THE SITE OF THE ORIGINAL Taylor campus is now grown over with houses of one kind and another. That's what a van load of us found recently when we traipsed north in search of several sites connected with the early days of what was then known as Fort Wayne College.

We paused in the middle of a quiet street, figuring that the original building must have been right in the vicinity. Just then, a distinguished-looking gentleman made his way out of a low brown bungalow to our left. "We've come to reclaim the territory!" hollered history professor and archivist Dr. Dwight Mikkelson.

And with that introduction, we struck up a conversation and discovered that we were talking to a nephew of the late Dr. Burt Ayres. When he confessed that he wasn't too familiar with the school his great uncle had served for a half-century, Mikkelson invited him to ride along and learn something about Taylor. "Climb on in, we have plenty of room," Mikkelson said. Our new acquaintance considered for a minute, then, as much to his surprise as anyone's, he climbed aboard.

Our next stop was downtown, where a representative of the Allen County Historical Society had agreed to talk with us. Since we were running late and had a good deal of ground to cover, Mikkelson said he'd go in and see what he could do. What he did was invite the school president to pile into the van and go with us. Our numbers were growing.

We visited several buildings in Fort Wayne, including the one that housed Taylor's medical school and the church building where Samuel Morris worshipped as a student in the 1890s.

Our last stop was Lindene Cemetery. We stepped first at the front office so I could run in and read the memorial plaques to Morris and others connected with the college. When I returned to the van, we had added three more passengers: a woman and her two sons who had just finished Lindley Baldwin's biography of Morris, and happened by on their way to visit the grave site of the African student.

Together, the lot of us read the inscription on the headstone:

SAMUEL MORRIS, 1872-1893
Prince Kahoo
Native of West Africa
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Famous Christian Mystic
Apostle of the Simple Faith
Exponent of the Spirit-filled Life
Student at Taylor University 1892-3
Fort Wayne, now located at Upland,
Indiana. The story of his life
a vital contribution to the
development of Taylor University

Morris' was a vital contribution, indeed. On October 20, 1891, Bishop William Taylor's son wrote to ask if university officials would admit Morris as a student. The answer was "yes" — an answer that was to alter the course of the university. As then President Thaddeus Reade writes, "Samuel Morris was a divinely sent messenger of God to Taylor University. He thought he was coming over here to prepare himself for his mission to his people, but his coming was to prepare Taylor University for her mission to the whole world. Taylor got a vision of the world's need through him. It was no longer local; it was worldwide."

That vision for the world continues unabated at Taylor, says President Dr. Jay Kesler '58 in this issue, while Dr. Ted Engstrom '38 outlines practical steps toward its fulfillment. For inspiration, current students can look to alumni, says Karen Harvey '91, and Bishop Ralph Dodge '31 provides just such an example.

What a heritage is yours, as you help Taylor fulfill her mission. In so doing, you are a part of something much broader, much bigger than the work of any one person. This year's honor roll of donors records your name, together with those of the many who make so vital a contribution to the work of Taylor University.

Thank you for support of the university's mission. Thank you for what your gifts mean to the furtherance of Christian higher education and the training of young men and women.

If you are not yet a supporter of Taylor University, why not, "Climb on in." I learned that day in Fort Wayne that there is always room for one more.

—Doug Marlow '81, editor
A HERITAGE AND YET
The university's rich missionary legacy guides today's students as they seek to satisfy a maturing concept of Christian service.

EIGHT STEPS CLOSER TO WORLD EVANGELISM
Is it really possible to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ? Yes — and here are eight steps toward accomplishing that goal.

MISSION PIONEERS
Taylor's missionary heritage provides a foundation for efforts by today's students — and raises some searching questions, as well.

REVOLUTIONARY IDEAS
When United Methodist Bishop Ralph Dodge '30 took the gospel to Africa, he carried with him the seeds of social change.
Stand for peace

I know very little about your college except that it exists and who your president is. A friend of mine gave me your spring issue because I am teaching a course on business and faith in Sunday School and she thought the articles would be helpful. They will be.

