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Vision for the future from an 'unlikely' leader

Alumni presidents carry Taylor leadership to other institutions

Another high rating for Taylor from US News & World Report

Jay Kesler: The shadow lengthens

Dr. Milo A. Rediger, 1913-1988
Perhaps four years is not long enough. Maybe those 1500 days when professors offer to broaden horizons and students tend to narrow their focus isn’t sufficient time to fully understand and appreciate the significance of a college and the people who lead it.

Through selfishness or necessity? A little of both, I think. We, as students, tended to view our college education simply as four years of our life. Macroeconomics, anatomy & physiology, Shakespeare and differential equations were only towns we passed through on our way to that final destination, Diploma, U.S.A. Our college — Taylor University, in this instance — was to us a four-year school, not an institution that had struggled and thrived for seven-score years.

It was during one of these altogether-too-common struggles that Dr. Milo A. Rediger stepped to the forefront. Suffice it to say that he assumed the presidency of Taylor University during a PR man’s nightmare. He led Taylor survived. Then grew.

Dr. Rediger was natural to the Upland campus. To notice him strolling along the sidewalks, or watching a theatre production, or talking to a professor, was as eye-catching as noticing one of the columns on the Ayres Building, or a large maple tree along Reade Avenue. He was there. Every day.

And now, time for confession. I admit that I was one of those students in the ’70s who cut Rediger’s chapel addresses. And today I regret it. Since Dr. Rediger’s death in October, I’ve heard countless people lament that they could not hear more of his sermons, his philosophy of life and Christianity, his stories of the men and women who have made Taylor grow during the past five decades. I do believe I missed out on something.

Dr. Rediger was to have written two articles for this edition of the magazine. Sad irony that, instead, much of the material is based upon memories of the life of this departed leader. Since the emphasis of this issue changed suddenly in October, I’ve gone through queries of paper — all writings of Dr. Milo A. Rediger — and only now have begun to understand just how remarkable the man was.

And how humble. How caring. Never condescending, and never one to seek the limelight. Dr. Rediger operated on one level, and he was consistent in all things.

On several occasions these past couple of months, President Kesler has remarked that “many institutions are the lengthened shadows of great men.” If that is the case, then Rediger truly built Taylor to a monumental height in the sun, for his shadow has lengthened greatly over the past half-century. What was once considered a small, poor-man’s Bible school has grown to become one of the leading liberal arts colleges in the nation today. Dr. Rediger was a most important element in that process. And now he’s gone.

It appears that a pillar of strength has crumbled, that the building’s facade may give way. It appears that a proud maple, rooted in Taylor soil but whose branches spread to the community, the state, the nation, and the world, has been torn from the ground. Dr. Milo A. Rediger’s blessing remains, though, for educational facilities still stand in Upland; a philosophy of education integrating faith and knowledge still functions; and a liberal arts college once struggling now prospers.

— Kurt E. Bullock ’81, editor
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**One-sided presentation**

I wish to commend your staff on the improved quality of the alumni magazine. I have thoroughly enjoyed it. However, I was offended by the blatantly one-sided presentation of South Africa in “A Season of Light, A Season of Darkness” in the Summer 1988 edition.

I realize that a liberal arts college must allow its students to be exposed to differing thoughts and ideas. Therefore, I have no problem with Mrs. Tolmay speaking in chapel. But to include it in the alumni magazine, without the opposing view, I find very offensive.

Mrs. Tolmay’s personal experiences have undoubtedly placed a burden on her heart for the people of South Africa. But we must think with our brains and not our hearts. Her entire article implied that the solution to apartheid was an immediate implementation of one man/eone vote. The history of southern Africa shows this to be unwise from a Christian and humanitarian viewpoint.

In the future, I would hope that if one-sided political views are presented that the alternative would be presented along side it. Otherwise, I do not think political statements belong in the alumni magazine.

Dr. Mark Ahseen ’79
Kankakee, Illinois

**Idealize Communist training?**

Mrs. Tolmay writes on South Africa. She condemns some of the education provided by the white government of South Africa.

She speaks of sneaking out of the country to some other country, “or perhaps to a Communist country and receive military training so that you could come back and fight for your right to be a human being.” Certainly, fellow Taylorites, you believe in the ballot box approach. Why idealize Communist training?

Or is it necessary to copy them?

Don’t forget that there are people in Russia who are not in sympathy with their style of government.

If there is truth in the gospel, then its adherents are to be as a light set on a hill. We are not to persuade by shoving a bayonet in their stomachs.

Charles Hoffman ’49
Marysville, Ohio

**Respond to the world’s need**

This comes simply as a note of special appreciation for the Summer 1988 issue of the Taylor Magazine. The wide-ranging focus on the world of our day, its pain, its need and some of the ways in which Taylor through its personal attempts to respond makes for thought-provoking and exciting reading.

It was at Taylor, years ago, that my wife and I made our commitments to overseas service. We will always be grateful that the Lord directed our steps to that campus and subsequently to Africa. Both experiences profoundly enriched our lives.

May the Lord bless and guide in your ongoing efforts to reflect and convey something of Taylor’s spirit, values and vision in print.

Jim Bertsche ’44
Jenny (Shuppert ’45) Bertsche
Elkhart, Indiana

**This one’s a keeper**

There are times when I have just “tossed” the magazine out — but this Summer ’88 issue came as I was about to do some traveling, so I slipped it into my reading bag. I’m so glad I did. It’s a terrific issue.

I enjoyed the editor’s note and all the featured international articles — it was vital information for those of us interested in these countries. It will allow me to pray for them more specifically. This issue will not be thrown out.

Amy Pointer
Sheboygan, Wisconsin

**Global perspective valuable**

Hats off on the Summer 1988 edition of the Taylor University Magazine! I was very glad to see the variety of articles relating to countries around the world. I feel the global perspective is one which Taylor should continue to nurture and strengthen. We must work hard to make it possible for students from overseas countries to come to Taylor, thereby giving the students here in the U.S. an international contact.

Marion (Unkenholz ’56) Muthiah
Linton, North Dakota

**Important enough**

I am a graduate of Taylor University, now married and caring for two young children while my husband and I serve with Wycliffe Bible Translators in the Solomon Islands. I receive the Taylor University Magazine and greatly appreciate how it helps me keep up with former classmates and current activities on campus.

Thank you for your editorial in the recent issue geared toward international outreach. Even 15 years ago when Taylor was considered a small college in the cornfields, there was always an atmosphere of acceptance and desire to be involved in work overseas. As an alumna now far removed from the life in the U.S., I am encouraged that there are still people who care more for brothers and sisters in Christ around the world than in saving money on postage or spending time at the beach. I’m pleased that Taylor students and faculty are aware and involved in aspects of many parts of the world.

Again, let me say thank you for considering me important enough to send alumni news and magazines.

Carolyn (Barton ’74) Mudge
Solomon Islands
Software donated to Taylor by alumnus

Dr. Ted Marr '63, recently named president and chief operating officer of Inference Corporation, has donated software, software maintenance, and training valued at $175,000 to Taylor University’s computer program.

Marr was on campus in September to make the official presentation and visit the school’s computer science department. While at Taylor, he visited with President Jay Kesler, watched two student-run artificial intelligence demonstrations, and met with alumni colleagues Roger Roth, Tim Burkholder, Stan Burden and host Tim Diller.

Inference Corporation, based in Los Angeles, provides a top-quality expert system development software package, expert system consulting services, and training in developing expert systems. Taylor University first purchased the software package — called ART, for Automated Reasoning Tool — in 1986; four faculty have been trained in expert systems by Inference.

Now, Inference is donating five copies of a newly-released version of ART, plus the software maintenance and additional training as needed. It’s a move that certainly bolsters the artificial intelligence track of Taylor’s highly-acclaimed computer science program.

Marr says the new version is “just a lot better” than the older software package; besides performing faster, it has added functionality and more power.

His trip to Taylor was his first since graduating — “I’ve been busy,” Marr says, and smiles. He earned MDiv and ThM degrees from Trinity Evangelical Seminary, then later received an MA and PhD in communications at the University of Iowa. It was at Trinity that several friends encouraged him to join them in business ventures in Hong Kong and later on the West Coast. Now he is a stockholder and owner of Inference, and marketing is his forte.

The visit conjured up old memories of stoking coal in the boiler room, peeling potatoes for Tom Cason in the dining hall each morning, and living in Sammys Morris Hall. The change has been drastic, though, since 1963. “I’m just amazed at the progress,” Marr says. “Most of all, I’m embued about the computer science at Taylor. It definitely has the stripes of any other high-quality program.” — KB

Students ring up telemarketing success

A phone call can mean so much. It did to Lisa Bucher, and now she and others are using the telephone as a way of introducing and promoting Taylor University.

Telemarketing is a way Taylor’s admissions office can reach out to potential students and their parents, making them more aware of what the college has to offer and providing whatever assistance is requested.

“People like to be called,” Bucher says. “They like to know that we have an interest in them.”

"I know I was impressed when someone from Taylor called me. I wasn’t coming to Taylor; I thought it was too expensive, among other things.”

But that phone call when she was a high school senior in Valparaiso, Indiana, created an interest in Taylor that Bucher couldn’t ignore. Now a junior, she’s in charge of the telemarketing operation.

“Each call is very, very important,” Bucher says. “Every student accepted at Taylor has probably been accepted at two or three other schools, too. The tone of your voice, the things you say, can influence them one way or another.”

It’s because of that potential impact that students go through extensive training before

‘38 class celebrates with anniversary gift

The Class of ’38, celebrating its 50th reunion during Homecoming Weekend, presented a class gift totaling $8,515 to the Taylor Fund.

Hazel Butz Carruth, class member and former professor at Taylor University, made the presentation to President Jay Kesler during the Alumni Brunch Saturday morning. It is the largest gift yet given by a class celebrating its 50th anniversary.

Ground broken for residence hall

Ground-breaking ceremonies were held October 21 for a residence hall to be built on campus. Workers from the firm of A.E. Knowlton, Belfortaine, Ohio, have begun construction west of the Hodson Dining Commons.

In reaction to rising enrollment and limited housing, the Taylor University Board of Trustees approved construction of a 156-bed residence hall during its May meeting. The structure should be completed in time to house students during the 1989-90 school year.

A.E. Knowlton built Olson Hall, Wengatz Hall, Nussbaum Science Center, Reade Center and the president’s home. The residence hall is the first step in developing a conference center at Taylor University.

Scholarship shared in faculty writings

BAKER, Beulah

BURDEN, Stanley

CHAPMAN, Mildred

CORDUAN, Winfried
Coaches direct team to 8-2 football record

Forty years ago this fall, a single football coach collected some three-dozen young men to begin organized football at Taylor University.

Now, in 1988, nine coaches combine to teach the skills that have brought the Trojans' football program out of a two-decade slump to post an 8-2 record.

Don Odle was the man who brought the game to Taylor University; Jim Law, now in his seventh season at Taylor, is the man who has brought back on-the-field respectability. The Trojans' record this past season is the best since the 1961 team posted an 8-1 mark.

But what was once a fairly simple game has turned into a complex brew of skills and abilities. Whereas one or two coaches could teach the necessary fundamentals of the game to a team four decades ago, it now takes several coaches for both offense and defense. Law recalls visiting Alabama about 15 years ago as the legendary Bear Bryant put his offensive unit through drills; each player had his own coach who would follow and instruct.

Taylor's 1988 team coaching staff effort utilized (l-r, back) Bauer, Hill, Law, Anderson, Moses; (l-r, front) Korfmacher, Badger, Romine, King,

Lisa Bucher and Dave Kaufmann are two of the students involved in telemarketing for the admissions office at Taylor University.

Bucher, junior Dave Kaufmann, and Kaylene Shearer, a freshman, comprise the telemarketing team. They each work five hours a week — usually together — and attempt about 1000 contacts per month.

"In my judgment, communication is much more effective coming from a current student than from hired staff," Frye says. "We're proud of our students, and we want to expose them to potential students." — KB
him through each play.

"That may sound ludicrous, but the game has progressed to that point," Law says, noting that simple offensive plays and defensive fronts have evolved into multiple fronts, motion, and individualized skills for each position. "I don't know of another team sport that requires so many special skills. It's totally impossible for one or two coaches to teach all the skills."

That's where Law's assistants come into play. John Moses is the defensive coordinator; Bud Badger handles the defensive line, with Robert Anderson as his assistant, while Jim Hill handles the defensive ends and Andrew King coaches the linebackers. On the other side of the ball, Law serves as the offensive coordinator, with Ron Korfmacher instructing the quarterbacks, Bill Bauer working with the offensive line, and Joe Romine coaching the wide receivers. Moses and Badger are former high school head coaches; the others have either played football at Taylor University, for Law, or both.

"We have an excellent small college football staff with a lot of experience under the belt," Law says. "The coaches have their own specialties, and I think the key is they're very good at what they do.

"This isn't my football team — it's our team," Law adds. "That's how our staff looks at it. To be honest, it's God's football team; I gave it to him a long time ago.

Law came into the program seven years ago when all Taylor fans had to look forward to were occasional victories over Manchester and Earlham — two wins to go with seven or eight losses. Law began recruiting from winning programs, for he felt the mental portion of the game was as important as the physical. "What we had to do was change work habits and attitudes of our kids," he says. "That takes time; it doesn't just happen."

Records have improved the past few years, and now the team has something for which truly to be proud — the best record in nearly three decades. And though satisfaction comes from that fact, "There's still some feeling that it can be better," Law says. "We feel we have a solid program. That's not to say we're going 8-2 every year, but we're certainly not going to go 1-9 either."

While fans and coaches who had lived through perennial losing records in the '70s warmed to the ways of winning, the players took the victories in stride. "There was not as much excitement and jubilation as you might have thought," Law says. "That goes back to the maturity and attitude of our players. They were very businesslike this year."

Perhaps that is because they don't share the memories. Law knows full and well the history of his program, and that winning isn't all there is to football. "I never live in the past, and I never look back," he says. "I don't feel as though we've escaped out from under anything, but we feel the program is becoming more consistent in gradual, step-by-step improvements." Those improvements have Taylor fans excited once again. — KB

West Village fills an over-enrollment need

Ninety-one Taylor students don't have a room in any of the residence halls, yet still live quite comfortably on campus. They reside in the 13 mobile homes that form the little community located behind the Don Odle Gymnasium known as West Village. West Village was erected this fall to meet the extra housing needs created by the largest freshman class in Taylor's history.

Life in the Village differs "substantially" from the residence halls, according to Doug Zeidler, a senior personnel assistant (PA) for one of the modules, and the senate representative for all of West Village. The students — primarily freshmen and transfers — tend to

Dozens of bikes, numerous cars, 91 students and 13 mobile homes occupy land west of the Odle gym this year, creating the West Village.
Participation key to ‘89 giving success

Alumni participation is the fundraising theme for this school year, according to President Jay Kesler.

Participation in alumni giving to Taylor University has increased from 20 to 34 percent over the past three years. While such progress is noteworthy, Kesler believes the institution and its constituency should strive to attain 100 percent participation.

“We may never beat Notre Dame in football,” Kesler recently said, “we may never beat Indiana University in basketball, and our chorale may never out-perform the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. But we can lead the nation in percent of alumni participation.”

Participation is one of the most vital elements in college fund raising, according to Dr. Charles R. “Chip” Jaggers, vice president for university advancement. “Most alumni underestimate the value of their gifts,” Jaggers says, “but such gifts, when received in combination with those of fellow alumni, are critical to the financial health of one’s alma mater.”

A high percentage of alumni giving accomplishes two important purposes, Jaggers says. First, the sum of numerous “small” gifts becomes a substantial benefit to the college; second, that high percentage of alumni involvement frequently secures large gifts from foundations and major donors. Foundations in particular check the alumni support of an institution before deciding if they will give, he concludes.

To be among the national leaders, Taylor would need 60 to 80 percent participation from its alumni. One of President Kesler’s goals for Taylor University is to be a national leader in alumni participation.

Throughout the 1988-89 school year, alumni, volunteers, students, faculty and staff will be writing, calling and visiting to encourage participation. When they do, the message will be simple — participate.

Helena refurbished for second time

For the second time in its 77-year history, the Helena Building on Taylor’s campus has undergone a facelift.

Originally built in 1911 and named the Helena Memorial Music Building, the structure was ravaged by fire in 1972, then refurbished to hold the art department and theatre. In 1986, fire and water damage once again forced the evacuation of the building. Eventually, a decision was reached to house the Office of the President and admissions in the building.

Admissions occupies the basement and first floor of the Helena Building; President Jay Kesler and Daryl Yost, associate only with the six other people in their mobile home, instead of considering themselves a part of a larger group, as they would in a residence hall. The West Village environment, though, feels “more home-like and personable” to Zeidler than the residence hall.

To maintain this personable atmosphere and prevent West Village from developing into 13 separate groups abandoned on the outer edge of campus, Kim Case, the director for West Village, created a student council within the Village. Since this area is a “village,” Case decided it needed a mayor. Mike Hammond, a freshman, holds the title of mayor of West Village after being elected by his peers.

Hammond’s position is comparable to being a hall council president in the dorms. He presides over the council, which plans activities for all of the modules. Hammond says the primary purpose of the council is to “promote unity within West Village.” The council has organized community service projects and a volleyball tournament, and is currently planning a Christmas party.

Each module has one upperclass PA and six other occupants. The students have a living room area, where they can relax, watch TV, or study. Most of the West Villagers study in the library or at the Union due to the distractions created by several other people in the living room. Two Discipleship Coordinators assist in shaping the spiritual aspect of the village.

Lacking a lounge, laundry facilities, housekeeping staff to clean, and parking cause the villagers inconvenience, but since most of the occupants of West Village are freshmen, they have adapted quickly. Every evening from 7-10 pm the mobile home of the on-duty PA, a role which rotates, is open to offer the men and women of West Village greater opportunity to socially interact. This arrangement substitutes for the lack of an open lounge.

Twice weekly a van transports all who need laundry facilities to Olson and Wengatz halls. The cleaning of the living room area and the bathrooms is done by each module’s occupants. Most of the upperclass PAs organize rotating schedules to fairly dole out the chores. The only overnight parking available for the villagers is the gym lot.

West Village life will only be a memory next school year. The expanded student body will be comfortably housed within the much-needed new residence hall which should be completed by summer. The village has met the need of quality, short-term housing, but once the need has passed, deluxe mobile home modules will no longer grace Taylor’s campus. The Villagers will be dispersed to the various residence halls around campus, though Hammond believes most of the students will apply to live in the new dorm so the West Village spirit will remain intact. — JK

Trojans net state’s top 3-point shooters

Only one college or university in the United States can pick up Indiana’s top men’s or women’s three-point basketball shooter. But Taylor University went one better.

The Trojans got both.

Rachel Haley of Indianapolis Manual High School, and David Wayne of Portage High School, wear Taylor University uniforms this winter. Last season, Haley led all Indiana high school girls in shooting three-pointers, hitting 43% of her shots; Wayne topped all Indiana high school boys, making 46% of his shots. It was the first time the three-point line, 21 feet from the basket, was used in Indiana high school basketball.

Neither men’s coach Paul Patterson nor women’s coach Marcy Girtin fully realized that they were complementing each other during the recruiting process. But both are pleased about the harvest.

“He obviously has some talents that fit into the way we play ball,” Patterson says, noting Wayne held a 3.7 GPA and graduated in the top four percent of his class. “He fits in well
Views, ideas shared on opinion board

Residential college life can often narrow the scope of students and leave them unaware of the issues and problems surrounding them.

"It bothers me when people the calibre of Taylor students don't have an interest in what's going on in the world," says Nancy Gore, secretary for the psychology department.

"Students can easily ignore what's happening and pull away from the larger world."

Gore has taken steps to correct what she sees as a real problem. A once-blank bulletin board which hangs in the second-floor hallway of the Reade Center has been transformed into a forum for student opinion.

The idea came to Gore after she discovered students expressing themselves through graffiti on the unused bulletin board. She began posting questions, and the students proved willing to contribute.

Don Odle honored at Heritage Chapel

Don J. Odle, alumnus, long-time coach and world ambassador for Christ, was honored at the fall Heritage Chapel in October. The first true sports ambassador, Odle began Venture for Victory in the 1950s, a program which took Christ and basketball to the Orient.

Trojans slip past visiting Japanese

A friendly clash of cultures took place in Taylor's Odle Gymnasium on October 17 when the Trojans' basketball team was challenged by the Isuzu Motors Limited Team from Japan.

