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PREFACE

(For T.U. Profile)

Taylor University was founded in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1846 under the auspices of the Methodist Church. It was moved to the present Upland, Indiana, campus in 1893 and has operated as a private university since 1921. The major part of its growth and development has taken place during the past 15 years.

Although not affiliated organizationally with any church denomination, Taylor University is a liberal arts college which has maintained a strong Christian emphasis and a value orientation equal to its emphasis on academic excellence. Bachelor of Arts programs are available in pre-medicine, pre-engineering, pre-law, pre-nursing, pre-medical technology, pre-theology and pre-business administration. The Bachelor of Science in Education degree is offered at both elementary and secondary levels of teacher education.

Following the destruction by fire of the administration building in 1960, consideration was given to the advisability of relocating the campus again in the Fort Wayne community. The results of this study, however, revealed that numerous recent developments in the Upland area commended this location as a nearly ideal community in which to develop and expand the Taylor program.

Student enrollment increased gradually from 400 to 800 during the years 1953 to 1960. While consideration was being given to possible relocation from 1960 to 1964, enrollment increased only from 800 to 870. Following the decision to remain in Upland and the building of an additional residence hall, enrollment in the 1965-66 academic year is 1,000. Serious consideration is being given to year-round operation of the educational program with the possible adoption of a three-term calendar or some other schedule of offerings which would best meet the needs of the area. Plans as now projected anticipate an enrollment of 1800 by 1972.

It has once again been helpful to look closely at the over-all program in connection with this accreditation review. Certainly academic quality must continually be strengthened and increased. It also seems, in view of the world today, that the emphasis on spiritual values and moral stamina must continue to match the intellectual depth of the educational experience of college and university students.

The Taylor faculty renews its commitment to these goals and hopes continually to improve the program in which students may be guided toward their achievement.

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