What really impressed me was that you were willing to publish “The Ethics of War and Peace” and let a pacifist have the right to speak. Thank you.

The author, Ms. Calkins, did an excellent job of clearly communicating the position of the Mennonites and other peace churches.

Marlin Martin
Strasburg, Pennsylvania

The Great War

Concerning the spring cover — I agree with Marilyn Rawlings (Exchange, Spring 1991). It looked demonic. I tore it off at once. I would have been ashamed to have that on display in my living room.

Mostly, though, the magazine is great. I have truly been uplifted and inspired, especially by the various articles on those who have emerged victorious over great difficulties.

I felt that Dr. E. David Cook’s article (“What are you doing in the war, Daddy and Mommy?”, Summer 1991) mostly missed the point of what the Great War is all about. Frankly, I do not feel it is grieving the heart of God greatly that women are “discriminated against” in the work force. And while injustice is wrong and therefore sinful, that was not the main thrust of Jesus’ warfare on earth, nor the Great War from the beginning of time.

I believe the Great War to be the struggle between faith and unbelief. It is primarily a personal and spiritual struggle, and it is fought mainly through prayer and personal obedience to God. That may or may not include involvement in the righting of great social injustices; I may be

placed in a position in life where my chief task will be to trust God in circumstances very personally unjust to me.

What did I do in the Great War?

Among other things, I trusted and believed, and prayed and believed still, when all hope seemed gone. It didn’t look as if I were doing much...to observers. But God knew.

Lois (Inhoden ’52) Kempton
Logan, Ohio

Set the record straight

As an avid reader of Taylor magazine, I would like to point out an error made in the summer 1991 issue in an article concerning the Taylor Trojan baseball team.

The article stated that Taylor had won its first conference baseball championship since 1969. With all due respect, Taylor won the Hoosier-Buckeye Conference baseball title in 1975 and was a co-champion, sharing the title with Anderson College, in 1976.

From 1975-1977, under head coach Tom Carlson, Taylor baseball had a record of 49-30 and a number of players, including Trevor Tipton, Roger Hansen, Jeff Putnam, Steve Daugherty, Greg Ruegsegger and Randy Clarkson enjoyed outstanding seasons.

Sam Edly ’78
Lexington, Virginia

Recycling: Nothing new here

Taylor’s present emphasis on recycling is not new but a continuation of a program in place when I was a student. Wastepaper collected from the dorms, classrooms and offices was dumped in a section by the heating plant. Periodically, a refuse company emptied the section by bailing the contents.

I recall many incidents of my student days. In one such incident, a huge amount of paper had accumulated. One morning, at 4:30 a.m., Hayden Huff, morning shift stoker of the boilers, came running into the old Sammy Morris dorm, where I was dressing to go to the barn to care for the 25 cows which were a part of the dairy herd. Crying, “The heating plant’s on fire.” Actually, the accumulated paper was afire.

I ran to the public telephone in front of the ad building (the only telephone available to students) to call the operator to summon the Upland Fire Department, but she refused to notify them. When I told Lorraine Miller that the heating plant was afire, she said, “I know there’s always a fire in the heating plant.” Lorraine had been subject to harassment by certain “devilish” university students (perhaps the thought) who had used this same statement repeatedly. In the end, we awakened Dr. Ayres, a recognized authority on campus, to initiate action.

Fred E. Vincent ’31
Anderson, Indiana

Kudos

You’re doing a really beautiful job.

Don Rose ’31
Newport Beach, California

Needless destruction, depth of pain

My heartfelt thanks to Paige Comstock Cunningham for all the challenging work she is doing for the pro-life cause in an effort to stop this needless destruction of life both of our unborn and our women.

I began counseling post-aborted women this year after five years of counseling women and girls who came in for pregnancy tests at one crisis pregnancy center. It’s difficult to find words that describe the depth of pain these post-aborted women experience. I praise God for his forgiveness and healing power, for there is no other healthy way for these women to recover from this trauma of abortion. May others who read your article discover the way God would have them serve in this battle. Paige surely is an inspiration!

