fs89 are at First Church of God in Martinsville, IN, where Kevin accepted a full time youth pastor position. Their address is 1394 E. Columbus St., Martinsville, IN 46151.

Steven g93 and Denise Barrand

have a two-year-old son, Joshua who was born April 26, 1997, and a baby on the way due in March, 1999.

Clark Woods g93 announced his running for the 6th district city council in Fort Wayne, IN. Crime and education would be his top priorities if he is elected to fill the seat. Clark currently manages 250 employees at Sears Operator Services Call Center for AON Innovative Solutions.

Petula Myers g94 recently completed a double master's degree in TESOL and linguistics from Ball State University. She is currently raising support to be on full time staff at Arab International Ministry, an outreach to Muslims, in North America.

Rosemary Stelz g95 is employed at Wheaton College in the department of English as an administrative secretary. She is working towards her masters degree in evangelism/spiritual formation and bible/theology at Wheaton College Graduate School. During the summer of 1997, Rosemary spent five weeks in Europe touring the British Isles and visiting family in Germany.

David fs94 and Laura (Meinert)

Bidle g96 have several updates to share. Laura started working at The Beaman Home in Warsaw, IN, in August, 1998. She is the residential advocate at this abuse shelter. David has been working at Fabwel in Nappanee, IN, for almost a year. David has been very sick the past last several months with difficulty breathing. He has been to various doctors and specialists. He has many appointments coming up that could use Taylor's prayer.

Tim Claassen g95 completed his classwork for his masters of divinity degree from Asbury Theological Seminary in December, 1998, and will complete his degree in May, 1999. He has accepted a call from the Calvary Missionary Church in Wichita, KS, and will begin March 28. You may reach him at 623 Manlo Dr., Wichita, KS, 67204-4007.

Eric g96 and **Rebecca Flood** accepted the call to be the first pastor of Celebrate Life Christian Fellowship, Bryan, OH. This church plant already consists of a committed core group that has been meeting regularly. It will soon be chartered with the Missionary Church. Eric, Rebecca and their daughter Hannah moved in December

1998, and began their new ministry in early January.

David Sylvester g98 is engaged to marry Katherine Ann Ross on June 20, 1999, in Wightman Chapel at the Scarritt-Bennett Center in Nashville, TN. He was also promoted to manager of Market Development-West Coast at Sparrow Label Group.

Weddings

Judith Caddy g72 married William Bargar, Sr. on April 25, 1998, in Camas, WA. Judith's father, Rev. John Caddy, married them. Judith works in an office, and William is a tool and die maker. They attend Lyona Bible Church. The Bargar's reside in Meadville, PA.

Lois Johnson g86 married Marshall Prince on November 27, 1998, in Nashville, TN. Both are active at Lockeland Baptist Church.

Jenny Ochs g96 married Jason Martin on October 24, 1998, at First Baptist Church in North Vernon, IN. Taylor participants were **Tami (Miller) Carlyle g96**, **Erica (Galbraith) Drake g96** and **Tina Parker g96**. Jenny continues to search for a teaching position and Jason is a structural engineer with a firm in Cincinnati, OH. The Martins reside at 3850 Foxtrail Dr. #8, Amelia, OH 45102.

Michelle Corbitt g98 married Skip Shand on September 12, 1998. Michelle is employed at the Fort Wayne Chamber of Commerce.

Estefana Ponce g98 is a reading teacher at Forest Hill Elementary School in Indianapolis. She is engaged to **Matthew Jesch fs95**, basketball coach at Heritage Christian School, Indianapolis. They plan to marry in December 1999.

Births

To **Tim gTUU87 and Joan (Ronde) Smith g85** twin sons, Joshua Daniel and Jonathon Bradley, born on December 13. They join Douglas (6) and Geena (3) at home. The Smiths reside at 3752 Cape Romain Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80920.

To **Scott g88 and Susan (Kornhaus) Stombaugh g88** a daughter, Laurel Faith, born on September 11. She weighed 10 lbs., 2 oz. She joins siblings Meredith (4), Anna (2 °) and Elliot (16 ° months).

To **Peter g89** and **Anne Schulz** a son, Daniel Matthew, born May 13. The doctors did not think the baby or Anne would live through the pregnancy, but both are alive and healthy! Daniel joins sister Brittany (2). Peter continues to work on his doctorate in clinical psychology at Wheaton College, and hopes to graduate in 2001. Anne is the program director at New Moms, Inc., an inner city ministry in Chicago to teenage welfare mothers who are new Christians.

To **Joel g91TUU and Tammy (Gerstung) Brown g 92** a daughter, Savannah Rose, born on July 9. She weighed 8 lbs., 11 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. She joins big sister Haley (2). Joel and Tammy reside in Marlette, MI, and work at Teen Ranch.

To **Jay and Shellie (Kale) Burden g91** a son, Malachi Aaron Clifford, born on February 2. He weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz. He joins big sister Wanzie and big brother Jayson. The name Clifford is important because that was Shellie's prayer dad's name while she was on campus.

To **Chris and Amy (Wheat) Miller g94** a daughter, Katie Joy, born on September 7. She weighed 10 lbs., 1 1/2 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long. She joins big sister Kimberly (2).

To **Allen g94 and Deann (Harrison) Wise fs95** a daughter, Autumn Lynn, born October 27. She weighed 7lbs., 7 oz. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

To **Henry g96 and Coco (Hightshue) Farr fs96** a daughter, Meredith Grace, born October 24. She weighed 7 lbs., 12 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long. They are currently preparing to go to the Middle East to serve as missionaries. Their current address (until late Spring) is 4262 Holly Hill Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46221.

To **Jon g98 and Erin (Jones) Varnell g98** a daughter, Hannah Joy, born February 24. She weighed 6 lbs., 9 oz. Hannah was not able to breathe on her own right away and was placed on a respirator. Both mother and daughter are doing well now.

Memorials

Rev. David C. Rupp g38 went to be with the Lord on January 22. He was a retired missionary and minister.

Rev. Vernon Blue g63 went to be with the Lord on September 13.

KEY: cs=current student
fs=former student
g=graduation year



ALUMNI AWARDS NOMINATION BALLOT

The Taylor University Fort Wayne Campus Alumni Association requests your nominations for Alumni Awards. Awards from among the following categories will be presented during Alumni Banquet '99 on May 21:

Distinguished Alumnus for Professional or Personal Achievement • **Distinguished Young Alumnus** for Professional or Personal Achievement • **Distinguished Friend** for non-alum • **Distinguished Alumnus** for service to TUFW • **Alumnus of the Year** • **Honorary Alumnus**

Please submit your nomination by April 30, 1999, with the following information:

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Return nomination ballot to: Office of Alumni Relations, 1025 West Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne, IN 46807

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BACHELOR'S DEGREES

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Biblical Studies
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Business Information
Applications
Christian Ministries

- Christian Education
- Cross-Cultural Ministries
- Music Ministries

Criminal Justice
Elementary Education
English
Individual Goal-Oriented
Journalism
Justice and Ministry
Law and Justice
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Social Work*
Urban Ministries
Youth Ministries

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MINORS

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Criminal Justice
Economics
English
Finance
Human Resource
Management
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Journalism
Justice and Ministry
Law and Justice
Management
Music Ministries
Psychology
Public Relations
Sociology

ASSOCIATE'S DEGREES

Accounting
Business Administration
Computing and
Information Applications
Early Childhood Education
Liberal Arts

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