Taylor bested the Japanese squad, which was on a 16-day tour of the United States, 76-65. Professional basketball teams in Japan are corporate-owned, and the Isuzu team plays in Japan's top pro league.

Chaminade University, Transylvania University, Georgetown College, and Hanover College were among the other teams the Isuzu squad played during its tour. All games were contested under international rules.

Senior guard Jim Bushur collected 32 points for Taylor in the game, and 6-8 junior center Jay Teagle added 18. The Trojans had just 10 days of practice before facing the Isuzu team.

1989 Christian Life Conference slated

Taylor's Christian Life Conference, a weekend that offers something for everyone, will take place June 30-July 2. President Jay Kesler is the keynote speaker.

Renewal, recreation, interaction and refreshment are planned for adults and children, singles and families, youth and seniors. Seminars and workshops, designed under a theme of "Growing Places," will be offered on topics which will make the weekend retreat a truly growing experience.

Call the alumni office (317-998-5114) or write to Taylor University for more details on this vacation with a purpose.
Taylor rated a top school by US News

U.S. News & World Report once again has rated Taylor University as one of the best liberal arts colleges in the United States. Ranking institutions by objective data only, U.S. News & World Report listed Taylor University 20th among 418 regional liberal arts colleges, according to its October 10, 1986, issue of the magazine. As well, Taylor University was honored as one of the top five regional liberal arts colleges in the nation in regard to student retention rate.

Taylor University was the only Christian College Coalition institution to be ranked in the regional liberal arts colleges category. Messiah College and Azausa Pacific University were among the top 25 small comprehensive colleges cited by U.S. News & World Report.

One year ago, U.S. News & World Report listed Taylor University as seventh best among liberal arts colleges in the West and Midwest. That report was based on surveys of college and university presidents; this year's special report rated the regional liberal arts colleges using objective data which included: The nature of a school's student body as determined by the school's selectivity; the strength of a school's faculty and the per-student size of its instructional budget; the resources available for its educational programs; and the college's ability to see its entering freshmen through to graduation. These objective measures were derived primarily from The Annual Survey of Colleges, a data base maintained by The College Board.

As in previous years, U.S. News & World Report divided the 1,337 colleges and universities included in its study into five categories based upon the most recent classifications of colleges and universities determined by the authoritative Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

Heath finishes career, offers a ‘last present’

Long before he ever considered authoring a book, Dale E. Heath found himself intrigued with biblical problems — problems which often suggested levels of divine truth reaching deeper and higher than casual reading offered.

Answers were sought, and occasionally found, during four decades of searching the ancient languages, biblical geography, calendars, coins and history. The heart of a pastor, the soul of a teacher, and the mind of a scholar have now merged to record those findings in The Inherent Nature of Scripture.

Written by Dale Heath and edited by wife Evelyn Rupert Heath, The Inherent Nature of Scripture analyzes more than 500 biblical portions and is well indexed. The book argues that these texts inherently tell the reader that today's Bibles are indeed what the writers intended, and clearly what inspiration has given.

"The primary purpose of this book is to derive from Scripture itself a philosophy of the nature by contrast with the many who philosophize only rationally about Scripture, never allowing the sacred text to speak for itself," says Dale Heath. "Our major thesis, by contrast with inerrantist theology, is that present Bibles, insofar as accurately translated, are dependably close to original texts without assignment of problems to 'copyist errors.' No longer need we seek for nebulous, non-existent 'origins' in hope of discovering better Bibles than we have."

Taylor University has been traditionally open to honest inquiry and to the enjoyment of debate which sharpens both mind and faith. President Jay Kesler, who wrote the foreword for The Inherent Nature of Scripture, welcomes the discussion this book should bring to campus; he would like nothing better than to cultivate a climate of query that keeps open the door of academic freedom. "We do this without fear, because our faith presupposes that there are answers even when at the moment they are illusive," Kesler says.

"Many will disagree with specific illustrations and textual struggles of Dr. Heath in this book. We can then discuss, debate, refute, enlighten and, hopefully, thus add to the areas of certainty."

Dale Heath readily admits The Inherent Nature of Scripture is not easily read, and that it may prove controversial. "Its challenge to theological rationalism will probably not go unnoticed," Dale Heath remarks. His intense homework has been supplemented by frequent assignments abroad; students' questions in Taylor classrooms "have unwittingly led to more study," he says, and colleagues, "though often askance," have prompted more investigation.

Heath retired last spring after teaching ancient language and history for 27 years. Previously, he served 15 years in the Free Methodist pastorate. Degrees were earned from Greenville College (AB), Asbury Seminary (BD) and Michigan State University (PhD).

The Inherent Nature of Scripture is available by order from the Taylor University
First football teams honored by Taylor

During halftime of the Parents’ Weekend game on October 8, nearly three-dozen middle-aged men gathered in the middle of the Taylor University football field.

Forty years earlier, they were the ones representing Taylor University on the gridiron. Now, on the 40th anniversary of football at Taylor, they were on hand to be honored by the Athletic Hall of Fame committee.

Football at Taylor in 1948 was a far cry from the sport it is today. Half the young men who comprised that first team had never played organized football before — and yet they had to play the defending NAIA national champion, Hillsdale College, that first season.

“We were no Notre Dame, let me put it that way,” says Don Odle, one of several men instrumental in bringing football to Taylor and the coach of that first team. “But I knew if we were to have football at Taylor, we were going to have to take our licks.”

“Taking their licks” involved eight losses and no wins that first season, including four shutouts, losses of 15-0, 33-0, 46-0, and a 78-0 setback against Hillsdale. Meanwhile, Odle was the lone football coach, and was also responsible for the basketball team, baseball team, cross country team and track team, plus a full teaching load. “I just thank God I had the energy,” he says. “I don’t want to take credit for the vision; there were a lot of good people who jumped on the bandwagon.”

“Was that a bunch of guys who went out and took their licks, but they accomplished something just by completing the season. You’ve got to give those guys some respect just for surviving.”

There was some stiff opposition to bringing football on campus at first, but once established, “a contagious enthusiasm swept over campus,” Odle says. “It swallowed up any opposition.” Taylor was considered a Bible school. “I felt personally that football gave us a certain collegiate spirit. It’s taken on some great traditions, but there were some moments when we were on our knees. That program was born with the concern that we had more enthusiasm than sense.”

And while there was enthusiasm, there wasn’t much money. The budget allowed for 12 pairs of cleated shoes — hardly enough for the team — and so many players had to buy their own tennis or basketball shoes to play in.

“I even begged for equipment samples from sporting goods stores,” Odle recalls, and laughs.

Appreciation for that team is obvious in Odle’s voice; it was a team built on more than winning and losing. “We had guys on that football team who were among the real spiritual leaders on campus,” he says. “I don’t know of anyone at the school who didn’t look up a lot of the guys we had.

“I’ve had this philosophy all my life,” he continues. “It’s easy to have unity at the start of the season, but I’ve always wanted my teams to have a spirit of love, a spirit of unity, at the end of the season. That’s what life boils down to.”

And so the reunion was very special to Odle. “To see the camaraderie and see the spirit, to hear the testimonies of those guys after 40 years,” Odle says. “I’m not talking about money or titles; I’m talking about character and the values they have now after 40 years.”

Those attending the Friday evening Athletic Hall of Fame dinner, a Saturday-morning brunch hosted by Jay and Janie Konitzer, and the honorary halftime ceremony were: Floyd Baker, John Brummeler, Don Callan, Richard Clark, Maurice Coburn, Malvin Coefield, Norm Cook, Bob Coughenour, Carl Daugher, Ken Dunkelberger, Rex Gearhart, Harvey Hernandez, Paul Gentile, Don Granitz, Bill Hayden, Don Jacobsen, Rocky Jones, Billy Melvin, John Nelson, Jim Norris, Don Odle, Everett Parks, Bob Pieschke, Carl Rice, Rich Russell, Bob Schenck, Eddie Shy, Charles “Bud” Smith, Walt Vanwig, and John Wheeler. All were members of one of Taylor’s first four football teams.

The 339-yard game, the 1,511 yards this season, and his career total of 3,594 rushing yards are all Taylor records.

Stats portray the typical TU student

The saying goes that “statistics don’t lie,” indeed, in the case of Taylor University, by presenting an interesting portrait of the average student.

Retention rate at Taylor University, lauded by US News & World Report as one of the best in the nation, was instrumental in propelling the school’s enrollment this year to 1,661, an all-time high. Ninety percent of students eligible to return to Taylor University enrolled for the 1988-89 academic year, and 56 students transferred in.

Overall, 56 percent of the student population is female. Taylor University is considered a regional institution, and the statistics bear out this; 39 percent of Taylor’s students are from Indiana, 13 percent are from Ohio, 12 percent are from Illinois, and another 12 percent are from Michigan. No other state has a representation above four percent.

Average SAT score for a first-time freshman this year was 996; average grade-point average was 3.1. Of this group, 57% graduated in the top 20% of their high school class. An interesting note is that 52 new students and transfers are children of Taylor University alumni.

The numbers keep growing in other areas, as well. The admissions office tallied its highest total ever of high school students at a campus visitation day, 167. Positive enrollment figures demonstrate a quality program at Taylor University and a superb effort on the part of the admissions staff, faculty and administration, and alumni, parents and friends who provide important assistance.

Parents raise over $16,000 for fund

Over $16,000 was raised for the Student Assistant Fund during Parents’ Weekend.

The Parents’ Association Student Assistance Fund was established two years ago and is available to students with emergency financial needs. Such needs can be made known at the health center or at Student Development & Services.

This year, in addition to the annual craft sale, the Parents’ Association sponsored a Taylor University Cookbook, which is still available through the Parents’ Association by contacting Taylor’s advancement office, totals for this year’s contribution to the Student Assistance Fund has doubled the previous year’s effort. To order the cookbook, write or call the advancement office at Taylor University.
All fall sports teams come up winners

Men's Cross Country
Team Record: 96-9
Team Honors: First place, Butler University Invitational, Indiana Wesleyan Invitational, Tri-State Invitational, NCCAA District 3 Championship; second place, Midwest Christian College Invitational, Indiana Central Athletic Conference Championships, NAIA District 21 Meet; third place, Taylor Invitational, Little State Meet, NCCAA National Meet; fourth place, NAIA National Meet.

Women's Cross Country
Team Record: 41-19
Team Honors: First place, NCCAA District 3 Championship; second place, NAIA District 21 Meet; fourth place, Indiana Little State Meet; sixth place, NCCAA National Meet.
Individual Honors: Teresa Golmer Veach, NCCAA Academic All-American, Indiana All-State; Alicia Hefley, Indiana All-State, All-MIAC; Dana Kelley Hughes, All-District 3, Most Valuable Runner; Dawn Hanlin, NAIA All-District 21, Heather Butman, NCCAA All-District 3; Kelley Hughes, NCCAA All-District 3; Laurie Randell, NCCAA All-District 3; Dana Deacon, Most Improved Runner; Mornington, Mental Attitude: Betsy Zehnder, Endurance Award for competing in and finishing 30 consecutive races.

Football
Team Record: 9-2
(best since 1961, 9-1)
Team Honors: First place, NAIA District 21 in total defense (349 yards per game), rushing defense (110 yards per game), rushing offense (198 yards per game); Taylor University record for interceptions (28).
Individual Honors: Mike Woods, NAIA Division II Player of the Week (Oct. 29), NAIA All-District 21 first team running back, NAIA Division II All National Rushing Leader (168 yards per game), school records for single game rushing yardage (329), single season rushing yardage (1511), carries in a season (300), career rushing yardage (3594), career carries (795), career touchdowns scored (34); David Diller, NAIA All-District 21 first team offensive tackle; Randy Walker, NAIA All-District 21 first team line backer; Dave Moellerling, NAIA District 21 first team defensive end; Tim Shapley, NAIA District 21 first team nose tackle; Mark Booth, NAIA District 21 honorable mention wide receiver, second place NAIA Division II national kickoff return average (30 yards per return), NAIA District 21 kickoff return leader; Dan Foer, NAIA District 21 honorable

Basketball teams look for increased success

At Taylor University, basketball prospects soar because Trojan Coach Paul Patterson and Lady Trojan Coach Marcy Girtor quite likely form the best duo of men's and women's coaches in basketball in Indiana. Says Patterson, "As Christians, our lives must be different in many ways and athletics are a great tool for discipleship: the Bible speaks directly about how to use these opportunities."

Coach Patterson has led and driven his Trojans to seven straight seasons with at least 20 wins in each. A loss to Grace College in the district final ended last season with a 25-8 record. His counterparts at other schools in District 21 of the National Conference of Intercollegiate Athletics predict Taylor will make its fourth trip in six years to the NAIA national basketball tournament this March.

Although 6-10 junior center Jay Teagle ("He's a much-improved athlete — I'm really excited about his prospects for this season") and 6-2 senior guard Jim Bushur ("If he's not an All-American, then I'd like to see him go one-on-one with who is") attract the most attention, the fifteen players include five others with experience as starters and two highly regarded freshmen. Patterson expects both 6-1 freshman guard David Wayne of Portage (IN), the top boys' three-point shooter in the state last year, and 6-6 freshman center Ty Platt of Huntington (IN) to contribute this season. "Ty has been a pleasant surprise; he's developed more quickly than we thought," Patterson says.

Third-year coach Marcy Girtor draws encouragement from the development of the men's program as she battles problems similar to those Patterson encountered in the early 80's. After her first group finished 4-18, improved returnees and four talented freshmen fought their way to a 11-16 record last season.

As the result of arduous and aggressive recruiting, Girtor now nurtures a ten-player team with four sophomores and five freshmen. Senior guard Christa Snyder hurls her slender 5-4 frame into Girtor's quest for excellence with a tenacity that guides and inspires her inexperienced teammates. Although the Lady Trojans rely on 5-7 sophomore forwards Shannon Warfield and Heidi White and 5-9 sophomore center Cathy Ryan for rebounding against generally taller opponents, 5-6 freshman guard Rachel Haley of Indianapolis, the top girls' three-point shooter in the state last year (with a 23-point average), helps Snyder force defenses to the outside.

"One publication wrote that we're a year away from significant success," says Girtor. "But I think we can compete successfully this year."

Though less apparent, Patterson and Girtor do contribute more to Taylor than victories on the courts of competition. As teachers, they disciple their players and other students in the Christian walk.

Such class, character, and commitment can be indirectly measured: both the Trojans and Lady Trojans typically have better records in the second half of their seasons. Since December the men held a record of 5-0 and the women a record of 1-2 against strong opposition, optimism for the remainder of the season is high. — JT

Grounds crew makes its mark on gridiron

Fans fill the stands, the players take the field; the kick is off, and the football game is underway. But how would the contest be played if there were no goal lines to cross, no hash marks on which to place the ball, no boundary lines for little quarterbacks to dart over for the sake of saving hide and hair?

It’s taken for granted in many instances — the football field has all the markings necessary to play the game. In actuality, it’s an expensive, time-consuming and laborious task to prepare the field for each home game.

The field for each home football game takes 150 gallons of mixed paint and 36 man-hours to complete.
Chuck Cox and Mac Guffey, members of Taylor University’s grounds crew, have been responsible for preparing the Trojans’ sports fields this fall season. To ready the football field alone takes 36 man-hours between them, as well as 75 gallons of white, latex paint mixed 1:1 with water and 20 spray cans of yellow paint, the kind used on roads. Multiply that by the five home games played each season.

Then add the tasks of mowing the field, setting up markers, reading the audio, and raising the flag, and you have an effort that may surpass actually playing 60 minutes of football. It’s to the credit of the grounds crew that letters from visiting school officials frequently mention how well Taylor’s field is cared for and marked.

Cox has been at the task for seven years, up until leaving Taylor University this fall after the last home football game; he has been nicknamed “the athletic field Van Gogh” by his fellow grounds crew members. Guffey began assisting Cox two years ago; grounds crew member Kevin Mitchell had worked with Cox before then.

In all, the grounds crew is responsible for preparing the soccer field and practice field, the women’s softball field, four marching band fields as well as a small field for flag corps during the summer band camp season, markings for field events at track meets, plus two football practice fields as well as the game field. And that, of course, is in addition to their regular responsibilities of grooming the remainder of the campus. It’s a lot of hard work, but it pays off in the impression it gives to visitors of Taylor University. — KB

Club for MKs sparks interest across nation

MK, n. missionary kid; child of missionaries; distinct from international students; although reared in another culture, generally desire to integrate as Americans; prototype for a 21st century Christian; type of third culture kid.

Sixty-four MKs representing approximately twenty missions and countries currently attend Taylor University — a one-quarter increase over last year. Impetus for the upturn comes from several sources, one being a student organization named Mu Kappa International.

During the 1985-86 school year, several Taylor students realized that other MKs best understand the plight of an MK entering college. With the support of Dale and Bonnie Sloat (former missionaries themselves), the students began Mu Kappa (taken from the Greek letters for M and K), wrote a constitution, elected officers, and outlined a program for the coming school year. They thereby launched the first-ever student-generated club for MKs.

When other colleges inquired about the possibility of establishing chapters, the group explored the potential of Mu Kappa chapters nationwide. Taylor now serves as Chapter One of thirteen Mu Kappa International

mention offensive lineman; Mark Krabbe, NAIA District 21 honorable mention wing back; Lee Brookshire, NAIA District 21 honorable mention defensive lineman; Larry Phelps, NAIA District 21 honorable mention linebacker; Brad Oliver, school records for longest field goal (52 yards), extra points (19-19); Maurice Richardson, NAIA District 21 punt return leader (7 yards per return).

Soccer
Team Record: 11-6

Men’s Tennis
Team Record: 5-5
Team Honors: Third place, Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference Tournament; fifth place, NAIA District 21 Tournament.
Individual Honors: Ken Crabb, freshman #1 player, NAIA All-District 21 team.

Women’s Tennis
Team Record: 7-3
Team Honors: Third place, NAIA District 21 Tournament
Individual Honors: Holly Seaman, junior #1 player, NAIA All-District 21 team; Tall-Jean Keenan, freshman #2 player, NAIA All-District 21 team.

Volleyball
Team Record: 20-9
Team Honors: First place, Cedarville Invitational, Taylor Invitational, Indiana Wesleyan Invitational; third place, NAIA District 21 Tournament.
Individual Honors: Laurel Kinzer, NAIA All-District 21 team, NAIA Player of the Week, NCCAA All-American, NCCAA All-District 3, Cedarville All-Tournament team; Michelle Hollar, NCCAA All-District 3, Cedarville All-Tournament team; Indiana Wesleyan All-Tournament team.

TU to host missions computer seminars

Taylor University hosts a conference dedicated exclusively to missions data processing on June 5-8, 1989. Proceedings will be directed at missions DP professionals who meet the challenge of applying technology to ministry, missions administrators who make the bottom line computer technology ministry decisions, and missionaries who confront serious ministry computer applications.

Scheduled leaders for The International Conference on Computing and Missions include Bill Jack (TEAM); Norm Ducharme (SIM); Ron Tenney (OM), and Bob Hodge (Taylor).
Potential attendees should contact CAP Director Dale Sloat at Taylor University.
Wheels, Taylor agree to legal separation

Wandering Wheels and Taylor University have agreed upon a complete legal separation effective June 30.

Insurance carriers, during the summer of 1987, advised Taylor University's administration that either the Wandering Wheels program must be brought under complete authority of the Taylor University board of trustees, or else Wandering Wheels' present arms-length relationship with Taylor must be formalized to create a clear separation of the two entities. The existing relationship was sufficiently ambiguous that liability to Taylor was unacceptable without one of those two adjustments.

After thorough and mutual discussion, it was decided that, for the health and fulfillment of the vision of Wandering Wheels, a complete legal separation would best serve the future of both organizations. Taylor's legal counsel completed the necessary details, and the board of trustees voted to formalize this arrangement at its October meeting.

As of June 30, Wandering Wheels will be a completely separate and autonomous organization with no formal or informal relationship to Taylor.

"It would be impossible to even begin to document the great blessing that the ministry of Bob Davenport and the Wandering Wheels program have been to the Kingdom of God and to the Taylor University family worldwide," President Jay Kesler said. "This separation has taken place with the highest regard for the ministry in the past and with the prayer that the future will be even more blessed of God."

Sellers, president's secretary, retires

Mattie Sellers, secretary to five Taylor University presidents since joining the college 22 years ago, retired November 30. She first served under Dr. Milo Rediger; since then, every time a presidential change occurred, "I felt like I had a new job," Sellers says.