I do hope that Taylor has some services to offer their girls with
unplanned pregnancies.

Thank you for being the kind of school that offers a light to the world.

Carol Walter
Elmhurst, Illinois

A difficult issue, whatever the choice

I am grateful that Taylor magazine took on the difficult challenge of addressing evangelism and social concerns in its summer 1991 issue. I, too, have a penchant to “look out for the underdog.” What makes the task especially difficult is that many complex social problems do not have clear-cut answers. You run the risk of alienating some of your readership by taking one stand or another. It would be safer to steer a course which avoided controversy.

Abortion is one of those difficult issues. It deals with questions of justice and the right to a full and equal participation in society. It deals with people’s deepest, most unconscious feelings about life, the power of creation and the survival of the species. The questions are not easy: how does one respect fetal life and at the very same time protect women’s right to make their own reproductive health decisions?

I read the article on Paige Comstock Cunningham with great interest and found myself genuinely drawn toward her warmth and compassion. However, at risk of also being categorized as “deceived and deluded by Satan,” I need to say that her position is not the only Christian position.

Certainly abortion is a tragedy, but so are unloved and unwanted children. Certainly abortion is a tragedy, but so is rape and incest. Certainly abortion is a tragedy, but so is the lack of support that we offer to assist women in making good decisions free from coercion regarding pregnancy and to prevent pregnancy in the first place. Certainly abortion is a tragedy, but so is the lack of community support in the form of social and economic pro-
grams which enhance life for children and families.

I hope that attorney Cunningham is just as committed to the rights of children once they are born as she is to the unborn fetus. I hope that Christians everywhere are as dedicated to fight for quality of life for mothers and children as they might be to protect an unborn fetus. And I hope in the end that the rights of women are not denied in our attempt to protect fetal life.

Finally, I would request that Taylor magazine consider presenting a clear, articulate and compassionate alternative Christian viewpoint in an upcoming issue. The evangelical community has much to offer in struggling with this ethical dilemma.

William Larrson ’68
Palm Beach Gardens, Florida

Best choice in a bad situation, perhaps

After reading the summer 1991 issue of Taylor magazine, I have decided that it is time for me to do something about the issue of abortion, namely to start writing letters in support of this option for women. In the last couple of years I have come to realize that the situations in life are not as black and white as I always assumed they were and sometimes still wish they were. Here are a few of the things I have learned during this time.

The desire to have an abortion is not a 20th-century issue. Herbal and physical methods for the prevention and termination of unwanted pregnancies have been known to women for centuries. Throughout history, many a woman has resorted to often uncomfortable and sometimes dangerous procedures rather than try to continue a pregnancy that would make excessive demands on her body or on the limited resources of the community.

I find warnings that we must bear more children to support the elderly in the future disturbing on a couple grounds. In the 19th century, United States citizens were being urged to have more children to prevent this country from being overrun by whichever immigrant group was coming at that time. This attitude is frightening because it is so biased against those who are newcomers. That was also the time when the male medical doctors came to prominence and started driving female midwives and their knowledge of how to help women manage or terminate their pregnancies underground. In this day and age of rapidly filling landfills and mandatory recycling, we can reserve the job of bearing and raising children to those who are ready to. All of us need to share the burden of providing for the elderly and other disadvantaged segments of the population.

Another issue raised was that abortion deprives men of the chance to become fathers. When men and women are in mutually supportive relationships, then they can reach a joint decision about becoming parents, either through plan or by accident. However, often women seek out an abortion because the relationship they are in is already strained and, in fact, the man may already be missing from the scene. If men are really eager to become parents, they can develop relationships with women who feel similarly. As it is, all too often, fathers can easily walk away from all responsibility for their children who are already born, and it takes extreme efforts by the state government to make them pay any child support at all.

