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QUARTER CENTURY RETROSPECT

My commitment is not just to education as a profession or even as a vocation. It is first to Jesus Christ in a personal relationship, and next it is to education of a special kind, the Taylor kind. I know that Christians can teach in a state university or in a secular liberal arts college--but I can't. Because for me, my work in education has to fulfill a call to the Christian ministry.

My opportunity has been great at Taylor--far greater than I have been able to fulfill. I began as an instructor and president's flunkie, moved through student personnel services, then academic dean, then vice president and president--and I know the next logical step--past president. But it has been--and is--a tremendous challenge and opportunity, and I have always believed the students are what the university exists for--under God.

My vision of and for Taylor has been in a frame of reference of both quality and quantity. The tangible expressions of the vision in retrospect and projection are (1) from 30 acres to 160, and (2) from 180 students in 1945 to possibly 1800 in 1975. The intangible aspects of the vision have been (1) from indoctrination to education, and (2) from average to excellent.

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