Board OKs proposal to honor Morris

Taylor University's board of trustees has passed a resolution which may bring a statue of Sammy Morris to the campus. The resolution endorses the statue idea as a project for the 150th anniversary of Taylor and authorizes the advancement office to accept financial gifts to support the project.

Opportunities Week employed MKs as the witnesses for each service. In recognition of these efforts and needs, the 1988 Homecoming Cabinet voted to give its Sunday morning offering of $650 to Mu Kappa. While that type of donation funds the organization itself, Mu Kappa hopes to aid MKs with education costs through persons willing to sponsor an MK scholarship with the person's name attached. Already, the Wengatz MK Scholarship encourages MKs to "fit in well" but at the same time not lose the distinctiveness of overseas experience. — JT

'Homeless' sculpture finds niche at Taylor

With the presence of the new sculpture recently erected on campus, art professor Craig Moore is looking forward to a "renaissance" in the visual arts at Taylor.

Three pieces of large-scale sculpture arrived from Chicago in December; two pieces are already in place on campus, while contract negotiations are still underway with the artist of the third.

"It has been a goal of mine ever since I've been department head to get sculpture on campus," Moore says.

Urban development in downtown Chicago left the sculpture without a home.

When Moore learned of the "homeless" sculpture, he contacted the Sculpture Chicago group to present Taylor as a potential new home for the works.

After many phone calls and a visit to Chicago, Moore reached an agreement with Robin Nigh, director of Sculpture Chicago, concerning the donation of the sculpture.

"It has taken quite a bit of work to get this accomplished and I'm very excited about it," Moore says.

The donated pieces include a six-ton concrete design of a twisted column titled "The Hurl"; a work in steel titled "Space Grip"; and a third piece titled "A Leaning Florida." According to Moore, the estimated value of the sculpture is in the range of $25,000 to $30,000 apiece.

"It is unusual for a college the size of Taylor to have sculpture of this quality and magnitude on its campus," Moore notes.

Carl Moellering, a member of the board of trustees and a Fort Wayne contractor, provided for transportation of the sculpture. Moellering made cranes available for loading and unloading the sculpture as well as three flat bed trucks to transport the sculpture from Chicago to Upland. The concrete foundations for the sculptures were also provided by Moellering.

During the spring semester, the artists will visit Taylor to discuss their work with students. — JB
The Rediger Era

A half-century of notable academic and spiritual growth under the strong leadership of a humble, Christian gentleman

The leadership of Dr. Milo A. Rediger, with the support of wife Velma, is undoubtedly the greatest single factor in the emergence of Taylor University as a leading Christian liberal arts college in the United States today. Though the sense of loss of one so respected is emotionally taxing, the vision for Taylor University — so carefully planted and nurtured by Rediger — remains as a trail blazed through today’s educational forests for other leaders to follow.

Rediger was twice president of Taylor — twice called upon to lead the institution when the path had become unclear. He accepted and responded to the challenge in admirable fashion.

Taylor University rides at the forefront of Christian college education, and we now pay homage to the man responsible more than anyone else for its place among the elite. Always actively involved in community leadership, Rediger has been honored by a Grant County businessman who has donated $100,000 to create a Milo A. Rediger Scholarship Fund at Taylor University. Persons interested in contributing to this scholarship may contact the University Advancement Office.

In addition, the publications arm of University Advancement is accepting written remembrances of Dr. Milo A. Rediger — scholar, teacher, mentor, community leader, family man, friend — from persons in the Taylor Family and community members who wish to share their memories with others.

Plans are to collect and edit these articles for future publication. Please mail them to University Editor, Taylor University, Upland, IN 46989.

The pages that follow cannot begin to do justice to the impact Dr. Milo A. Rediger has made on Taylor University. They are offered, however, so that readers may perhaps begin to understand the important place Dr. Rediger holds in the school’s history and heritage. — KB
Jay Kesler, author and leader in evangelical Christian circles, was a student under Dr. Milo Rediger in the 1950s at Taylor University. Now president of Taylor University, Kesler follows in the steps of his mentor and seeks to expand Rediger’s vision for the institution.

The shadow lengthens

BY JAY KESLER ’58

Dr. Milo Rediger was a motivating factor in his return to Taylor. The president now finds strength in the legacy left by this gentle man.

Every time I have faced a decision in my life since leaving Taylor University, involving the temptation toward moral compromise, I have been reminded by memory and conscience of a story Dr. Rediger shared in his class.

It seems a young man of college age had an opportunity for personal gain put before him that required a slight adjustment of his personal convictions in order to succeed. His mother noticed that he was preoccupied and seemed troubled at the supper table. After some probing, she finally persuaded him to share the source of his consternation. He carefully laid out his scheme and then rationalized the moral dimensions, arguing strongly that, “Everybody does it.” “People have their own responsibility in evaluating their decision,” and “After all this is a real world, not a Sunday School.”

His mother listened patiently and then quietly offered this response: “Son, every morning I come into your room and shake you to get you awake for the day. This is sometimes frustrating and irritating; however, I much prefer this to coming into your room and finding you awake staring at the ceiling.”

I’ve told many audiences that, in addition to my father, three men have affected my life most profoundly, and all three graduated from Taylor University: Ted Engstrom, Sam Wolgemuth and Milo Rediger. Now Dr. Rediger is gone. Years ago he invited me to call him Milo; however, even now I don’t feel quite comfortable in doing so, even though I’m a grandfather six times. It’s not a matter of age, nor is it that he was unapproachable. Quite the contrary, even when I was a college student, he always talked straight across to me, never down or in a demeaning way. Few men made you feel as comfortable to ask questions, even of a simple or basic nature, as Dr. Rediger. He almost always illustrated even complex philosophies or theological points with homespun, even Lincolnesque, anecdotes. He once said, “If you really understand it, you can explain it in small words. That is not to say that there is not such a thing as technical nomenclature; however, the great men of history never used a big word when they could use a small one.”

One of the motivations for me to return to Upland was the prospect of renewing daily contact with Dr. Rediger. Now I, with all of the Taylor family, must adjust to the reality of his physical absence.

Suddenly it dawns on me that, even in death, he is still my mentor and teacher — now on the subject of immortality. Yes, as with all who sleep in Christ, he is alive and with our Lord, but he is also alive in the lives of all of us who were touched by his presence.
It has been said that many institutions are the lengthened shadows of great men. Taylor University, as we know it today, certainly contains his shadow.

Soon it became evident that my judgment was totally awry. Faith made up for worldly experience, and his purity of purpose was recognized by others and inspired their loyalty to Taylor. A.E. Knowlton, Ohio builder and financier, provided the expertise and experience in real estate development to turn the idealistic vision into brick and mortar. Wengatz and Olson Halls, Reade Center, Nussbaum Science Building and the president’s home were built, and the “new Taylor” was born.

But it certainly not buildings alone. All of our lives, in addition, benefit from a great deal of light he shed on our relationships with God, others, and our world.

The days now since his death have provided me with many opportunities to reflect on the legacy left to us by this wise, gentle, strong man. You doubtless have your personal memories and treasured reflections that remain as a tribute to a life well lived.

Recently, Taylor University was singled out of 3500 colleges and universities as one of 125 of the best schools in the United States. On a more focused basis, Taylor was ranked 20th of 418 regional liberal arts colleges nationwide and was awarded “star status” for having one of the highest student retention rates in the nation.

These distinctions do not represent the achievement of our vision but simply whet our appetite to do even better in the years to come. We do not intend to rest on our laurels. What becomes evident is that the quality of today’s program is the result of a vision seen in the midst of deep struggle and dark prospects 25 years ago. Many persons, even hundreds, have devoted their efforts over the decades for Taylor University; but I am confident that history will bear out that the life of Milo A. Rediger with Velma at his side has provided the central contribution for the institution today. This issue is, then, a tribute that reflects the effect of the life and vision of this one man on faculty, administration, alumni, staff, parents, neighbors, community leaders and family.

Somehow the sadness in my heart at the death of Dr. Rediger is tempered by a sense of strength left by his imprint on my life and the knowledge that all who knew him have this in common.

— JK
Vision for the future

By Dr. William C. Ringenberg '61

Leadership with vision—Dr. Milo A. Rediger’s contribution to Taylor is unmatched during the last half-century, and perhaps for all time.

In reflecting back upon his lifetime of service to Taylor University, Milo A. Rediger stated affectionately, “Taylor is my book, my poem, my song.” This quotation—which Bob Hill drew from to entitle his 1983 biography of Rediger (My Book, My Poem, My Song, Cross Reference Books, Toccoa, Georgia)—communicated much. It told of his love of poetry and music, both of which he pursued avocationally at various points in his life. It told of his regret that he was unable to excel as a writer in a manner commensurate with his skill as an educational leader. It told of his love of Taylor and of the length and completeness of his giving himself to it.

In a very different way—one certainly unintended by Rediger—the quotation also suggested how the Taylor of the 1980s had come to reflect his visions and goals. After graduating from Taylor in 1939, he returned to his alma mater in 1943 where except for brief intervals he served until his retirement in 1981. Despite the fact that he was a brilliant instructor and undoubtedly could have matched Burt Ayres as a longtime Taylor philosophy classroom legend, circumstances were to dictate otherwise, with the result that his major contribution was to be that of shaping the long-term academic development on campus and the increasing appreciation for the same off-campus. In this area of academic leadership, no one comes close to matching his contributions since World War Two; few compare with him in the whole of the Taylor history.

During Rediger’s four-decade association with Taylor, there occurred three major changes in the character of the college. These were: 1) the continuing transition in the institutional affiliation from Methodist to trans-evangelical, 2) the continuing transformation of a school known primarily for its religious fervor to one which combined such spiritual zeal with an intellectual pursuit of truth as these two factors, then, become integral components of the quest to know and embrace God and his world, and 3) the gradual change in the composition of the student body from lower middle-class to upper middle-class in socio-economic background. In the first of these changes, Rediger participated; in the last two he led. The third change was a functional consequence of the commitment to the second one.

Taylor began its change from a traditional Methodist college before Rediger was born. Only at the very end of the half century in Fort Wayne did the college depart from the normal pattern for Methodist colleges whereby the institution was affiliated with the church conference of the geographic region in which it
There is no doubt that the Taylor of the 1980s is better equipped to serve the cause of Christian higher education than was the Taylor of the 1940s, and this in no small part is due to Rediger’s leadership.

was located. In 1890 the newly-named Taylor University affiliated with the National Association of Local Preachers (NALP) of Methodism, an organization which had its origin in the days of the circuit-riding, multiple-charge ministers.

When this relationship with the NALP ended in the 1920s, Taylor became an independent yet still Methodist-oriented institution. Symbolic of this change was the addition of three non-Methodists to the board of trustees: United Brethren minister Howard Cadle of the Cadle Tabernacle in Indianapolis; Presbyterian layman Elwood Haynes of Kokomo who developed one of the first automobiles in America (and whose grandson, former Congressman Elwood Haynes “Bud” Hillis, recently contributed his Congressional papers to Taylor’s Zondervan Library Archives); and Christian and Missionary Alliance evangelist Paul Rader who counted among his revival meeting converts a youthful Richard Nixon of Los Angeles. Gradually Taylor attracted an increasing number of non-Methodist students including Evangelical Mennonite transfer students and roommates, Milo Rediger and Reuben Short.

A s a student and later as an instructor and academic dean, Rediger was comfortable with the school’s continuing, although partial, relationship with Methodism. His first two college years were spent at Marion College, a Wesleyan Methodist institution, and his church background was in an Arminian-oriented denomination. When in the early 1960s President B. Joseph Martin sought to return Taylor to a formal relationship with the Methodist church, Dean Rediger prepared to receive Methodist ministerial credentials. Later, in retirement years, Rediger accepted the invitation of Riley Case, Marion District Superintendent of the United Methodist Church — and a Taylor alumnus — to serve as minister of the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, southeast of Upland.

Despite Rediger’s compatibility with Methodism, when he succeeded Martin as Taylor president in 1965, he chose not to pursue the plan to return the institution to Methodism. Consequently, in terms of the students and faculty that it attracted, the college continued to move in a broadly-based evangelical direction, especially appealing to people from Baptist, independent, and small evangelical groups, even while Methodist students continued to identify with Taylor in numbers that matched those of any other single denomination.

In particular the college attracted considerably more Mennonite-related faculty and students than would have been the case without Rediger’s influence. He was not directly involved in the negotiations to establish a church of his denomination in Upland (now the largest church in town) in 1970; however, it is doubtful whether there would have been a sufficient Mennonite base in Upland to begin it if he had never returned to his alma mater. Somehow it is symbolic that before Rediger became president there never had been a non-Methodist Taylor president, while after him there only have been non-Methodist chief executives — one Baptist and two, like Rediger, from denominations which combined Anabaptism and Arminianism.

T he Taylor of today has been matched by earlier generations in terms of its spiritual fervor and the wholesomeness and industry of its students and faculty, but never before has the institution succeeded as well in combining the aforementioned traits with the breadth and quality of its academic program and the attractiveness and functionality of its physical plant. The very high student retention rates and the growing off-campus recognition of the quality and well-roundedness of the Taylor experience (as evidenced, for example, by inclusion in recent US News & World Report annual lists of “America’s Best Colleges” — see page 3) attest to this. While Rediger has not participated in directing Taylor in recent years, nevertheless the current standing represents a continuation of the developments which he promoted during the previous generation.

Specifically Rediger sought to increase the overall quality of the faculty, the degree of intellectual openness in the classroom, and the extent of student and faculty participation in the governance procedure. His long tenure gave him time to achieve and solidify his goals. Their realization is apparent today throughout the institution, thus serving as his greatest monument.
It was as leader more than as manager that administrator Rediger made his primary contribution to Taylor. A leader articulates a vision and then becomes a symbol of the realized vision. A manager implements and maintains the vision in day-to-day operations.

Dr. Milo A. Rediger, leader in higher education, dies October 18

Dr. Milo A. Rediger, an elder statesman of higher education in the State of Indiana and President Emeritus of Taylor University, died shortly before noon on Tuesday, October 18. He was 75.

Rediger suffered a heart attack on September 30 and had since been hospitalized at Marion General Hospital, Marion, Indiana, and Methodist Hospital, Indianapolis. He suffered a second heart attack the night of October 17 at Methodist Hospital and died the following morning.

A scholar, teacher and administrator, Rediger served as president of Taylor University, the sixth-oldest institution in Indiana, from 1965-75, and again from 1979-81. Between presidencies, he served as chancellor of the college. Previously, he had been academic dean for 18 years, vice president for 11 years, and professor of philosophy and religion since 1943.

During Rediger's tenure, the enrollment of Taylor University tripled and nine major building projects were undertaken. While Rediger was academic dean in 1947, Taylor University first received its accreditation by the North Central Association, and Rediger served on the NCA Committee on Liberal Arts Education from 1957-63. He was among the charter presidents of the Associated Colleges of Indiana.

In June, Rediger was inducted into the Indiana Academy, an organization established in 1970 by the Associated Colleges of Indiana.

Governor Otis R. Bowen appointed Rediger a "Sagamore of the Wabash," the highest award given by the state of Indiana, in recognition of his "selfless dedication and service to fellow Hoosiers and the State of Indiana." Rediger also received the "Honorary Secretary of State" award from Secretary of State Edwin J. Simcox.

Rediger was a member of the American Association for Higher Education and Phi Delta Kappa, a national honorary graduate education fraternity. He is listed in Who's Who in American Education, Community Leaders of America, Creative and Successful Personalities, Who's Who in Indiana, and Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans.

Throughout his life, Rediger served his church and community and enjoyed a worldwide ministry through the various boards on which he served. These included The Board of Elders, Evangelical Mennonite Conference; Director of Pastoral Internships, EMC; Board of Deacons, Upland, Indiana Evangelical Mennonite Church; Grant County Extension Board of Directors; Grant County Development Committee; Marion General Hospital Board of Directors; Grant County United Way Board of Directors; Board of Directors, Marion Easter Pageant; Board of Directors, Marion Philharmonic Orchestra; Grant County YMCA Board of Trustees; Board of Directors, Christian Haven Homes; Board of Directors, Bibles for the World; and chairman, Prison Fellowship's Indiana Task Force.

The Marion, Indiana, Exchange Club awarded Rediger the Book of Golden Deeds Award. He received the Marion Chamber of Commerce Award for Excellence on the 30th anniversary of his association with Taylor University, and a day was set aside in Marion in his honor. Rediger also received the Religious Heritage of America Outstanding Community Leadership Award and, in addition, was given the Distinguished American Educator Award for 1983 from the Eisenhower Memorial Scholarship.

Rediger graduated from Taylor University in 1939 and obtained his master's degree and doctorate at New York University. In 1983, Rediger published My Book, My Poem, My Song, his personal pilgrimage from the farm boy to university president. As academic dean and president of Taylor University, Rediger actively pursued quality education through the synthesis of faith and learning. "We believe that clear moral and spiritual absolutes, based on divine revelation, must always be anchorpoints if we are to enjoy the favor of God and the confidence of men," Rediger frequently stated.

Surviving Dr. Rediger are his wife, Velma; son Wesley, his wife JoAnn (Kinghorn), and their children, James and Andrea; and son Nelson, his wife Beth (Stebbins), and their children, Erin and April.

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One might debate whether the early twentieth-century intellectual environment was as restricted as he implied; one might lament Taylor's reduced availability to the poor, hard-working students of earlier years; and one might wonder whether the community government concept at times has detracted unduly from the time needed for the academic endeavors of the faculty and students. But there is no doubt that the Taylor of the 1980s is better equipped to serve the cause of Christian higher education than was the Taylor of the 1940s, and this in no small part is due to Rediger's leadership.

It was as leader more than as manager that administrator Rediger made his primary contribution to Taylor. A leader articulates a vision and then becomes a symbol of the realized vision. A manager implements and maintains the vision in day-to-day operations. Rediger could and did manage, but—like current President Jay Kesler—his natural strength was as leader. Perhaps in no way was Rediger's leadership more important than as a personal symbol of institutional aspirations. On multiple occasions of transition and/or crisis, the university turned to him as a symbol of wisdom, strength, and trustworthiness. Less dramatic but of no less importance is the fact that the general Christian public, the world of academe, and the Upland and Grant County public increasingly grew in their appreciation of Taylor as they increasingly came to associate it with the personal and intellectual integrity of Milo A. Rediger.

John Mott, who probably influenced for good more college students than did any other person in the world during the half-century preceding Rediger's undergraduate years, used to advise collegians to "Link up your life to some great cause!" Milo Rediger did. We are his beneficiaries. — WCR
We give thanks, O Lord

BY KURT E. BULLOCK '81

Sadness draped the Taylor campus; even so, a service of thanksgiving was offered to the Creator for the exemplary life of Dr. Rediger

It was a time of sorrow, and a time of thanksgiving; a time of tears, and a time of smiles. Above all, it was a time of memories.

The memorial service for Dr. Milo A. Rediger, president emeritus and visionary of Taylor University, brought out a treasure chest of diamonds, rubies, sapphires and emeralds. They were the gems of remembrance spoken by several, but shared by all who attended. They were jewels of many kinds and many colors displayed by those who, like all who have been affiliated with Taylor University and thus with Dr. Rediger, cherish the valuable impact the man had on Christian higher education in Upland, Indiana.

Held Friday afternoon of Homecoming Weekend, the memorial service drew not only faculty, staff and students, but also community leaders and dignitaries from the region, for Rediger’s influence spread far beyond the campus. Also attending were Rediger’s wife Velma, his sons Nelson and Wesley, their wives and children.

One day earlier they had ended the cycle of God’s creation by laying the mortal body of Milo A. Rediger to rest in a private family ceremony. Now they shared their personal loss with the larger family of Milo Rediger — one which also felt a deep sense of loss, and a confusion of emotions. “We understand that we are intruding into a deep family experience,” President Jay Kesler said, addressing the family, “and we’ve no desire to steal from you that which is only yours. For it is yours, and it is deeper than ours; much deeper than ours.

“But your husband, your dad, had a way of making each of us feel important, and his dignifying of us made us feel close. That is why we do what we do today.”

Leland Boren, Upland businessman and friend of Rediger and Taylor University for several decades, was obviously heartened by the nearly 1500 who battled the rain and windy cold to attend the service. “When I was told of Milo’s illness, and I was told how serious it was, I was not concerned because I considered Milo Rediger indestructable,” Boren said, addressing the audience. “And by your attendance today, you have proven that Milo is indestructable.” He then read Psalm 8: ‘... what is man that you should be mindful of him, or the son of man that you should care for him? You have made him little less than the angels, and crowned him with glory and honor. You have given him rule over the works of your hands, putting all things under his feet ...’