Instead of devoting so much energy to legal mandates for telling other women what not to do, we would all be better off working to make this world a place where pregnant women would not want to end their pregnancies. The Jesus who cares for each person individually can be trusted to take care of all those babies who die in abortions, who are miscarried accidentally, and who are stillborn. We can show the love of God that is within us by caring for the
Almost 25 years later, his sons carry the ball

Almost 25 years have passed since Bob Wynkoop ’68 took to the football field as a member of the Trojan team. Though he watches from the sidelines today, he has two significant reasons to attend Taylor football games, namely Trojans Rob (’92) and Chris (’94) Wynkoop. “I guess our dad was pretty good,” says Rob with a smile. One could say that. In four years of football, Dad earned four letters, cracked the starting lineup as a sophomore, and earned all-NAIA District 21 honors as a junior and senior. Bob also played at offensive guard and defensive linebacker, something that is almost never done in these days of special teams and third-down situation lineup switches. Rob and Chris have been used sparingly during their playing days at Taylor, but refuse to let that get them down.

Both worked hard during the offseason and, after a few weeks of practice and a scrimmage, the Taylor coaching staff likes the chances of the Wynkoops seeing more playing time this fall.

Playing Trojan football is not the only thing Chris and Rob have in common with their dad. Rob, a senior business administration major, sat out of football his freshman season. He regrets not playing that year, but says, “I wanted to be sure that I could handle the workload.” Chris, a sophomore whose major is yet undecided, shares his brother’s resolve to put studies first, a resolve that echoes their father’s work ethic. Chris explains. Whether in athletics, studies, or life, “once you start something, don’t quit — finish it.”

Bob and his wife, Priscilla (’68), members of the Parents’ Association Cabinet, have a third son, Brian, who plays high school football as a senior this year. —JG
Russian guests at Taylor saw it happen: University president encouraged by changes in Soviet Union, implications for education

Alexander Khokhlov laughs at the suggestion that he seems too young to be president of one of Russia's major universities.

"I am older than John F. Kennedy when he was elected president of the United States," Khokhlov says through an interpreter, feigning indignation. He is 46. Kennedy was 43.

It is a welcome bit of levity for a man who recently participated in the serious business of dismantling the Soviet Union and suspending its Communist party.

President of Nizhni Novgorod State University — located in what was the closed city of Gorky, 250 miles east of Moscow — Khokhlov also served in the 1,900-member Congress of People's Deputies.

After three days of stormy debate after the failed coup against Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, the Congress on Sept. 5 overwhelmingly endorsed Gorbachev's plan to create an interim government.

Deputies effectively voted the Congress out of existence by agreeing to create a new executive State Council consisting of Gorbachev, Russian Federation President Boris Yeltsin, and leaders of the other Soviet republics.

Because of his duties in Congress, Khokhlov was late in joining two other faculty members and 11 students from his university, who arrived Sept. 3 for a month-long visit to Taylor University.

A delegation from Taylor, which has a student body of 1,800 students, visited Nizhni Novgorod State University in June as part of a pilot foreign exchange program. NNSU has about 10,000 students.

Khokhlov says it is hard to imagine what was the Soviet Union as a loose confederation of sovereign republics, much as the 13 original states started a national American government in 1781.

The U.S. Articles of Confederation gave each state one vote, regardless of population, which is how the Soviet Union's proposed Council of Republics is shaping up. Such a sharing of power can lead to stalemate, with smaller states frustrating plans of their larger partners.

But, he says, making the confederation work and moving to a free-market society will be tough challenges.

"The situation looks very complicated," Khokhlov says. "I predict the process will be difficult and rather long."

Still, he says, he is encouraged.

"Some years ago, the state dictated what you must teach," Khokhlov says, noting that many professors who once taught classes in subjects such as scientific communism and Marxist-Leninist philosophy are looking for new fields.

"I think that is good for our students," he says. "I think the quality of education will become very high, and (students) will have a chance to compare one philosophy with another, and so on."

A physicist himself, Khokhlov believes many Soviet scientists will be able to concentrate on more productive work than weapons development, now that military spending has been curbed.