It was Rediger’s work for Taylor University that led the school out of several crises. Dr. Carl Hassel joined the board of trustees in 1965, the same year Rediger was appointed president of Taylor University; Hassel and his wife, since their days
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as students at Taylor, had been friends of the Redigers. Dr. Hassel had spent many hours on the road with Dr. Rediger travelling to churches, and he recalled those trips as times when Rediger “would share Jesus Christ, and share himself.”

1965 — it was the year that Taylor University aborted a planned move to Fort Wayne, “a time when it seemed as though the sun of God’s blessing was overshadowed by the gloom of reality,” Hassel recalled. “But then ‘Milo to the rescue!’ And for ten years, he shared his vision with those of us on the board who may have had our noses in the sand some of the time.

“Everything at Taylor wasn’t easy and simple,” Hassel, now the board’s chairman, continued. “Milo knew that. He had the vision — the expectancy that the better days and the best days were yet ahead for Taylor University, that Taylor was rooted, grounded in God’s purpose, and that circumstances, although temporarily intervening, would not overcome us.”

Rediger retired — “That was the wrong thing to call it,” quipped Hassel — in 1975. But four years later, “Another one of those cataclysms swept across Taylor’s campus,” Hassel said, “and ‘Milo to the rescue!’ Milo to the rescue.”

Times of trial made more obvious Rediger’s high quality of character and depth of belief and vision. “When I think of Milo, I think of the wonderful grace in difficult circumstances — when things were going well, and when they were not going well,” said Robert Reardon, president emeritus of Anderson University. “There was a wonderful sense of grace with which he lived out his life.”

Reardon and Rediger attended college at the same time, then later joined their alma maters as faculty. Though Reardon was never academic dean as was Rediger, they both eventually were appointed president of their respective schools. It was then they often travelled together as representatives of the Associated Colleges of Indiana, and it was from that period that Reardon shared his favorite memory of Rediger, the man with “the wonderful sense of grace.”

“It was a day like this, cold and miserable,” Reardon said, his deliberate, deep and powerful voice holding the audience entranced. He and Rediger were in the Gary/Hammond area, visiting twelve businesses for ACI; their first stop after breakfast was a small machine shop. “Both of us were having some problems,” Reardon recalled. “The war was on, students were very restless, both of our faculties were having another argument about the best curriculum for a Christian liberal arts institution. We’d both had several letters from alumni; and I’d just sent the chairman of our board of trustees’ son home for poor conduct.

“We found ourselves in this little machine shop, wet, for 20 minutes, waiting for the owner to come out and talk to us. We really didn’t want to see him, and he really didn’t want to see us, and so I began unloadings on Milo. ‘Milo, here you and I are. We’ve been inaugurated, the board of trustees and the students promised eternal faithfulness to us, we both have graduate degrees — we’re in a very elite club, only 500 of us in the country. And here you and I find ourselves sitting in this miserable little machine shop, hoping to extract a few dollars from a man who does not want to give it.’

“I said, ‘Milo, is it worth it?’

“He said, ‘Bob, never doubt it. It is worth it.’

“I’ve often thought about that. Milo and I often talked about the cause to which we had committed our lives. It was always an inspiration to me when things got tough to remember what Milo had said to me — that it’s worth it. It is worth it.”

Rediger shaped Taylor University through his philosophy of Christian education — integrating faith and learning. Lois Weed, senior faculty member, marked the many steps in Dr. Rediger’s illustrious life, then shared philosophies of education from his writings. “Acquaintance with the liberal arts should liberate us for living effectively. It should free us from ignorance, equip us with tools which are essential for effective communication and constructive citizenship.

“It is the personal relationship between teachers and students, the confidence that students place in teachers as examples of what is true, that molds and shapes the life of youth even more than the facts and theories which are learned from textbooks.”

Betty Freese, director of alumni, shared from other writings — those of John in the New Testament. “In my Father’s house there are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. . . . Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.”

Tom Beers, associate vice president for advancement, closed in prayer, reminding the audience that this was “a service of thanksgiving for the life, leadership, example, friendship and love of Milo Rediger.” In his prayer, Beers expressed the gratitude of all those associated with Taylor for the impact Rediger had on the campus and abroad. “Help us to do our part to carry on your work,” Beers prayed, “even as your very special ambassador, Dr. Rediger, demonstrated to us.”

With that the treasure chest closed. But each one who attended was a little richer for the experience and held a few more valuable gems in memory to cherish for the years to come. — KB
An unlikely leader

By Milo A. Rediger '39

God often leads in unlikely ways, President Rediger acknowledged in this 1981 montage of articles he entitled his ‘unlikely’ series

As I reflect on the years my wife and I have spent at Taylor University, I am glad that God works in the earlier years of our lives beyond what we are aware of. According to the circumstances of my boyhood, I should have avoided formal education at all costs.

My parents were sincere Christians and devoted Mennonites. We were citizens of another country — only pilgrims passing through this one. Education, especially “higher,” was of this world, and could only undermine if not destroy faith in God and heaven.

We had much work to do on a 240-acre dairy farm, calling for long days and no holidays. My father would have had me drop out of high school as soon as I was 16, the age at which compulsory education ended.

Somehow, God put a love for learning into my mind and heart. I enjoyed math and music. I did homework late into the nights, after chores and supper which took to eight or nine o’clock. Then at five or five-thirty in the morning, I was “called up” and often had to start a fire in the kitchen stove and sometimes break the ice off the wash basin before I could douse the sleep out of my eyes. But, somehow, chores and all. I was graduated from Phoenix Union High School in three-and-one-half years, with seventeen-and-one-half credits.

But college was definitely out. No way could we either afford or permit any member of the family to go to college. My older sister was denied this privilege, and I was laid out and worked four years before enrolling at Marion College, Marion, Indiana. At 22 I was able to make my own decision.

In the meantime, God had called me into the Christian ministry; “thou a chosen vessel unto me to bear my gospel . . .” At every opportunity I preached in churches here and there, and in tent meetings as the Lord opened the way. This “softened” the attitudes of my parents, and they moderated their opposition to college education. At the end of my sophomore year, I transferred to Taylor University and finished magna cum laude — and my parents were proud. They “converted” their thinking to the extent that my younger brother and sister attended college with their blessing and support.

I am grateful to God for this “unlikely” leading in the life of my family.

During the four years between high school and college, I did the kinds of things that were possible during the Great Depression. There was no such thing as “a good job.” I milked cows for a Phoenix attorney who had a dairy ranch in the South Mountains, baled hay for a valley farmer who irrigated to raise alfalfa, hauled...
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citrus fruit from the groves to the warehouses, and dug citrus tree holes for a penny a hole.

Between these exciting jobs there was plenty of time for a hobby. With three dollars earned by digging three hundred tree holes, I bought a used guitar; and with another quarter, I purchased a teach-yourself guitar manual. I strummed those chords to the lyrics I composed, and then transposed them to the piano.

About halfway through this four-year period, the call of God came “to bear his gospel,” but in what form of ministry I did not know. But calls to preach here and there began to come, so I studied and prayed and preached wherever there was an opportunity. When I entered college, the call became clearer and the opportunity to prepare was obvious. A major in biblical literature and a minor in philosophy seemed appropriate.

Then came the opportunity for seminary and after that the university for masters and doctors degrees. Through all of this, there was more preaching, pastoral experience and evangelism. From the Jerry McCauley and Bowery Missions to Lutheran churches, through interim pastorates in Swedish Baptist and Dutch Reformed churches, enriched by working with boys’ clubs and the Harlem Sunday School Mission, God provided experiences which made my graduate studies very practical.

Being in higher education has been a fulfilling exercise of the “call” into the Christian ministry. So it has been Christian higher education by choice to fulfill that call. I’m confident that God will also direct circumstances of your life in the fulfillment of whatever his call is for you. It is the most satisfying way to spend your life — in his service.

I was a student at Taylor in 1937-39. After graduation, Velma Vernier (from Fort Wayne Bible College) and I were married and went to New York City for graduate studies — New York Biblical
The question was often asked, “Why should a successful teacher be moved into administration? What a waste!”
I struggled with this, not only for myself, but for a sound administrative principle in my responsibilities as a dean.

A mosaic of thoughts and ideas from the notes of a Christian scholar and leader

Dr. Milo A. Rediger left behind files of articles and sermons, as well as some scribblings in the back of his personal Bible and quick sketches of thoughts and ideas. Besides being of interest, they offer insight into the life beliefs of this philosopher.

President Jay Kesler, during the service of Thanksgiving for the life of Milo A. Rediger, described the man as a mosaic thinker. “By that I mean that, though a philosopher, he didn’t think in a linear manner,” Kesler said. “Listening to Milo Rediger wasn’t like watching a train, one car following behind the other. With Dr. Rediger, every thought here — a thought here — a thought here — and a thought here. The thoughts would then begin to come together, and when they came together, they shouted.”

This then, is a collection of short writings from the files upon files of sermons and articles Dr. Rediger had prepared, as well as some insightful notes he had scribbled in the back pages of his personal Bible. Perhaps they may, collectively, create a better understanding of this humble pastor, philosopher and leader — a man of great vision, and a man of great faith.

My faith is His faithfulness!

Evidence of the Spirit’s presence:
Fellowship, Obedience, Gratitude, Submission (I know this is true because I believe His Word.)

Where there is no vision —
I had a dream — 1965
Often we recognize those who die for their cause — Hebrews 11: heroes: Martin Luther King, Jim Elliot, etc. But God allowed me to live for my dream — Taylor University, the university God has given us at Upland, Indiana.

I have a dream — 1984
Not now so much bricks and mortar
Not so many numbers and acres and dollars
Rather, a university of improved and expanded quality for the next 15-20 years

There are no substitutes for time together —
How we used our vacation time and money — and it meant much to all of us.

Move beyond the issue to the person —
West full beard! Note: the prodigal’s father. “I release him from my judgment.”

Knowledge comes more in response to the lure of a light within than the crack of a whip without. This experience should be more the exciting pull of pleasure than the exacting push of pain.

A man may not live the belief he professes, but he will live the belief he believes.

Life Verse — Psalm 73:24
Thou shalt guide me with Thy counsel, and afterward Receive me to glory.

Seminary and New York University for MA and PhD degrees.

We joined the Taylor faculty in the middle of the Second World War (1943) when there were 186 students, only six of whom were men — five 4-Fs and one genius who was ready for college at sixteen years of age. Girls held all the offices and were excellent student leaders. All the students lived in Magee-Campbell-Wisconsin Hall.

In 1946 the GIs came back to campus, and our enrollment went to 450. Between this and 1960 we planned a gradual growth to an enrollment of 850. The Ayres Memorial Library and Morris Hall were added to the campus in 1949 and 1958 respectively. But student numbers grew faster than facilities, and we were overcrowded. Then, on January 16, 1960, at 2:30 Saturday morning, Old Main burned to the ground. When Monday morning came, we had the entire class program relocated — in recreation and lounge areas and every available space.

Then in 1965 buildings began to “grow up” out of corn fields and pasture fields: Wengatz and Olson Halls, the Reade Liberal Arts Center, Nussbaum Science Center, Geiger Hall, Hodson Dining Commons, English Hall, Haakonsen Health Center, Odle Gymnasium, and the Chapel/Auditorium. By 1970 our enrollment was 1450 and since that time has been kept relatively steady.

This review of growth and expansion leads me to thank God for his series of miracles that “explain” the past years here at Taylor. I believe He has kept the balance which we strive to maintain between academic excellence and spiritual quality.

Many good people — faculty, students, staff, friends — share in the credit for what Taylor is today. Their contributions, with God’s blessing, will continue to provide our students a rich and productive

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Rediger (right, 1954), academic dean for 20 years, found his love and vision for Taylor grow steadily. He utilized a scheduling board to accurately and effectively arrange rooms, professors and times each semester (middle, 1964). He served with Vida Wood, Paul Wood, Evan Bergwall, Fred Luthy, Russ Hamilton, Eloise VanNatta and William Green on the 1956-57 Religious Services Committee.

The Turns of My Own Epiphany

I walked in my father's footsteps;
And followed each turn in the way;
We criss-crossed the fields and the meadows —
In the work of a long farm day.

There were paths to the barn and paths to the woods;
And none of the ways were straight;
There were crooks and curves and right-angle turns —
We followed them, early and late.

My father had reasons for marking them out;
"Go, bring up the cows," or, "go, feed the stock";
No grass grew on those paths; they were always in use;
We fed and we milked; we worked "round the clock."

Then paths extended beyond the farm land,
And reached into lands far and near.
How I hoped they'd be straight and easy to tread —
That life would be simple and clear.

But my practice in following after my dad,
Was a lesson in following God;
He put turns in the course of my daily life —
In the spiritual path that I trod.

There were college and travel, and calls to obey;
There was preaching, and teaching, and such;
Many tasks were just small and even routine,
And some didn't seem to count much.

Then I learned that the turns in the course of my life
Were the places that really did count;
It was not just the distance I went on each road —
But the obstacles I had to surmount.

Decisions at crossroads were crucial at times;
Directions from turns in the road;
But my Father was there to point out the way,
And to carry His share of the load.
My Life

in rhyme

The turns didn't seem so important at times,
But letting God lead was at stake;
Then, looking back, it was easy to see,
There was no other way I could take.

One turn led to learning in books and in schools;
Another to work in God's field;
Then to teach and to preach and even to lead —
And I had no choice but to yield.

Now I'm glad that I learned as a simple farm boy
To follow the paths set for me;
To stay with the turns in the course of the way,
Though the end I could not clearly see.

In God's Holy Word the end becomes clear,
His will in His leadings I see;
And the fruit of my life, whatever it is,
Centers in Him, not in me.

If He has been able to use me
To bring any blessing to you;
It's an answer to prayer, and I praise Him
For keeping me faithful and true.

At the turns in the road in the course of my life
I would surely have gone the wrong way;
But His faithfulness, mercy, and grace
Attended me both night and day.

So I close with a strong note of praise
For His guidance along all life's way;
I will love Him and serve Him forever,
Here on earth and through eternal day.

Milo Rediger from My Book, My Poem, My Song, 1983
Leadership focuses on vision, a vision for the purposes and the future of the organization or institution for which the leader is responsible. From that vision comes a sense of direction which he shares with the people he hopes to lead.

Believing in God and seeking His direction

Dr. Milo A. Rediger authored thousands of articles and sermons. Below are the final two manuscripts he had prepared before he was hospitalized following the first heart attack. The first is entitled “Why I Believe in God.” It was to be published across from an article written by an atheist which outlined why he believed there was no God. The second article titled “My Three-way Test” was prepared for a local community organization. Together, they demonstrate Rediger’s deep faith in God and his humble desire to seek the Lord’s direction in all aspects of his life.

There are many reasons for my belief in God, and they are confirmed and supported by evidences which are more personally confirming than argumentatively convincing. But I offer three considerations that are critical in my thinking.

The first is a built-in consciousness of God, a factor that is universal in human nature. It is often recognized only as an innate sensitivity to a difference between right and wrong, but it is evidence of a moral and ethical reality in the awakening consciousness of the human being. It is something beyond a skin-wrapped bundle of bone and muscle tissues, and beyond a set of stimulus-response actions, and beyond a combination of hereditary and environmental influences. It reaches beyond the natural and into the realm of the spirit.

The second consideration is the veracity and durability of the Bible. Though many have disagreed with some of its precepts, and some have tried to ignore all of it, and while all have difficulty understanding everything in it — yet no attack on it or negligence of it has destroyed it, nor has it even lost its place as the best seller among books. This is because it addresses the deepest needs of the human heart, mind and body — the whole person. Its answers go beyond science and psychology to the concerns and requirements of the spiritual nature of man. It provides hope and salvation for the soul of man beyond this life and throughout eternity. It offers reconciliation between the Creator and the creature, whose nature it is to be incomplete and unsatisfied until that faith-contact is realized and established.

The third consideration is best expressed in the statement made by Blaise Pascal several hundred years ago. It has come to be known as Pascal’s Wager. I prefer to think of it as the wager of life. It simply argues that, should the atheist be correct, both he and I will be winners. However, should he be right in my belief that God is, and that He is the source of my salvation, then the God-rejecter will be an eternal loser.

As suggested earlier, not many are pursued by primarily rational and intellectual argument. But there are notable exceptions. Examples are Malcolm Muggeridge, C.S. Lewis, Charles Colson, and now even Gordon Liddy, also of Watergate fame.

Acknowledging the built-in God-consciousness, believing the God-revealed Bible truth, and admitting what we do not know about the hereafter, I choose to believe in God. — MAR

There are various standard “tests” by which we check and direct our conduct. The ten-way tests is in Exodus, chapter twenty — the Ten Commandments. An eight-way test is included in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew, chapter five — the Beatitudes.

It is appropriate and, I believe, helpful to us in our spiritual life and growth to develop our own, individually-unique tests for daily use. I’ll share the “gimmick” that is helpful to me; I call it my three-way, or my Three-S Test. It is Seek, Set, and Submit. The triplet comes from Galatians three, verses one and two, and from James four, verse seven.

The first is “Seek those things which are above.” So when I’m “measuring” an opportunity, or a problem, or an anticipated act, I can ask, “Does it fulfill the search?” In other words, is it included in, or does it further the interests of, “the things above?” Is the behavior directed Godward, or is it primarily self-serving, and thus this-worldly?

The second point in the three-way test is “Set your affections on the things above.” So now I ask, “Does it fit the set?” Again, is the action motivated by love and desire for God and his things, or is it basically self-serving and worldly? Does it fit with my intention to be wholly devoted to God, heaven and eternal values?

The third question: “Am I really submissive to the known will of God, or do I want my own will, do my own thing, and sing with Frankie, ‘Best of all, I did it my way?’” The right decision and the right thing to do may not be the most pleasant or the easiest, but I ask myself, “Do I really submit to God and do as the Bible directs?”

Sometimes the first point in the test applies to the situation and provides my answer. If not, the second point may offer the guidance I need. Finally, I discover whether or not God is really in control of my life, or if I’m having my own way and expecting God’s blessing in it.

Your own personal test may be much better for you than this one would be. I offer it only as an example; that is as it should be. But my suggestion is, don’t be without your own ten-, eight-, four- or three-way test for keeping yourself in the love and will of God. — MAR

At age 29 I was teaching philosophy courses at New York University, a PhD candidate and teaching fellow. At 30 I came to Taylor and taught full-time for two years. Then I was asked to become dean of the university; so at 32 I became an administrator. It surely was “full-time,” because my responsibilities included admissions, records and student development, along with what typically makes up the dean’s office. But I loved teaching and never went through a semester without teaching at least one course.

But the question was often asked, “Why should a successful teacher be moved into administration? What a waste!” I struggled with this, not only for myself, but for a sound administrative principle in my responsibilities as a dean. Should a master teacher be released from the classroom for “administrative” work, even part time, not to mention becoming deans or presidents? As I worked through those early years, I concluded that unless deans and presidents of liberal arts colleges were themselves master teachers, soon the classrooms of those colleges would not be staffed by master teachers.

So, I learned by experience, with reflections back to graduate studies in philosophy of education, other principles of administration which proved to be fundamental — and right. People are more important than paper and policy; caring is better than manipulation; serving is better than power. In fact, those who desire power should not have it; those who have it will not enjoy it, those who enjoy it will abuse it. Delegation is essential, the delegation must be respected, and accountability must be required.

These principles are not easy to administer, but they always work right because they are consistent with the New Testament and with
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the spirit of Jesus Christ. The most appropriate comment any administrator ever made is "your servant for Jesus' sake."

Jesus said, "I came to minister, not to be ministered unto." God did not humble his Son. The religious leaders rejected him, but they did not humble him; the Roman soldiers humiliated him, but they did not humble him. Jesus humbled himself! This is the true spirit of the administrator who is a true leader. It has been, and is, my ideal, the kind of leadership toward which I always strive.

Some people unfortunately equate administration with management, but this may fall far short of leadership. Management may deal only with marshalling and allocating available resources and with very little consideration for people's interests and concerns. But leadership focuses on vision, a vision for the purposes and the future of the organization or institution for which the leader is responsible. From that vision comes a sense of direction which he shares with the people he hopes to lead. He challenges and inspires them to their best creative efforts, so they by their contributions make the institution what it is — and they create and produce its success.

Management minus leadership may serve the purpose of some industrialized commercial enterprise where the product is an inanimate object of some kind. But in a college setting where people are both our objects and our product, that kind of management becomes manipulation of people, a sure way for a people-enterprise to fail. A university community is a complex network of human interrelationships, and in the midst of this I have tried to coordinate the interests and concerns of students, faculty, alumni and other friends. This kind of leadership is more a matter of being in the center, with many relationships out in all directions, than being

Rediger wore the official medallion of the President of Taylor University (left, top, 1968) from 1965 through 1975. One of his duties as president was to present diplomas during commencement exercises, such as in 1971 when he presented graduate Marcia Warren with her Taylor University diploma (left, bottom).
I suppose a moderate amount of recognition serves as encouragement. I recall hearing my father pray, ‘God, let me see enough of the results of my work to keep me encouraged, and keep enough hidden from me to keep me humble.’

Some people have an inordinate desire for recognition; some never receive much, even for service that may be deserving of it; still others get so much recognition they may have a problem handling it.

I suppose a moderate amount of recognition serves as encouragement. I recall hearing my father pray, “God, let me see enough of the results of my work to keep me encouraged, and keep enough hidden from me to keep me humble.” This gave me something of a “stability governor” for my own life. I could go on and on even when there was little in the way of evidence of success. I could also keep steady when people were giving me more credit than I could ever deserve.

Two verses from the Bible have helped me keep a careful balance in relation to recognition. One is in Luke 17:10 — “So likewise you, when you have done all these things which are commanded you, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do.’ ” This really doesn’t leave much room for bragging about our accomplishments.

The other is a verse from Proverbs 27:21 — “The purity of silver and gold can be tested in a crucible, but a man is tested by his reaction to men’s praise.” You may not be able to keep people from giving you compliments or expressing appreciation, but you can pass the glory on to God who deserves it. — MAR
Leading through serving

BY JEFF KIGER '89

Different eras and different environments, but the same job and the same alma mater. The role? President. The education? Taylor.

The role of college president is a prestigious and challenging job, and as a consequence requires a strong educational and leadership background. Most college presidents are quick to cite their undergraduate experience as foundational in preparing them for this demanding career, and Taylor University has been very successful in preparing its graduates to compete in this field.

Dr. Jay Kesler, president of Taylor University, is, as most know, a Taylor graduate. But many people do not know that five other Taylor alumni currently hold the presidency at institutions around the United States: Dr. Jewell Reinhart Coburn '55, The University of Santa Barbara; Dr. Charles Ford '60, The University of New England; Dr. Eugene Habecker '68, Huntington College; Dr. David LeShana '53, Seattle Pacific University; and Dr. Susan Ruby Breland Lamb '28, The International Foundation for Ewha's Women's University.

They work at both secular and Christian institutions, in bustling urban areas and quiet rural settings, in both graduate and undergraduate arenas. Despite the differences in environment, there are a number of strong similarities in their basic career experiences and goals.

These respected college presidents sound like children relating what Santa brought them for Christmas when they list what they enjoy about their occupation. It's unanimous — the job of a college president is fulfilling and exciting. "Never boring!" says Dr. Charles Ford, adding that the variety of challenges he faces during a typical day keeps his role as president fresh and interesting. The high point for Dr. Eugene Habecker arrives when the school's plans and schemes develop as anticipated and result in a better educational experience for its students.

Working for and with students is the most important and the most enjoyable aspect of university administration, at least for these five. Dr. Jewell Reinhart Coburn considers aiding in the development of present and future educators, business people, and internationalists to be one of the most positive aspects of her work; it's a task which requires her to be "on the cutting edge" of trends in business and education at all times. For Dr. David LeShana, "The joy of being involved in God's work to equip students for life" is the best part of his job. After serving as president of George Fox College for thirteen years and of Seattle Pacific University for six years, Le Shana is a knowledgeable authority on the joys and sorrows of the school administrator. Though she has no direct contact with students as president of the international foundation that financially supports Ewha Women's
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University in Seoul, Korea, Dr. Susan Ruby Breland Lamb enjoys the personally uplifting fellowship of the foundation’s board of directors; she eagerly anticipates their annual meetings at the foundation’s headquarters in New York.

A major dilemma for the presidents comes in working with limited funds and time. In striving to be a good steward with limited resources, Le Shana feels that “saying ‘no’ to worthy projects” is the most disagreeable part of his job. Habecker and Ford concur that stewardship can cause problems. The inability to personally “give the entire college constituency the attention they want or deserve” perplexes Habecker, while a lack of time is also the source of Ford’s frustration — a busy schedule prevents him from having as much personal contact with students as he would like.

Dealing with state and federal regulation and intervention is the most disturbing aspect of the presidency for Coburn. She fears these policies that are meant to “ensure academic quality” may instead “foster not the excellence desired, but conformity and mediocrity” in higher education across the country.

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Through example Taylor demonstrated to them more about higher education and Christian priorities than it academically taught. Ford and Coburn model the philosophies and atmospheres of their campuses after Taylor University, though they aren’t Christian liberal arts institutions. “The driving force of decision making” was the students, not just in policy at Taylor, says Ford. Integration of faith and learning was a concept Dr. Habecker first heard of, and then experienced, during his undergraduate days at Taylor. He now works daily with this concept as the president of a small liberal arts college.

People at Taylor University provided specific examples of Christian leadership and fellowship for these five. Coming to school in Indiana in 1924 from southern Mississippi placed Lamb in a very alien world, but the openness and love of the students and faculty made her feel at home. Le Shana faced a similar experience when he attended Taylor; the son of missionaries to India, he had never been out of that country in his life before arriving in Upland as a freshman. In adjusting to this new environment, he says, “The people made the difference — they just made me feel loved.”

Individual members of the Taylor faculty and staff, past and present, provided examples and guidance which formed a lasting and positive impression. Habecker calls Charles Griffin, past director of Wengatz Hall, a friend and mentor who guided him in personal discipleship, and Philip Loy, professor of political science, an encourager who shaped many of his elementary skills. Coburn mentions Dr. Hazel Butz Carruth as a favorite adviser and special roommate. The two shared a house in Upland when Coburn taught English at Taylor. She categorizes her memories of Butz Carruth as bordering “on the reverent.” Dr. Evan H. Bergwall, past president of Taylor, also played a major part in Coburn’s life by officiating at her wedding. A job offer made by Bergwall strongly
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These five leaders feel that Taylor University more than adequately prepared them to compete and earn success in the field of higher education. Though this is important, the consensus among the five is that the guidance they received in placing their spiritual and ethical priorities in order at Taylor had the greatest impact on how they perform their presidential duties. "At Taylor, I learned to think Biblically," says Habecker. At their individual institutions, these alumni are continuing the Taylor tradition by providing strong Christian leadership. — JK

Dr. Susan Ruby Breland Lamb '28
International Foundation for Ewha Women's University
The foundation, based in New York, supports Ewha, which is the largest women's university in the world with 20,000 students. The school is located in Seoul, Korea.
Husband: Dr. Wayne Lamb
Degrees: BA, Taylor University; MA, Columbia University; Doctor of Letters, Lambuth College.

Dr. David Le Shana '53
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle Pacific University is a Christian liberal arts college located in Seattle, Washington; it is a member of the Christian College Coalition.
Wife: Becky (Swander '53) Le Shana
Children: four
Degrees: BA, Taylor University; MA, Ball State University; PhD, University of Southern California.
President filled several roles

1871

DID YOU KNOW that Taylor University presidents of a century ago carried heavy teaching loads on top of administrative duties?

At the close of the Fort Wayne College (later Taylor University) academic year of 1871-72, Dr. John Bunyan Robinson, then president, was responsible for presenting the baccalaureate sermon, administering five final examinations, conducting the annual love feast (a Methodist ritual), and organizing commencement exercises— all within the span of five days! Besides all of this, the guest commencement speaker failed to show up, and so Robinson spontaneously carried out this extra duty.

President Robinson also gave exams in mental philosophy and geology.

This practically unknown president was born April 11, 1834, in Warren County, Ohio, and educated at New Carlisle School, Ohio Academy, and Ohio Wesleyan University, receiving AB and MA degrees. Later he earned a PhD and was awarded various honorary doctoral degrees, as well. Robinson was converted in 1851 and licensed to preach in the Methodist church ten years later. In successive years he was principal of Mt. Washington Seminary near Cincinnati, and president of Willoughby College in Pennsylvania before assuming the presidency of Fort Wayne College in 1869, thus becoming at age 35 one of Taylor’s youngest presidents.

Robinson left in 1871 to become president of New Hampshire Seminary and Female College in Tilton, New Hampshire, then served as president of Grand Prairie College in Omarga, Illinois. He published “Infidelity Answered” in 1875 and later wrote a treatise on “Youth Work in the Church,” a copy of which is held in Taylor’s Zondervan Library.

1904

DID YOU KNOW that Taylor University had an alumnus whose life closely paralleled that of Sammy Morris?

Oliver Mark Moody graduated in 1904 and that fall travelled to Africa as a missionary. He labored there energetically, but was taken with fever and died one year later on October 31, 1905, surrounded by his converts and fellow workers.

Moody was born January 22, 1882, in South Evanston, Illinois, the son of an educator. The family lived in various localities until 1898, when it settled in Greensburg, Indiana. There, Moody received the experience of Holiness, which completely changed his life. He entered Taylor University in 1901, and quickly earned the nickname of “The Prophet” from his classmates. Moody graduated in 1904 with a major in Greek Theology.

His life and that of Sammy Morris provide many similarities and yet many contrasts. Both were called to Africa; both died less than two years after receiving their divine call to the ministry; Morris’s ministry was among enlightened people, Moody’s among heathens; both received their training at Taylor University; Moody, born in splendor, died and was buried under very primitive conditions, while Morris was born in primitive surroundings but died and was buried in a civilized setting.

John Wengatz, Taylor graduate and missionary to Africa, wrote “Beyond the Sea” in 1908:

Speed on, my bark, life’s stormy sea across;
The mists will rise;
And every pain and tear and earthly loss.
In strange surprise, Shall vanish, when the unseen shore shall greet
Thine eye, and thou shalt touch the golden street.
Alumna served in Kentucky hills

1929

DID YOU KNOW that Taylor University had an alumna who ministered for more than a half-century in the mountains of eastern Kentucky?

Henrietta Basse was born in December, 1899, in Connorsville, Indiana. She was the daughter of William C. and Dorothea (Weisel) Basse, Sr. While a young girl, her parents moved to a farm near Wabash, Indiana, where she received her public education and later graduated from Taylor University in 1929 with a major in English and a minor in Bible. She credited Harold John Ockenga ’27 with help in clarifying her call to missionary work.

Basse entered home missionary work in eastern Kentucky immediately following graduation. Her primary work at Bethany Children’s Home, founded in 1926 by Marjorie Burt, was to teach the Bible in the public schools and homes of the area mountain people. This she did for over a half-century.

Her mode of transportation during the Great Depression was her own two legs. Later she rode horseback, then switched to a horse-and-buggy, and eventually used an automobile to reach her places of ministry. During the week, she would stay overnight in the homes of the people she ministered to, then travel on, returning to Bethany Children’s Home, her base of operations, each weekend. When first joining Bethany Children’s Home, she received room and board, plus $5 each month.

It has been said that over the years she had inspired and led thousands of people into the Kingdom of God. Henrietta Basse died less than a year ago, at age 88, in Jackson, Kentucky, a woman dedicated to serving Jesus Christ.

1980

Volleyball team won state title

DID YOU KNOW that Taylor University’s volleyball team won a state title?

The year was 1980 when the women compiled a record of 26-16 — after losing five of their first seven matches — and on November 15 won the state championship tournament.

“I would describe this year’s team as one body of Christian ladies working together to glorify the Lord with their volleyball skills,” said coach Mary Edna Glover following the state championship. Peaking at the right time, the women had the necessary raw skill plus the attitude and team spirit vital to pull through slumps and combat injuries. The team demonstrated great maturity and unselfishness, and when it came time for the important matches, worked together to attain victory.

Cleone Heebner was captain of the squad, with Kathy Donovan co-captain. Heebner and Jean Culpertson shared the most valuable player award, and Melodie Cripe and Ronda Gentis were honored as the most improved players.

In its quest for the state championship, the team defeated such power-house schools as DePauw University (twice) and Butler University as well as the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame.
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Aletha Jones ’74 fills the role of artist as liberator

Viewing an Aletha Jones watercolor is like watching ballet while listening to Mendelssohn; at other times, it’s like watching the changing of the guard at Buckingham Palace while the blare of trumpets pierces the background.

If a picture tells a story, then, with each watercolor, Aletha Jones ’74 unfolds her own little drama on stage. Though captured once and for all on watercolor paper, her characters are far from static. Indeed, they seem locked into fluid motion; there is almost a fear that, at any moment, an image may break loose and sail into the room.

There are men playing checkers on the lawn, mounted soldiers, marching their gallant stallions in formation, figures gliding freely as if on strands of music which float through the air. The ideas come from different sources, though all are tied by emotional cords to the artist.

“My figures are often the characters of my own private theater,” Jones says. “They are not individual portraits, but invented, more universal types. They are like variations on a theme, or actors of a small company sharing a single role.”

At times images shout at her to be painted; other times, fragments of her past are synthesized with new stimuli: from travels, whimsies or dreams. In each case, her watercolors begin as drawings. She sees great value in the drawing process itself and has a large collection of sketches, some detailed and some undeveloped. But even an unused sketch is important in Jones’ process. “I know now that it is these stacks of ‘unused’ and undeveloped sketches which are the primary language tools of my art dialogue,” she explains. “They are the everyday conversations which make the unfinished paintings possible.

“There have also been many times when, thumbing through old sketchbooks, an image done years earlier suggests a new possibility — what was once seen in the mirror darkly has a different definition and focus in the new context.”

Jones seeks diversity in her works; at times they are humorous, at times forceful. That is because she is uncertain that “the typical viewer” exists, and individual reactions tend to be, themselves, diverse. “I have long felt that it is the viewer’s own activity — in the internalization and act of completion — that empowers any work of art,” she says, and elaborates. “Viewers bring their own set of interpreting criteria to the work. To want to translate the specific meaning of a painting for the viewer is to be the dictator of predictable response. Instead embrace the role of the artist as liberator, creating in a painting a meeting place for unexpected possibilities.”

Watercolor ’88, the third annual review of watercolor painting published by American Artist Magazine, featured Jones and her work last spring. While quite an honor, it’s that type of positive reinforcement that concerns her, for the artist faces an ongoing “battle” to move forward, away from that which is comfortable. Now, the security Jones receives from her existing works is making it difficult to move away from familiar images and approaches.

But it’s not a new conflict for her. “When I was quite young, I got very strong feedback from my highly realistic drawings,” she relates. “I continued to create these kinds of images for many years, until my dawning awareness that technical skill and exacting detail alone were not sustaining.”

What ensued was a radical departure from realism, as Jones began to focus on the expressive content of her works. “This is the same battle I am now confronting, except that the positive feedback has taken the dollar form,” she says, “so the risks become economic as well as artistic.”

Jones and her husband, Philip
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desire, determination and discipline are three important factors in artistic development, Jones believes, as evidenced by her previous statement. “Even though the desire to create art is generally quite constant, without the determination and discipline the painting rarely materializes,” she says. “I am learning to paint — it is an active and daily process — and I learn by doing it constantly. It is not, as I had once thought, a sequential process, where one learns to paint and then applies that knowledge. It is, instead, a simultaneous and interwoven act where learning and doing are realized together.”

With minimal art instruction during her elementary and high school years, Jones discovered an art history course her senior year at Taylor to be eye-opening. “It was my first peek into the vast visual vocabulary of the old masters,” she says. Since then, she has travelled to Europe on several occasions with groups of university students; one such trip was in 1987 with a Taylor group led by Dr. Beulah Baker, and Jones specifically recalls a day in Amsterdam. “I spent an entire day in the Van Gogh Museum pouring over Van Gogh’s sketchbooks,” she says. “The time with the sketches was like an intimate conversation with a dear friend, where ideas, not yet fully formed, were exchanged without fear of judgment.” Jones is inspired by aspects of impressionist and post-impressionist work, particularly Degas, Corot and Vuillard.

She chooses watercolor because she enjoys its simplicity, spontaneity and freshness, and she is continually surprised by its diverse capabilities. Recently she has developed a process where she combines dry, powdered pigments with traditional watercolors. First she rubs powdered pigments, similar to tempera paint, into the paper, creating tonal areas, while also removing other areas of pigment with an eraser. Then she paints over the toned paper with layers of watercolor in the traditional manner — but when the water is applied, the dry pigment binds to the paper and the transparency of the watercolor over the toned paper offers greater depth and textural possibilities.

It is no wonder, then, that Jones describes her work as incorporating “emerging trends, interesting techniques, provocative ideas and controversial issues.” “The discipline itself demands a certain willingness to explore unexpected tangents,” she says. “The path of artistic growth is seldom a straight line. I believe in the seriousness of my artistic purpose and hope that the intimacy and joyful involvement which I experience will always be evident.” — KB
Lexington, Kentucky
President Kesler was guest speaker at a dinner on Monday, August 22, hosted by Dave ‘67 & Lea Randall and held on the University of Kentucky campus. In addition to the Keslers, George Glass was present to greet alumni and friends.

Indianapolis, Indiana
For the third straight year, the Indianapolis Taylor Club Council hosted a picnic this year at Eagle Creek Park on August 28. George Glass and Mark Cosgrove were guest speakers. Greg ‘81 & Donna (Rohrer ‘85) Fennig, along with a very active Club Council, hosted the event.

Adams County, Indiana
Fifty attended the first Adams County picnic at the home of Art ‘52 & Gloria Muselman August 6. Following an afternoon of swimming and water skiing, a chicken barbecue, prepared by Ted ‘71 & Lana (Sprunger ‘74) Schwartz and Byron ‘63 and Millie Fox, was served. Connie (Hall ‘74) & Paul Lightfoot ‘74 were involved in the program.

Cincinnati, Ohio
Tim and Susan Nace, along with George Glass, were guest speakers at the Greater Cincinnati Taylor Club picnic held at the home of Wendell ‘56 & Diane (Beghtel x56) True on Saturday, August 6. This picnic, designed for students, their parents, and area alumni, is now in its sixth year. Kim (Summers ‘80) Slade is president of the club; 33 attended.

Seattle, Washington
President Jay Kesler was the guest speaker at a dinner on September 24, Ed ‘68 & Ellen (Ridley ‘69) Smyth coordinated this alumni event.

Adams County, Indiana
The club held its fourth event of the year, a pre-football game luncheon at Taylor on October 1. Art ‘52 & Gloria Muselman were the event coordinators.

Chicago, Illinois
Dr. Larry Helyer, Distinguished Professor for 1988, spoke at the tenth bi-annual Loop Luncheon on November 4. John Clarkson ‘72, Skip Gianopulos ‘87 and Charlie Hess ‘71 arrange and host the event.

Detroit, Michigan
Richard ‘67 & Jan (Smith ‘63) Cummins coordinated a reception/dinner with President Jay Kesler at Ford World Headquarters November 10. Involved were board members John McDougall and Rich Russell; Dr. Charles Jaggers also attended.

Grand Rapids, Michigan
President Kesler spoke at a men’s breakfast at Calvary Undenominational Church Saturday, November 11, and again at a West Michigan Taylor Club dinner attended by 79 that evening. Bob ‘81 & Wendy Brummeler coordinated the events; Fred ‘63 & Jane Stockinger hosted a dinner and arranged for Dr. Kesler to speak at Bethany Bible Church’s Sunday morning worship service.

Madison, Indiana
Terry Willis ‘72 and Bob Canida ‘71 coordinated a pre-football game luncheon at Hanover College November 12. Joe Romine gave a fall sports update and Chuck Stevens showed a multi-media presentation and gave a campus update.

Charlotte, North Carolina
Don Wrigley, past president of the Parents’ Cabinet, coordinated a dinner with President & Mrs. Kesler November 17. Fifty-four gathered to hear Dr. Kesler and watch a multi-media presentation by George Glass.

Goshen, Indiana
The South Bend/Elkhart area Taylor Club, under the direction of Don ‘52 & Jean (Huffman ‘52) Granitz, hosted a dinner with President Kesler November 19. Forty-three listened to President Kesler’s update and watched a new multi-media presentation shown by George Glass.

Upcoming Taylor Club gatherings

January 17
Indianapolis, Indiana
Half-time break during the Taylor/IUPEI basketball game with George Glass and Chuck Stevens.

February 11
Upland, Indiana
Dinner following Taylor’s afternoon basketball game with IU-Southwest.

February 15-19
West Michigan
Wheels bus trip to Florida.

February 24*
Peoria, Illinois
Dinner with President Jay Kesler.

March 5
Wakarusa, Indiana
Reception with President Jay Kesler and George Glass.

March 7
Columbus, Ohio
Dinner with President Jay Kesler and George Glass; during the NAI convention.

March 19
Indianapolis, Indiana
Reception with President Jay Kesler.

March 31
Tampa, Florida
Dinner with President Jay Kesler.

May 8*
Bismarck, North Dakota
Dinner with President Jay Kesler.

June 2
Chicago, Illinois
Loop Luncheon with President Jay Kesler.

June 8
Bloomington, Indiana
Dinner with George Glass.

*denotes tentative
Class Notes

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1928
Earl & Frances (Thomas) Allen celebrated their 57th wedding anniversary last July. Both are suffering some physical limitations and are unable to travel much anymore, but are rejoicing in the Lord's goodness to them. They live at 10333 West Olive Avenue, Apt. T-146, Peoria, AZ 85345.

1931
Carlton Long passed away April 17 after a long illness. He was a resident of the Governor Bacon Health Center in Delaware City, Delaware.

1936
Margaret Kellar died August 2 in Providence, Rhode Island, following an illness of many months.

1938
Hazel Compton, longtime missionary nurse, has written a book, *Through Eyes of Long*, which chronicles in a warm, folksy way her experiences in India and her deep love for its people. Hazel is now retired and lives at 4012 Gate Way Court, Indianapolis, IN 46254. • Wallace & Roberta Scea suffered the death of their daughter, Mary McCullar, on November 1. Mary was an elementary school librarian in Selmer, Tennessee. She leaves her husband, Samuel, and a daughter, Eve. Wallace and Roberta have one other daughter, Mrs. Susan Arnold.

1945
William Siktberg has retired from his pastorate in the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church where he has served for 39 years. He and Laura (Herber '47) have returned to the Siktberg family home at Route 3, Box 176, Kokomo, IN 46901.

1948
Leon & Martha (Johnson) Strunk are pastors of two separate churches in Belo Horizonte, Brazil. Both congregations are desperately in need of larger meeting places, but the sacrificial gifts of the people cannot keep up with Brazil's galloping inflation rate. The Strunks' address is Caixa Postal 1423, 30.161 Belo Horizonte, M.G., Brazil.

1950
Harold Jenkins has served for over 20 years as Coordinator of Systems and Procedures for the United Methodist Board of Missions in New York. He and Marguerite (Roberts '47) live at 10 Peaceful Lane, Norwalk, CT 06851. • Wesley Robinson and wife Bernice attended the 70th international convention of the American Legion held in Louisville, Kentucky, in September. Speakers were President Reagan, President-elect Bush and Governor Dukakis. The Robinsons live near the Taylor campus, and Wesley is history editor of the Taylor University Magazine.

1952
Robert Fraser, a partner in the law firm of Luvaas, Cobb, Richards & Fraser in Eugene, Oregon, has been elected to a three-year term on the Board of Governors of the Oregon State Bar. He and wife Violet (Goldsworthy x54) have three daughters, two of whom are attorneys practicing in Oregon.

1955
Don Callan, athletic director and basketball coach at Cedarville College, has attained a total of 400 coaching wins. He has also maintained an active summer ministry in evangelism through athletics.

1956
Barbara (Jacobsen) Ibarra was ordained an elder in the New York Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in June. She is pastor of Ellenville, New York, United Methodist Church. • Robert Morgan was the subject of a feature story in the July 4 issue of the Alexandria Daily Town Talk for his emphasis on America's freedoms in his history classes at Bolton High School, Alexandria, Louisiana.

1958
Martha (Bailey) Morrison was appointed District Superintendent of the Hudson East District, New York Conference of the United Methodist Church. She formerly served as pastor of Washington Square Church in Manhattan.

1960
Joe Wagner, pastor of Colfax United Methodist Church, and wife Carolyn (Cloer) are co-directing Operation Classroom, an Indiana U.M. mission program to Sierra Leone and Liberia. Over 70 tons of school supplies and equipment, along with volunteer workers, have been sent to upgrade 12 secondary U.M. schools. The Wagners' address is Box 277, Colfax, IN 46036.

1962
Sathy & Rodina (Priestley) MacLean returned in July from France where they serve as missionaries with UFM International in a ministry to university students. They will be in the states for a year's furlough, and may be reached at 811 Malaga Drive, Boca Raton, FL 33432. • George & Judy (Olsen '63) Smith have served the Bakerville United Methodist Church in New Hartford, Connecticut, since 1970. George still participates in a cycling ministry in his area. The Smiths live on Route 2, New Hartford, CT 06057.

1963
Donald Shank has been appointed superintendent of St. Clairsville District, East Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church, a district of 114 churches. Don and Fay have 3 children — Jeff, Steve and Cathy. Their address is 132 Crisswill Road, St. Clairsville, OH 43950.

1964
Beverly (Jacobs) Brightly has accepted the position of Assistant Professor of Education at Palm Beach Atlantic College in West Palm Beach, Florida.

1965
Nancy (Verdell) Moller has been
appointed superintendent of Adams Central Schools in Berne, Indiana. Dennis teaches 5th grade and coaches part-time at Southeast Elementary School in Decatur. The Mollers live at Route 4, Box 133, Decatur, IN 46733, with their children — Matthew, 17; Melanie and Marcie, 16; Mia, 13; and Mark, 12.

1967
Nelson Rediger is associate vice president for development in charge of estate planning at Taylor University. He and Beth (Stebbins) have two children, Erin, 11, and April, 9. They live at 2820 Sacramento Drive, Muncie, IN 47304.

1966
Jim Barton was selected at the Manila convocation of YFCI to chair the YFCI Lawyers Committee composed of Christian lawyers from all countries in which YFCI has contacts. Jim is a senior partner in the Detroit area law firm of Burley Barton Misko & Falzone, P.C. He and wife Gail live at 24081 West River Road, Grosse Ile, MI 48138.

1969
After ministering in Indonesia for a number of years, Pat Moore has been reassigned by TEAM to LaPaz, Mexico, where she will work with university students, teach English and engage in friendship evangelism. Her address is ApdoPostal #48, LaPaz, B.C.S., Mexico.

1971
Michael Ryan was born February 19 to Michael & Barbara Goble. Brother Jonathan is 2 and sister Rachel is 4. Michael has served as pastor of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Adrian, Michigan, for four years. The Goble family lives at 512 French Street, Adrian, MI 49221. Hal Habecker is general director of the Christian Medical Society, the organization of Christian physicians and dentists with headquarters in Richardson, Texas. Hal, Vicki and their three children live at 3056 Dothan Lane, Dallas, TX 75229. Kirby & Sandy (Bonzack) Hanawalt announce the November 17, 1987, arrival of Erynn Melissa, Brother Ryan is 8. Kirby is director of Vancouver Youth Guidance and Sandy works part-time in hospital social work. They live at 10651 Dennis Crescent, Richmond, B.C. V7A 3R6.

1972
Sharmin (Drake) Brenneman recently moved from Berlin, Germany, to Shreveport, Louisiana, where she teaches 3rd grade. Her husband, Don, is an Air Force Chaplain assigned to Barksdale AFB. Their address is 1840 Andy Circle, Bossier City, LA 71112-5015. Mike & Cindy Buck and son Joshua, 12, welcomed Geoffrey Michael to the family on November 5. Mike is a professor in the English department at Taylor and Cindy is supervisor of Taylor’s Rainbow computer lab. Becky Wilson is delighted to announce the adoption of her second Korean daughter, Abbi, 4. Abbi was welcomed into the family by her sister, Amanda, 3, in March. The Wilson family lives at Seoul Foreign School, 55 Yonbi Dong, Seoul, Korea, where Becky teaches 2nd grade.

1973
Linda (Jones) Doll has accepted a position as secretary and assistant manager of Kohler Stables, Kohler, Wisconsin. Her address is 517 East Riverside Drive, Kohler, WI 53044. Dennis & Gloria Johnson have a daughter, Amanda Ashley, born September 13. Dennis is a facilities manager for Zondervan in Grand Rapids. Dana & Corien (Verhagen) Sorensen have moved to 3544 Sand Creek Highway, Adrian, MI 49221. Dana is manager of recreational services for the Christian Family Center. The Sorensens have three children — Cheri, 10; Taylor, 8; and Trent, 4. Tad Wanswada is president of the third largest bank in Zaire, and is also an official of Mining & Metallurgical Systems, headquartered in Belgium. He lives in Kinshasa, Zaire, with wife Fifi and their three daughters and two sons. Mail should be sent to him c/o Mining & Metallurgical Systems, 54 Rue Royale, 1000 Berusail, Belgium.

1974
Melvin Habecker is a second-year medical student at the University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine. He and wife Mary (Nacey) live at 35 Mill Stretch Road, Biddeford Pool, ME 04006. Heather (Clayton) Powers and her son, Jeremy, have moved to Florida where Heather has begun a career with the USPS. According to Heather, this is a big switch from being a vocational rehabilitation counselor with the State of Ohio. She may be reached at 105-25th Avenue S., Apt.L-4, Jacksonville Beach, FL 32250.

1975
Emily Christine was born September 7 to Tim & Kathy (Klosterman) Herrmann. Their older children are Megan, 7, and Matthew, 4. Tim is associate dean of students at Taylor and Kathy teaches art part-time. Donna Burling married Robert Kruse, a CPA, on May 9, 1987. Both are employed at K-Mart Corporation International Headquarters, Donna as secretary to the food operations director, and Robert as manager of state tax research and planning. They reside at 5858 Bingham Drive, Troy, MI 48098. Alfred Thompson II, a senior systems engineer with Digital Equipment Company, had an article published recently in VXCluster Systems Quorum. He serves as president of the school board where son Alfred III attends school. The Thompsons’ address is 2 Kimball Terrace, PO Box 113, Danville, NH 03831. David & Carol (Reece) Zoutendam announce the arrival of Philip Matthew on November 4, 1987. He joins brother Michel, 4, Carol teaches elementary learning disabled students, and David is a pilot for a natural gas company. They live at 1301 Creek Bend, White Oak, TX 75693.

1976
The birth of Kate Leigh Ann on September 17, 1987, was welcomed by her parents, Lynn & Kevin Crawford, and by their children, Lindsay, 5, and Ryan, 3. The family’s address is 811 Valhalla Street, Upland, IN 46989. Stan & Brenda Daugherty are happy to announce the birth of Trevor James on June 10. He joins Amber, 11, and Travis, 9. Stan is varsity basketball coach and drug abuse coordinator for Delta High School in Muncie, Indiana, and Brenda is director of the Nazarene pre-school in Alexandria. Their address is 1212 North Harrison Street, Alexandria, IN 46001. Upon successful completion of course work and examinations, Gary Left has been authorized as a Certified Financial Planner by the International Board of Standards and Practices of Certified Financial Planners. Gary is employed by A.G. Edwards, Inc., in Tulsa, Oklahoma.
He is married and has two sons. • Philip Schmunk is associate pastor for Christian education at Longview Community Church, Longview, Washington. He previously served as assistant pastor at First Baptist Church in Minneapolis and as campus staff for Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship at the University of Minnesota. Wife Donna (VanderMolen '75) has worked for the past seven years as a legal secretary and word processor. They have three children—Philip, 10; Daniel, 9; and Jennie, 8. Correspondence may be sent to Longview Community Church, 2323 Washington Way, Longview, WA 98632.

1977

Harry & Nancy Albright are happy to announce the birth of Emily Rose on October 8. She joins big brother Benjamin, 1. The Albrights live at 1461 Rill Court, Naperville, IL 60565. • Brian & Gay (Peters '78) Christy and six-year-old son Chase celebrate the birth of Nicole Marie on November 14. Brian is director of development at Indiana Wesleyan University (formerly Marion College). Gay is on maternity leave from her position as kindergarten teacher at Southeast Elementary School in Marion. The Christy family lives at 4660 South Selby Street, Marion, IN 46953. • Ann Kemper returned in September to Nigeria where, upon completion of a three-month Hausa language course, she is assigned to teach at Banyam Bible School in Bambur. Prior to her furlough to complete the MDiv degree at Duke Divinity School, Ann taught in a public high school in Zing, Nigeria. Her address is P.O. Box 659, SUMUM, Jos, Nigeria. • R. Timothy Lee received the PhD degree in counseling psychology from Ball State University in August. He is an employee of the Psychology Service, North Chicago Veterans Administration Medical Center, and is currently working as a psychologist for the US Navy at the Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes Naval Base, as part of a new Veterans Administration/Department of Defense sharing agreement. His address is 1600 Wedgewood Drive #306, Gurnee, IL 60031. • Robyn Murry received the PhD in psychology from The Ohio State University in June. She is presently in clinical internship in evaluation and counseling in Columbus, Ohio. She resides at 277 East Whittier Street, Columbus, OH 43206. • Aimee Janel was born July 16 to Mark & Janet (Ellis) Nowak. Her sister Elizabeth is 5. The Nowaks reside at 232 Hilliard Road, Elyria, OH 44035. • Gordon & Ginny (Van Treuren '78) Pritz announce the arrival of Nathaniel Justin on August 29. He joins brothers Billy, 6; Randy, 4; and Craig, 2. Gordon teaches history and coaches football and wrestling at McEachern High School, while Ginny is busy at home with her own team. The Pritz family home is at 2404 Southern Oak Drive, Marietta, GA 30064.

1978

David & Gail (McKenny) Andre announce the birth of Thomas James on May 2. They have two other children—Annette, 6, and Peter, 4. • Jim & Karen (Robde '79) Bowman welcomed the birth of their third child, Casey William, on August 19. Older siblings are Brandyn Lyn, 6, and Christopher James, 2. Jim is a school psychologist with Hammond City Schools and Karen is on leave from her counseling position in Union Township Schools. The Bowmans recently moved to their new home at 2622 Roma Court, Schererville, IN 46375. • August 18 was the birth date of Stephen Jayne, daughter of Steven & Joy (Kruizenga '81) Doles. Steph’s brother, Anthony Steven, is 2. Steve is associate pastor of First Christian Church, Greensburg, Indiana, and Joy is now a full-time homemaker. Their address is 503 North Broadway, Greensburg, IN 47240. • Jeff & Debbie (Cummings) Hayden joyfully welcomed Lyndee Marie to their family on June 18. She joins brother Michael, 3. Jeff is a social worker at an inner-city high school. Debbie taught third grade at Peoria Christian School for seven years prior to becoming a mother. The family lives at 2637 West Mose Avenue, Peoria, IL 61604. • Doug & Linda (Turner) Kline’s second child, Joel Douglass, was born August 26. The family, including big sister Cassandra, lives at 105 South Lodge Lane, Lombard, IL 60148. • Tim & Sue Klopfenstein rejoice in God’s gift of Jeremiah Alexandre Charles, born March 19. The family lives at 2419 Bending Oak Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421. • Mark & Barb (Chapman) Robinson have moved to Salt Spring Island, located between Vancouver Island and the mainland of Canada, where Mark works for a British Columbia ferry company. Their address is PO Box 683, Ganges, BC V0S 1E0, Canada. • Dan & Kathy (Oliver) Schmeichel were blessed with a baby boy, James Lester, on July 31. He was delivered by his grandfather, Dr. James Oliver ’54. The Schmeichels have two other children—Jeremy, 4, and Emily, 2. Their address is Box 702, McLaughlin, SD 57642. • Barbara (Conway) Schneider received her doctorate in psychology last spring from Rosemead School of Psychology. She is working part-time at an HMO while she builds a private practice with a group of Christian psychologists. Husband Michael is a project manager for Project Control, a real estate development group. Their address is 1240 West Lambert #74, La Habra, CA 90631.

1979

Diane (Lilmaris) & Bill Banks ’80 were blessed with the arrival of Jessica on July 12. Her sister Maggie was born in April 1987. Bill is a contract programmer in Philadelphia. Diane, a registered animal health technician, has been pursuing an RN degree. Right now her career is on hold while she devotes full time to her family. They reside in the country outside of Philadelphia, at RD #1 Rapps Corner, Chester Springs, PA 19425. • Jill Dunham embarked on a new venture in the fall of 1987 when she opened her own bookkeeping business in the Washington DC area. Her address is 11917 Winterthur Lane #107, Reston, VA 22091. • Terry & Wanda (Matejka x81) Jackson have moved to 1218 Kirkwood Lane, Sarasota, FL 34232. Terry was transferred by Avis Industries to the position of general manager at Tobin Corporation, one of Avis’ subsidiaries. • Rich & Amy (Sultzgaber) Otto report the birth of their first child, Alexander Ross, on August 8. The Otto family lives at 336 Southmore, Plainfield, IN 46168. • David & Jan (Dunham) Rickard welcomed their first baby, Tiffany Marie, on September 11. After spending over three weeks in the hospital with a blood clotting problem following the delivery, Jan is praising the Lord for his healing power. The Rickards’ address is 9983 Pebbleknoll Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45247. • Twins, Stephen Thomas and Sarah Elizabeth, were born November 3, 1987, to Tom & Cindy Rogers. Tom works for Kittredge Associates, Inc., of Manchester, Vermont, and resides with
his wife, children and mother at RD #2, Salem, NY 12865. • Terry & Janet (Hendrix) Seagrave have moved to the Pittsburgh area where Terry is senior development chemist for Mobay Corporation. Janet is at home with Amy, 8; Todd, 6; and Kyle, 4. Their address is 5910 Keystone Drive, Bethel Park, PA 15102. • Diane (Bartris) Talcott is a systems analyst at Amway Corporation in Ada, Michigan. She and husband Mark have a daughter, Larissa Michelle, 2. They live at 295 Weeks Road, Saranac, MI 48881.

1980
After four years in the Virgin Islands, Jon & Susan (Carnes '78) Fiet have moved to N115 W15160 Pontiac Circle, Germantown, WI 53022. Jon, who transferred to the position of controller at the Hercules Plant in Milwaukee, Susan is at home with Christina, 9, and Benjamin, 5, and is expecting their third child in February. • Twin boys joined the family of Stan & Lori (Barnes) Fox on November 12, 1987. They are Bradley Richard and Daniel Brent. Their sister, Kari, is 2. Stan is a mechanical engineer designer employed at a consulting firm. Lori is at home with the children after seven years of teaching. The Fox family resides at 3219 West Country Gables Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85023. • Erin Leigh was born August 17 to Keith & Vicki (Daugherty) Golihue. Keith is VP of Commerce Bank in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Following her graduation from Glassboro State College, Vicki worked in advertising. Their home is at 8 Deer Park Circle, Blackwood, NJ 08012. • Steven & Mary (Klosterman) Haun, with their three-year-old triplets, LuAnn, Lauren and Peter, have moved to Maryland where Steve is doing a fellowship in intensive care pediatrics at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. Mary is a busy mother. Their address is 8520 Drumwood Road, Towson, MD 21204. • David & Stacy (Herr) Jarvis are thrilled with the birth of their first child, Erik David, on August 30. David builds medical nuclear imaging cameras for Trionix Research Laboratory, and Stacy is a full-time mom after over six years of teaching music in public and private schools. They live at 5477 Pioneer Trail, Mantua, OH 44255. • Doug & Kim (Chissus '83) Potts and their children, Kristee and Brian, welcomed Jaclyn Danielle to the family on August 13. The Potts family lives at 5112 Lincoln Street, East Canton, OH 44730. • Vanessa Janelle was born August 13 to Valerie & Clifford Schmidt. Clifford is guidance counselor and varsity cross country coach at Waterloo High School in Atwater, Ohio. Valerie is a registered nurse working part-time at Akron City Hospital. Their address is 1117 Marion Avenue, W50314, OH 44653. • Mark & Heidi (Hopkins '82) Seabloom joyfully announce the birth of Ryan Mark on July 13. Mark is a systems support specialist in the computer department of Wheaton College, and Heidi is at home with Ryan. Their home is at 207 Oak Street, Elmhurst, IL 60126. • David & Karen (Tomrell '81) Smith live in California where David is a clinical psychologist for North Orange County Psychological Services. Karen is at home with Aaron, 4; and Lauren Elizabeth, born May 24. The Smiths reside at 928 Winston Way, Corona, CA 91719. • Amanda Joy was born May 22 to Al & Jeannie (Swift) Wilgus. Brother Andrew is 2. The family resides at 420 River Street, Madison, OH 44057, where Jeannie is at home with the children while Al works for the local electric company as a computer analyst. • Mark & Bobbi (Cole) Wiseman announce the arrival of Kelsey Anne on July 22. Bobbi is on a year's leave of absence from her position as an elementary music teacher. The three Wisemans live at 5059 Teagues South Road, Bradford, OH 43038.

1981
Gary Alms is scheduling director in the music ministry of Campus Crusade for Christ. He and Joy (Wilson '82) have a son, Andrew William, born August 29, 1987. Their address is 464 Hayes Street, Irvine, CA 92720. • Jayman Avery III and Teresa White were married August 27. Taylor friends participating were Dave Albright, Allison Avery '86, Steve Nelson '82 and Jeff Dusek '82. Jay is an assistant state's attorney in Chicago, and Teresa teaches English as a second language at Chicago Bowen High School. The couple resides at 2555 Hawthorne Avenue, Homewood, IL 60430. • Brian & Donna (Wyse) Dawes joyously announce the birth of Heather Michelle on January 7, 1988. Joshua Ryan, 4, is the proud big brother. Their address is RR 9, Box 300, Warsaw, IN 46580. • Greg Fennig has joined the staff of University Heights Hospital in Indianapolis as director of corporate development. He and Donna (Rohrer '85) and their daughter, Kortni Marie, live at 8457 Culpepper Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46227. • Brian & Tammie (Clingerman) Imel and son Justin, 2, welcomed the birth of Brinnan Renee on December 28, 1987. Brian is a financial planner with Century Company of America in Fort Wayne, and Tammie is at home. Their address is 5480 W 900 N 90, Huntington, IN 46750. • Angela Nicole was born December 11, 1987, to Ron & Cheryl (Gettmann) Jarvi who live at 2597 East Los Altos, Fresno, CA 93710. • Lester & Coleen (Kloboucicki) Jeffries announce the birth of Crystal Dawn on July 6. Their home is at 1615 East 36th Street, Marion, IN 46953. • Julie Catherine was born to Tim & Jeannie Johnson on August 9. The Johnsons are serving with TEAM in Japan. Their address is 310 BNishibori, 2-chome, Niiwa-cho, Saitama-ken 352, Japan. • Scot & Jeri (Barlow) Millhouse thank the Lord for their son, Tyler Scot, born March 17. Scot is employed as a carpenter with Ashland College, and Jeri has temporarily retired from teaching junior high English at Mansfield Christian School. The Millhouses reside at 203 High Street, Ashland, OH 44805. • Ray Pfahler and Wanda Schlosser were married May 21 in Indiana, Pennsylvania. Mark Slaughter and Jeff Morton '84 were in the wedding party. Ray is assistant pastor of The Christian and Missionary Alliance Church where the ceremony was held. Wanda is a registered nurse at the Indiana Hospital. Their address is 111 North Third Street, Indiana, PA 15701. • On July 22, Don Richards had to be called from the softball field to take wife Jane to the hospital for the birth of Taylor Callaway. The Richards family lives at 8104 Seaton Court, Raleigh, NC 27615, where Don is a programmer with IBM. • Stephen Talley completed the Doctor of Psychology degree on June 24. • Tim & Julie Wseolek had their second child, Mary Olivia, on October 2. Their older child is a son, Jamie. Tim is an account executive at WNUI-TV in Baltimore, and the family lives at 6571 Macbeth Way, Eldersburg, MD 21784.

1982
Tim Baker received his wings as a naval flight officer after more than a year of flight training, and has been assigned to Naval Air Station Barbers Point, Hawaii.
this February. He will be in charge of navigation/communications aboard the P-3C Orion, the navy’s primary airborne anti-submarine weapons platform. Tim earned his commission from Aviation Officer Candidate School in July 1987.

- David & Shellie (McNally) Bartels announce the birth of their first child, Jordan David, on June 6. Their address is 3 Allegre Drive, Valley Cottage, NY 10989.
- Mark Burkholler and Eva Dubert were married October 1. Mark is a professor of English in the English Program for Internationals at the University of South Carolina. Both Mark and Eva are graduates of Columbia Biblical Seminary. They reside at 5327 Colonial Drive, Columbia, SC 29203.
- Emily Martha, first child of Thomas & Kathy Fox, was born July 28. Tom is a probation officer in Adams County, Indiana, and Kathy teaches first grade at Adams Central Elementary School. The Foxes live at 524 East Water Street, Berne, IN 46711.
- Cam (Steve) & Debby (Franson '80) Gabriesen announce the birth of Steven Rader on June 10. Sister Julie Kristine was born June 9, 1986. Cam is in his third year of a general surgery residency. Debby goes part-time to graduate school, but retired from teaching art to be with the children. Their home is at 2451 Beechwood Drive SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49506.
- Tom Kemner left Moody Bible Institute in September to become research director at Screen Communication Incorporated in Bainbridge Island, Washington. Screen is a consulting firm servicing Christian and not-for-profit institutions. Last June Tom completed the masters degree in administration and development of human resources at National College of Education in Evanston, Illinois. He and wife Kathy live at 6901 West Port Madison Road, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110.
- Gary & Lynda (Gates) Lubenow and daughter Chelsea Ann, 4, welcomed Jacob Geoffrey to the family on July 28. Gary is pastor of First Baptist Church in Basin, Wyoming. The family’s address is Box 753, Basin, WY 82410.
- Quentin Nantz is teaching English at Lely High School in Naples, Florida. Karen (Garner) is at home with Joshua, 2, and Jesse Dee, born August 1. Until they move into their own home, they may be addressed at Quentin’s parents’ home, 4157 - 17th Avenue SW, Naples, FL 33999.
- Jon & Lorna Peterson announce the birth of their first child, Molly May, on May 7. Jon is a senior homeowner claims representative with Aetna Insurance, and Lorna is now a full-time homemaker after a six-year career as a travel agent. The Petersons live at 505 East Liberty Drive, Wheaton, IL 60187.
- A daughter, Jordan Suzanne, was born on May 2 to Scott & Cheryl (Mayer '81) Welch. Brother Jacob is 2. Scott is program director for Morning Cheer, Inc. He is in charge of all programming for three camps, including Sandy Cove, a retreat and bible conference center off the Chesapeake Bay, where the family lives. Their mailing address is PO Box B, North East, MD 21901.

1983

Kerry Bowman is assistant pastor of young adults at Fort Wayne Gospel Temple, a Christian & Missionary Alliance church. He received the MDiv degree from Alliance Theological Seminary in Nyack, New York, and is currently working on a DMin degree from Fuller Seminary. Once a week he helps with a student Praise & Missions service at Taylor. He lives at 7304 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46809.

Lisa Greenlee is a teaching assistant at Northern Illinois University where she is working on her master's degree in literature. She completed certification to teach high school English at IUPUI. Her address is 837 West Taylor Street, Apt. 1121, DeKalb, IL 60115.

- Lisa Labold has been promoted to area manager for the northern New Jersey section of the Palmadise Division of ServiceMaster. She has worked with ServiceMaster since her graduation from Taylor. Her address is 1083-2A Pompton Avenue, Cedar Grove, NJ 07009.
- Barbara Martin and James Moline were married October 15. Cathy (Endean '82) Glupker participated in the wedding. Both James and Barb work with troubled teenagers at New Horizons Ministries in Marion, Indiana. Barb worked for over a year with New Horizons in the Dominican Republic as a teacher. The Molines are now supervisory houseparents. Their address is 1000 S. 350 E., Marion, IN 46953.
- Bob & Kara (Boehm) Molenhour live at 1102 North Webster Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187. Bob is Illinois sales manager with Great Lakes Marketing, and Kara is a senior financial aid advisor at DeVry Institute of Technology in Lombard. Both Bob and Kara are pursuing their MBA at Keller Graduate School of Management.
- David & Wendy (Priebe) Mumme announce the birth of David Robert Jr. (aka Robert) on September 23. David received his MD degree from the University of Texas Medical School - San Antonio in May and is now a resident in anesthesiology at the Mayo Clinic. The family lives at 801 First Street SW, Rochester, MN 55902.
- Rachel Leigh was born June 2 to Steve '84 & Terri (Brazinski) Petrozzi. She was welcomed home by Christopher, 2, and Brittany, 1. Their home is at 16 Circle Drive, Unionville, CT 06085.
- Doug & Lynelle (Beeson '81) Vogel live in Wilmore, Kentucky, where Doug is in his third year as associate minister of outreach and youth at Wilmore Free Methodist Church. This past April he led a group of 19 to northern Mexico for a mission service project. Lynelle is in her third year as associate minister of Christian education and discipleship along with part-time work in a local insurance office. The Vogels reside at 120 Ashbury Drive, Wilmore, KY 40390.
- Jim Wynalda and Priscilla Smith '85 were married June 11. Taylor friends who participated were Cindy Burgess, Cami House, Sally Keith '85, Todd Meissner '84, Brian Smith '88, Valerie Flower '90, and Becky Hubbard '91. Jim graduated from St. George’s University School of Medicine on June 28 and began his pediatric residency at Mount Carmel Mercy Hospital in Detroit. Priscilla is substitute teaching in the Southfield area schools. Their address is 27500 Franklin Road, Apt. D125, Southfield, MI 48034.

1984

Lisa Calvin recently finished both an MAT in Spanish and a certificate in TESOL at Indiana University. Last spring she was selected by IU as an exchange professor to the University of Barcelona where she is teaching English and taking classes in Catalan language and culture. In addition, she volunteers...
for half-day teaching at an ACE Christian school for English-speaking children K-12, most of whom are MKs. Her address is C/Conde de Borrell 203, At. 1a, Barcelona 08029, Spain. Lisa will be in Barcelona until June and welcomes mail. • Larry & Mandy (Cull) Chizum live in Indianapolis where Larry is a management consultant with Coopers & Lybrand. Mandy is at home with David, 18 months old. Home address is 7829 Delbrook Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46260. • Clark Cowden graduated from Fuiler Seminary in June with a Master of Divinity degree. He and Linda (Britton ’83) have moved to Anderson, Indiana, where Clark is associate pastor at the First Presbyterian Church. They have two sons — Justin Thomas, born November 10, and Ryan Andrew, almost 2. Their address is 1510 Burton Court, Anderson, IN 46013. • Bill Ferrell graduated in May with the MBA from The University of South Florida. He and Chris (Neal ’87) have now moved back to Michigan where Bill works in the department of financial institutions at Chubb Group of Insurance and Chris has gone back into the family business. Their home is at 26215 West Five Mile Road, Redford, MI 48239. • Rick Florian and Robyn Lyn Jaenke were married July 2 in St. Louis. Taylor people in the wedding party were David Fenstermacher, Susan Reynolds ’89, Geoff Moore ’83, Steve Reynolds and Paul Harris, both ’85, Dave Smith ’82, John Hagy ’83 and Kent Nelson ’87. Rick is the lead vocalist with WhiteHeart, a Christian musical group. Robyn teaches at The Ensworth School. They live at 206 Erin Lane, Nashville, TN 37221. • Rollin Lee & Sandie (Soderquist) Ford announce the birth of Jessica Ruth on May 11. The Ford family resides at 119 Stone Ridge, Rogers, AR 72756. • September 8 was the birth date of Hannah Jo, daughter of Clark & Heidi (Ison) Hewitt, 8220 Clayton Road, Harbor Springs, MI 49740. Clarkis in his third year of teaching high school at Harbor Light Christian School. Heidi formerly taught elementary education at Harbor Light. • Greg Mathews received his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Capital University, Columbus, Ohio, and was admitted to the Ohio State bar in May. He now serves as a deputy prosecutor for the city of Columbus. On April 9, Greg was married to Elizabeth Walker, a dietician at St. Anthony’s Hospital in Columbus. They reside at 966 Fountainview Court, Columbus, OH 43232. • Steve & Jana (Green) McGarvey joyfully announce the birth of Andrew Hazen on May 10. Steve is a children, youth and families counselor for Health & Rehabilitative Services of the State of Florida. Their address is 825 South Wynnmore Road #7-B, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. • Todd Meissner and Margaret Roman were married October 22. Taylor participants were Jim Wynalda ’83, best man, and Laurie Meissner ’80, sister of the groom. Todd is an electrical engineer with Control Data, and Margaret is a secretary for Thomsen, Nybeck law firm. The couple lives at 17965 Jubilee Way, Apt. D, Lakeville, MN 55044. • Amy Peterson married Randall Bennett on January 16, 1988. Taylor participants were Jeannie Mayne x84 and Linda Treu x85. Amy is a sales/service representative for Boise Cascade. Randy, who holds degrees from Northwestern College and Wheaton Graduate School, is a mental health therapist for the Village of Downers Grove. Their address is 204 Meadowlane #107, Carol Stream, IL 60188. • Claudia Prestel and Dave Riewald were married July 23 in East Lansing, Michigan. Taylor friends participating were Annette (Eash) Munsell, Janet Moor, and Kim Ferrall ’85. Dave is an attorney with a Portland, Oregon, law firm. Claudia, formerly a branch officer with First of America Bank, is searching for new employment. The couple resides at 4200 S.W. 107th #605, Beaverton, OR 97005. • 1st Lt. Scott Taylor received his naval aviator wings on May 27 at the Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Texas. Scott was commissioned in the Marine Corps upon his graduation from Taylor, and is currently training as a pilot of the AV-8B Harrier II at Cherry Point, North Carolina. He is the son of Rex ’61 & Marilyn (Holloway ’58) Taylor. His address is Box 2523, Havelock, NC 28532. • After completion of his MA in counseling psychology from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Mark & Debbie (Miller) Vander Veen moved to Baltimore where Mark is a therapist with Metro Maryland Counseling Center, a private Christian psychological practice. Debbie works with TSI International and is general manager of the Baltimore Racquet and Fitness Club. Their address is 218 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

1985

Dan & Annette (Shipley) Bragg have both completed masters degrees this past year. Dan has the MA in Christian school administration from Grace Seminary and is currently working on a master’s degree in history from Wright State University. Annette has the MEd from Wright State. They are serving the Lord as teachers at Dayton Christian High School, Dan in social sciences and coaching track and cross country, and Annette in higher math and statistics. Their home is at 317 Kenilworth Ave., Dayton, OH 45424. • Neil & Janet (Van Der Decker ’86) Farrell moved to Atlanta in August. Neil works in the personnel department of Reid Rowell Pharmaceutical, and Janet is teaching. Their address is PO Box 669172, Marietta, GA 30066. • Sherry Flessner is teaching 4th grade in an American Army elementary school in Germany. Her address is Geisslen Elementary School, Geisslen, Germany, APO New York, NY 09169-0005. • Randy Fouts is a protective services officer at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis. Becky (Jones ’88) teaches elementary and middle school music at Westminster-Washington School Corporation. The couple’s address is 6008 Westlake N. Apt. C, Indianapolis, IN 46224. • Melissa Massey and Brian Lydy were married November 5 in Marion, Indiana. Their address is 918 N 2nd Street, Marion, IN 46952. • Christine McDowell and Stephen Golden were married September 17. Taylor participants were Carolyn Corey, April Hursey ’86, Kellie (Kuntz) ’86 Kammes, Sheri Smith ’86 and Staci (Smith) ’87 Revere. Chris is a word processing manager and Steve is a commercial building designer. The Goldens reside at 161 2nd Street, Apt. 5, Troy, NY 12180. • Vance McLaren and Mindy Roost ’87 were married April 23. Taylor friends in the wedding were Tim Pashley, Marcy Roost ’89, Becky Roost ’90, David Baird ’87, Don Sauer ’86, Jill Seaman ’90, Jay Laffoon ’84 and Becky Shannon ’88. The McLarens live at 3834 Oak Circle Lake, Apt. D, Indianapolis, IN 46268. • The marriage of Sue Nyman and Scott Anderson took place July 2. Beth Plowman was a bridesmaid. Sue is a third-grade teacher at the King’s Christian School, and Scott, a Messiah College grad, is employed by the New Jersey Turnpike Authority. Their address
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additional Valley Louisville, They were working 1986 organization^ publicize serving Hunters State Humphrey Buck David Andrews 1987 BA 10.
Glen Park the 22 They lived for the 8258 Castle Ridge Lane, Indianapolis, IN 46256.
 Dianes Stocksdale, a math teacher at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, took on the additional challenge of dorn parenting for this school year. She is responsible for 22 girls in 9th and 10th grades. Her address is RVA Box 80, Kijabe, Kenya, Africa.
1986 Andrew Harshbarger and Joyce McDaniels '87 were married September 17. Taylor participants were Brent Whitehurst '84 and Mike Beheler, Lisa Cheek, and Tami Newhard, all '87. Andrew and Joyce both work for Campus Life in Louisville, Kentucky. They live at 200 Raintree Gardens #8, Louisville, KY 40218. • Roger Muselman and Naomi Anne Humphrey '87 were married November 26 in Elgin, Illinois. They are living in Berne, Indiana. • Faith Champoux was married to Marty O’Leary on December 10. They live in Lansing, Michigan, where Faith teaches at Lansing Computer Institute while Marty is working on his master’s degree in the engineering department at Michigan State University. Home address is 3026 Hunters Ridge #4, Lansing, MI 48911.
1987 David Bachman is in Guatemala serving a two-year commitment to AMG International (Advancing the Ministries of the Gospel). His responsibility is to publicize the work and the needs of the organizationin Central America. • Scott Buck and Stephanie Bruther '88 were married August 19. Taylor participants were Marty Rietgraff, Brent Puck, Doug Otto, Kent Nelson, Quinn White, Sharon Erny '89, Sheri Bedi '89, Ellen Suter '89, LisanneShupe '88 and Dr. Joe Lund. Scott received his master’s degree from Ball State University in December, and Stephanie received her BA from Taylor in December. • Pete Buhrow and Kim Smith '88 were married October 15 in Shipshewana, Indiana. Their address is 443 Richmond Park West, Apt. 420 D, Richmond Heights, OH 44143. • The wedding of Glen Gabel and Jill Stahl took place July 30. Taylor friends in the wedding were Lisa Stephan, Kanda Crist and Douglas Miller '88. Glen teaches social studies at North Junior High School and Jill works for the city of Woodstock. They live at 591 Darlington Lane, Crystal Lake, IL 60014. • Karen Lavanchy and Steven Wertman '88 were married June 11. Karen teaches elementary school music and Steven works for Best Lock Corporation in Indianapolis. They live at 4007 North Everett, Applegate Apt. E, Muncie, IN 47304. • Kris Leffingwell and Dan Chilcott '88 were married June 18. Rev. Jim Mathis '64 officiated, along with Dan’s father, Rev. John Chilcott '62. Seventeen other Taylor friends also participated in the wedding. Dan is currently studying for his master’s degree in physics at the University of Tennessee as well as participating in physics research at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory. Kris works at a day care center. The Chilcotts live at 10522 Bob Gray Road, Apt 1, Knoxville, TN 37932. • Jennifer Luttrell is the market analyst in the Capital Markets Division of First American National Bank in Nashville. Her address is 208 Club Parkway, Nashville, TN 37221. • Leonard Robbins lives at 4 Beech Place, Valhalla, NY 10595. He is employed as an environmentalist for the Testwell Company in Ossining. • Christine Macklin and Peter Rossi were united in marriage May 28. Alumni participating were Katy Smith, Lee Crawford, Renay (Rossi '84) Billing, Greg Billing '86 and Susan Galloway. Pete and Chris live at 12 Long Ridge Road, Dover, NJ 07801. • In January, Dave Ruths begins studies in the Master of International Management program at the American Graduate School of International Management. His address is c/o the school, Thunderbird Campus, Glendale, AZ 85306. • July 30 was the wedding date of Keith Singer and Karen Helm. Participating alumni were Steve Vandealker, Kim Bartee, Kim Hall, Lisa Anderson '88, Dina King '88 and Anne Wagner '88. Keith teaches mathematics and computer science and coaches men’s and women’s varsity basketball teams at Alliance Christian High School. Karen is substitute teaching in the area. Their address is 359 Middle Street #12, Portsmouth, VA 23704. • Quinn White and Julie Bagley '89 were married December 17 in Van Wert, Ohio. Quinn teaches at Crooked Creek Elementary School in Indianapolis. • Valerie Wilson left on September 18 for a two-year term in the Philippines. She is homeschooling American missionary children under the Conservative Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Address is San Antonio, Agoo, La Union 0507, Philippines.
1988 Wayne Dietrich is a corporate financial analyst, reporting to the executive vice president of EA Engineering, Science and Technology, Inc., Hunt Valley, Maryland. His home address is 103 Caraway Road, Apt. 28, Reisterstown, MD 21136. • Michael & Lynette (Francis) Fisher are proud to announce the birth of their first child, James Michael, on July 8. The family lives at 8948 McClamethan, Temperance, MI 48182. • Lora Fults married John Charles Sims on June 25 in Frederickburg, Virginia. Carole Newing was a bridesmaid. Lora and Charles live at 10514 Sunflower Court, Fredericksburg, VA 22401. • When Brian Mishler and Kim Black were married on July 4, Taylor was well represented in the 13 Taylor friends who participated. The Mishlers live at 1205 Enchanted Forest, South Bend, IN 46637, and Brian works for Crowe Chizek & Company, CPAs. • June 11 was the wedding day of Michael Parker and Deborah Hill. Taylor people participating were Michael Pierce '75, Todd Mullins '87, Darren Hotmire '89, Jerry Hughes '91, and Dr. Larry Helder. Michael and Deborah are attending Ball State University. Michael is a graduate assistant in the English department, pursuing the MA degree in linguistics. The couple lives at 1015 S., 550 E. Selma, IN 47363. • Wendy Rutherford has accepted a position with publishers Simon & Schuster (Gulf + Western) as a marketing assistant in Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey. She will help in the marketing of Adult Basic Education and GED materials. Wendy will also have her first magazine article published in February by Christian Single magazine. • Rebecca Swafford and Mike Yoder were married December 3 in Bluffton, Ohio.
$20,000: It isn’t just nickel and dime stuff!

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The instructions I received for the Taylor University Christian Leadership Scholarships said, “The judges will meet in the Student Development Office Complex in the lower level of the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium on November 5th at 7:30 am — SHARP! We would like you to arrive by 7:15 am . . . .”

That seemed fine in the full flush of enthusiasm to choose and help mold the leaders of tomorrow . . . and the next few decades. Right there in black and white the advertisement proclaimed, “For a world that is in desperate need of ‘Christian leaders,’ Taylor University is taking the initiative in developing ‘Christ-like’ leadership qualities in today’s young people.” Dr. Kesler was quoted as stating, “Because it is never too early to begin your preparation for leadership, Taylor University is committed to instilling Christian principles of leadership in today’s young people.”

Actually, I knew the advertisements referred to a competition AND the Christian Leadership Conference for High School Students held November 4-5 but, get serious, we’re talkin’ $5,000 renewable annually over four years for an education at Taylor University — $20,000 scholarships! These awards from general operating funds, in turn, symbolize Taylor’s commitment to developing leadership in the lives of young people around the world. As an alum, I am proud that Taylor University continues to be a leader in Christian higher education.

Based on application materials, moreover, the Admissions Office had already done the dirty work of paring the 155 completed applications down to a manageable 30 and notifying the quarterfinalists by telephone call and letter. I thought we’d just glide right through the Saturday process; after all, none of the 30 would be bad news since they were required to have SAT scores of at least 1000, rank in the top 20 percent of their class (or in the top 20 if their class has less than 100 members), and have recommendations from a pastor and school official.

Then Taylor Registrar Connie Lightfoot sent the bad news: folders for the five seniors my trio of judges would interview Saturday morning. Panic! These kids were more intelligent, more involved, more disciplined, and more spiritual than I am. You asked for outstanding Christian leadership potential with Christian servanthood and you got it. Whew!

We could point out the numerous requirements associated with the Leadership Scholarships. To receive the total scholarships, recipients must maintain at least a 3.0 GPA, maintain good citizenship standing as explained in the Student Life Handbook, annually attend several fall leadership symposium sessions, annually attend and assist in the planning and implementation of the Christian Leadership Scholarship competition and the National Student Leadership Conference for Christian Colleges, take the course titled “Developmental Processes in Leadership” and “Student Development Seminar” during spring semester of the freshman year, apply for and fill one a leadership position during spring semester of the freshman year, be involved in a significant leadership responsibility as approved by the director of Leadership Development each succeeding year, be involved in the leadership mentoring program with a current or retired member of the Taylor faculty or administration during the junior or senior year, and implement one of several options for a senior project.

But even that recitation wouldn’t dissuade these kids from participating because they wanted to serve and to contribute. Our group leader, Dr. Paul House, asked each candidate to lead us in prayer and to tell us about herself or himself. Scott Dean, a current recipient of the Scholarship, then asked for the key Christian leadership traits. The various interviews thereafter branched into such areas as books, mentors, emotions, family, friends, goals, and roles.

I’m an expert on judging because I’ve always judged people and because I’ve watched the Olympics on television. Scoring systems are treacherous, though — you grade the first contestant low to allow for any superior competitors and you remember that using the first person as a base causes others to score artificially high or low on given aspects such as poise. We were allowed 20 minutes of interview followed by five minutes of discussion and scoring, followed by five minutes of review for the next person.

When the six judging groups met after the first round, they recommended which of “their kids” should advance. Eleven appeared solid and the last one was chosen after a polite, wide-ranging discussion. No major problem. The afternoon transformed me into two bloodshot eyes; two groups of five judges questioned the semifinalists for one-quarter of an hour each with virtually no time to study their folders and evaluate their efforts. Worst of all, our first two broke down in tears. Should we just go to the TU football game?

Everyone survived and the judging groups decided easily on five of the six finalists. More discussion and a second vote determined the sixth. While nine judges watched and listened, Dean of Students Walt Campbell gave each finalist five minutes to describe how he or she would use the opportunity associated with the Scholarship. The ten judges decided easily on two winners; more discussion and another ballot finished the selection.

At Saturday evening’s banquet, contestants smiled warmly as Lance David (Gibson City, IA), Derek Sanford (Erie, PA), and Kristen Wolgemuth (Wheaton, IL) received the $20,000 Scholarships. — JT
Resurrection’s glory elides the cross’s shadow

It has occurred to me that I sometimes take for granted what our Lord has done for me, and miss the full magnitude of his great love.

While I was in Florence, Italy, with the Taylor University Chorale, we visited a monastery which has a life-size, wooden replica of Christ shortly after He had been taken down from the cross. The replica was a grisly sight — blood everywhere, pouring down his face from the crown of thorns, pouring from the nail wounds, and the hint of an extremely bloody back.

One of our group was quite struck by this display; and when told it was time to move on, and hearing the remark that it was a “bloody” sight, replied, “But that’s the way it was.”

It got me thinking, for it is quite true — that is the way it was. How often, I wonder, have I taken for granted the exact depth and full scope of the pain and suffering that Jesus endured for me, for all of humanity? How easy it is for me to merely put him up there on the cross, then imagine him leaping into the heavens from his crucifixion while I say, “Hallelujah, He has risen!”

Perhaps the Roman Catholic Church hasn’t entirely forgotten this, but it is a point my Protestant teachers of the faith have often neglected to emphasize.

It appears that the Protestant faith has travelled more than one step back to Gustav Aulen’s Classical Theory of Atonement, as held by the early Church; the faith now focuses almost entirely on his resurrection.

The Roman Catholics do not necessarily focus in as completely on his death as we do on his resurrection. Protestant theology generally takes one of two stands in regard to the Atonement — either that his resurrection was the key point, or that his teachings and life were most important. Incidentally, the latter position is held primarily by the so-called “Christian existentialists.”

The mainline protestant denominations tend to adopt the former stance. But it appears to me that they go beyond even that. The teachings I have heard would seem to indicate an almost total emphasis on our Lord’s resurrection and what it has done for us. Granted, the issue is of extreme importance, as an even casual study of the New Testament will reveal. But it was apparently important to the Apostles to speak on his death. Perhaps this is because his resurrection would obviously not have happened without his first dying; but could it also be that there was something about his death that warranted such special attention?

We are constantly reminded of the cross in the New Testament, especially in the teachings of Paul. Yet there are some references to the cross that are not meant to be symbolic; they merely state things the way they were. The fact of the matter is that death by crucifixion was most unpleasant of all killings. It was a death by slow torture (asphyxiation), and the Roman State’s method of executing criminals. The Romans also introduced the concept of “scourging” the individual about to be crucified — the flogging of the prisoner either with rods or a cat-o’-nine-tails that had pieces of sharp metal or glass tied to the ends of the thongs. In all, it was a brutal, harsh process.

To consider that the Son of the One God died for anyone (and me, personally) by such an excruciating process boggles the mind. I know that I could not have handled such intense pain and would have shirked my responsibilities.

It is also entirely possible that one reason his death by crucifixion does not receive much attention in the New Testament is because the practice was so familiar to the first century Church. Crucifixion was the Roman State’s typical procedure for execution of criminals until the fall of the Western Roman Empire (c. AD 476), and possibly even to the fall of the Eastern Roman (Byzantine) Empire some five to six hundred years later. Clearly members of the early Church under the Twelve Apostles were more than familiar with the shadow of the cross and probably had witnessed execution by crucifixion many times over. There would have been no need, therefore, to explain the full implications of our Lord’s death on the cross.

How can we, in our age, fully comprehend what such a death was like? We live in an age where it is considered barbaric and inhuman to execute a hostage in any fashion, where more cruel (and slower) forms of murder/execution are rare to the point of being, for the most part, unheard of. The slowest and most painful state execution we have today is the electric chair, and even then it is never public. We haven’t the slightest idea of what Christ’s execution was like.

Perhaps the artist who made the sculpture knew. I could believe that. And now I have an inkling, which is perhaps more than many have. The hymn we sing in Chorale, When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, now has a great deal more meaning.

Yes, teach of the glory of his resurrection. But don’t be so zealous as to forget or completely overlook the road taken to the resurrection. It could have been by Stoning or mob killing. But it wasn’t. This road went through pain, suffering, disgrace, and ignominy. It was his death on a cross — slow and painful, especially as practiced by the Romans — and the death of a criminal.

We emphasize Christ’s teaching to be servants, rather than masters. He died the death of one who, in Roman society, was even lower than a servant. But He died in that manner in order to be a servant to us. “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!” (Phil. 2:8) — TA.
After the fire, issues still burn

The drought of this past summer was devastating to many regions across the United States. The West was the hardest hit, suffering from an unusually high number of wildfires. The fires which hit closest to the hearts of most Americans, though, were the ones which burned in Yellowstone National Park — partly because of the amount of damage they wrought, and partly because of the controversy surrounding the policies toward fire management which the National Park Service followed.

By October, most of Yellowstone’s fires had been extinguished, and the scientific world has since focused on the extraordinary opportunity presented by these fires. This has been the largest single wild area burned in the United States in over two hundred years. As such, it offers a chance to study the recovery of an entire ecosystem — a study which is unprecedented in its possible scope, and for which another opportunity may never arise.

Over the weekend of October 14-17, about 130 scientists, primarily from Western universities, the U.S. Forest Service, and the National Park Service, gathered at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana. They met to discuss the possibility of forming a scientific consortium to organize the projects which were already beginning in the park. Through the help of Dr. Andrew Whipple, associate professor of biology, and Dr. Janice Shaw Crouse, associate vice president for academic affairs, I was able to attend this workshop. To the best of my knowledge, I was the only undergraduate to attend all of the weekend’s events.

The meeting — officially known as The Greater Yellowstone Fire Impacts and Recovery Research Workshop — was held morning to night throughout the weekend with a wrap-up session on Monday morning. This meeting presented the ideal situation in which to talk to individual scientists, and it also gave me an opportunity to develop and share a Christian perspective on the fires.

The meetings on Friday and Sunday were of two types: general meetings which everyone attended, and specialized small-group meetings, such as climate and vegetation dynamics and long-term monitoring. The purpose of the workshop was two-fold. First, it provides an opportunity for scientists with similar research interests to meet and discuss research plans. Second, the scientists as a group needed to decide on whether or not to form a consortium and, if so, what goals such a consortium would have.

Saturday’s meeting entailed a trip into the park for those scientists who had not yet had a chance to see firsthand what they were dealing with. As one of only a handful of Easterners, this was an exciting experience for me. The fires had covered such a vast area that all the scientists present agreed — this was an important opportunity for long-range research, perhaps even for projects lasting up to 200 years. The fires had not done nearly as much damage as I had been led to believe from news reports. I had expected to see near-total destruction in the burned-over areas; what I actually saw was a lot of patchy burns — what local scientists refer to as the “mosaic” pattern of burning, which is the normal behavior of very large fires. Also, there were several different intensities of burns, ranging from “soil-sterilizing” (very hot) to much less intense ground fires which did little damage to the trees.

At the end of the day Friday, I was convinced that it was impossible for such a diverse group of important people to agree on the specific goals and projects that the consortium would support; by the Monday morning wrap-up, so much had been accomplished that I was truly amazed. Not only had the consortium agreed on goals and projects, but also it had worked out a tentative structure for the new organization. The consortium will be composed of any scientists interested in performing fire research in Yellowstone, with priority given to those whose projects concentrate on the long-term effects of this year’s fires.

As a Christian, I found this workshop to be a valuable experience. It was wonderful to have the opportunity to witness the power of the natural world which God has created. It was encouraging to see that a national organization such as the Park Service has enough respect for the environment that it is willing to try to work with the natural laws rather than against them. Unfortunately, it is very difficult to estimate the power that such natural forces have, and this difficulty has led to a number of problems for all officials involved with this year’s fires.

Obviously, the most important problem faced by the Park Service was the decision to let the fires burn. In 1972, the Service abandoned the practice of suppressing all fires for the more ecologically-sound practice of letting the fires burn themselves out. For the most part, all of the fires since then have burned little more than a few acres of the park before dying out. Even the larger fires burned only an average of 240 acres. This is what park officials expected to happen this year.

As a result of the decision to abide by current policy, the Service was severely criticized. The primary criticism was that the park officials simply should have known better than to let such large fires burn in a drought year. However, this argument does not take into account that the beginning of the year looked much the same as any other year; in fact, Yellowstone had experienced a very wet spring, and there were no clear indications that drought would
be a problem until July.

Added to this, many people tend to overlook several other important facts. For instance, many of these fires began in June — the tail-end of the wet season — and based on previous years’ experience, there was no reason to assume that these fires would not soon burn themselves out. Also, five of the largest fires began outside the park and had a good start before they ever hit park jurisdiction. Additionally, one of the largest fires, the so-called “North Fork Fire,” was caused by a human and so was fought from its inception. The significance of this particular fire was that it was one of the two most publicized (the other being the fire which threatened Old Faithful) since it came near to destroying the tourist village. The North Fork Fire could not be stopped even with immediate and full opposition. The scientists at the workshop agreed that this was an indication of another problem: that is, given this summer’s unusual weather conditions, the damage may have been nearly the same had the Service fought all of the fires from their start.

It is apparent that the real reason behind the extent of the fires was the philosophy of suppressing all fires which was upheld for over a century. This philosophy created two problems. First, it allowed for a tremendous buildup of deadwood. Second, it was an unnatural check on this forest. In the West, there are some species of trees which are known as “fire-dependent” species. They need fire, because their cones will not open unless exposed to intense heat. Thus, if the forest does not burn occasionally, certain kinds of trees will not produce any seedlings because their cones will not be able to release any seeds. Lodgepole Pine is one such species, and it composes up to 80 percent of Yellowstone forests.

In talking with people from various backgrounds, I’ve found them concerned — even angry — about the apparent lack of energy spent fighting the fires. However, in listening to both the officials who were being criticized and scientists who had not been involved directly in the fires, I began to realize that the scientific community was, in general, in favor of the Park Service’s response to the fires. Who, then, shaped the public’s critical attitude? Information about the fires was generated almost entirely by the media. I was one of the millions who watched on television as the fires ravaged the forests; I read the accounts daily in the newspapers and news magazines. After attending this workshop and walking through the burned areas, I realized that the media presented the fire in the most spectacular way possible; the majority of the burned areas were not nearly as “devastated” as portrayed.

The workshop itself was very well covered by the press at first, yet by Monday, only representatives from NOVA and National Geographic remained to report on the consortium’s activities. Since the consortium did not pull together until the last day or two, I am compelled to question the value of stories written by those who left early.

Response to the handling of the fires has been decidedly negative, from both the secular world and the Christian world. Meanwhile, park officials who did what they thought was right with respect to the natural environment and their many years of park management experience are now fearing for their jobs and reputations. It is saddening to realize that, although their peers are supporting their decisions, their positions are provided by the national government, and in that context are jeopardized by negative public opinion. We all have opinions, and it’s easy to react to a situation based upon only what we’ve heard. But this is a case where we, as Christians, should not judge without knowledge or wisdom, because our judgments do make a difference in the lives of others — no matter how far removed we may be from them. — MD
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Christians lose bargain in razing free speech

Editor's Note: This article first appeared as a guest column in the Marion, Indiana, Chronicle-Tribune newspaper on Sunday, August 14. Though the favor and tension of this issue has abated, we feel the substance of President Jay Kesler's message well applies to the struggles Christians face every day. We offer to our readers an edited version of Dr. Kesler's guest column.

I'm writing this in response to a question that has been asked by sincere Christians. Why hasn't Taylor University taken a stand on the film, The Last Temptation of Christ?

The truth is we have, but not in the media for the following reasons.

I am old enough to remember the phrase “banned in Boston” and those of us who are familiar with this little bit of history know that opportunistic authors, playwrights, film producers and artists whose material often did not warrant public acclaim could ensure that their works would get large public attention by carrying that slogan. I fear that a film even secular critics say is mediocre will be a financial success because of the publicity we Christians are giving to it.

I have not seen the film nor do I ever intend to see it. What I have read of the script published in various news accounts convinces me that this is yet another sensational attempt to rehash the ancient theme of a sexual relationship between Jesus and Mary Magdalene.

There is no basis for this idea anywhere in Scripture or in any other reliable source. Other parts portray Jesus Christ as a bewildered, confused man more akin to some zealot handing me a book in an airport than the very son of God he was. The film writer is obviously confused, but Jesus Christ was not.

Taylor University has stood for the authority of the Scriptures and the deity of Jesus Christ for 143 years. Every ounce of energy exerted by anyone associated with the university is exerted in the desire to glorify his name as omnipotent creator, sinless example, crucified Savior and risen Lord. We are far from perfect but are committed to examining our lives to learn how best to honor him.

Since before the Civil War, Taylor students have gone out across the globe in virtually every human endeavor to proclaim the name of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. The name of this film producer will be gone sooner than Madalyn Murray O'Hair unless we inadvertently make him famous as we have her.

I have every respect for those who are speaking out against this film. I hope none will go even “to see what all the fuss is about.”

All Christians, however, must struggle with the tension between Jesus' specific command to “turn the other cheek,” his example, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do,” and the obvious need for Christians to speak out against evil.

Even Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a committed Christian pacifist, eventually participated in an effort to overthrow Adolf Hitler in his struggle with these issues. They are not simple, but they are not made easier by name-calling and vilification of others. The same Bible that commands us to love our enemies assures us that “vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

In the meantime, we all become impatient and want to “pull up the tares” sometimes even at the expense of the “wheat.” The destruction of free speech for the short-term good of our own opinion would not be a bargain even for Christians.

We do, however, work toward a climate in which the sensitivities toward Christ and his followers would be as acute as those toward other minorities. In this pluralistic democracy, truth, fairness, good taste, tolerance and love are surely better expressions of our democratic ideals than crudeness and insensitivity toward those with whom we differ. — JK
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A special message from President Kesler

Taylor University is a unique institution. For over 143 years, this college has provided an excellent academic experience for students while fervently retaining its commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

Being one of the oldest evangelical colleges in America and being recognized nationally by *US News & World Report* these past few years are distinctions with which we are pleased. To be such salt and light in the world through the educational program is our vision.

The resources available for us to strengthen and sustain this mission are also unique. The state legislature does not convene to vote upon our annual appropriation, nor does a denomination vote once a year to provide Taylor with major funding. Our “special funding” comes from faithful Taylor alumni and friends. Your loyal support provides the life blood for this important work in God’s kingdom.

My request to you throughout the 1988-89 school year is clear and simple. Regardless of amount, we want and need you to participate financially in this work. High levels of participation, among alumni in particular, open doors for large gifts from foundations and major donors.

Throughout this year, when you receive my fund-raising letters, or a volunteer calls upon you, would you prayerfully respond? As president, this is one of the most important requests I can make of you.

Thank you for your consideration.