Khokhlov says that foreign exchange programs like the one his school and Taylor are participating in gives people a unique opportunity to learn about each other.

"I believe (foreign exchange programs) will lead to better cooperation between our two great peoples."

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In an address to Taylor students, Alexander Khokhlov waves papers summarizing the plans of the Congress of People's Deputies to restructer what had been the Soviet Union.

Friends Stacie Shopp '93 (above, left) and Anna Stepanova stand in front of a Russian izbos this past June when Taylor students were the guests in Nizhni Novgorod.

Taylor students received a warm welcome when they spent a month in Russia this June as part of a pilot exchange program. The Americans and Russians pose for a group photograph (left).

Mikhail Rikhtik, a history major from Nizhni Novgorod State University, chats after an arts and culture demonstration.
Planned withdrawal from conference announced

The Taylor University men’s athletic program will withdraw from the Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference (ICAC) at the conclusion of the current school year. President Jay Kesler announced recently. Kesler has notified the conference of Taylor’s intentions by letter.

According to Athletic Director Joe Romine, Taylor’s decision was reached after the presidents of the conference’s respective member institutions voted 6-2 to make conference membership dependent upon exclusive affiliation with the National Collegiate Athletic Association’s (NCAA) Division III.

Taylor is one of five ICAC members currently affiliated with the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA). The remaining three schools are already NCAA Division III members.

The ICAC was initiated three years ago, says Athletic Director Joe Romine, and at that time member schools agreed to a three-year trial period. At its conclusion, member institutions would exercise one of three options, as follows:

1. ICAC members would be affiliated with NCAA Division III or the NAIA as they chose;
2. ICAC members would be affiliated only with the NAIA;
3. ICAC members would be affiliated only with the NCAA Division III.

The conference decision to adopt the latter option forced Taylor to make a tough choice, says Kesler. “Our hope has always been that we could make whatever adjustments possible to fit within the conference framework...The vote last spring by the ICAC member presidents to make the conference an all-NCAA Division III conference created a problem for us. These are all high quality schools and we can only desire the best for them in the future.”

Kesler and Romine cite several primary reasons for Taylor’s decision to retain its NAIA affiliation, including the following:

- **Criteria for participation in post-season championship tournaments.** Tournament selection committees determine NCAA Division III post-season tournament participants; teams qualify for NAIA post-season tournament play based upon season records.
- **Athletic scholarship considerations.** The NCAA Division III does not permit athletic scholarships and, historically, has consisted of private, highly endowed member institutions that can offer financial assistance across the board to all students. Though Taylor chooses not to offer scholarships based on athletic performance, the NAIA allows schools to offer athletic scholarships.
- **Historical affiliation.** Taylor has a long-term affiliation with the NAIA. In fact, geography professor Roger Jenkinson is a former president of the organization. Just last year, the Trojan men’s basketball team advanced to the Final Four of the national tournament in Kansas City. “Taylor has a long 40-year history with the NAIA,” says Kesler. “We didn’t wish to end this association.” Other ICAC schools, however, have similarly long-term ties to the NCAA Division III. “The other three schools are as deeply steeped in the NCAA as we are in the NAIA,” says Romine.

Taylor’s women’s athletic program is a member of the Hoosier Conference for Women (HCW) and is not affected by this decision. —JG

New members bring expertise, diversity to Board of Trustees

The appointment of Mr. Jerry Horne and Dr. William Pannell to the Taylor University Board of Trustees brings to 23 the number of individuals serving the university in this leadership capacity.

Horne, a resident of Holland, Mich., owns the southwestern Michigan franchises for Manpower, Inc., a national temporary service company. He is an active member of the Wesleyan Church. He and his wife, Dee, have two sons, Dan and David ‘89.

Pannell is a faculty member at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif. He spent many years serving with Youth for Christ, and is a graduate of Summit Christian College in Fort Wayne, Ind. He is an active member of the Christian Assemblies (Plymouth Brethren) church. He and his wife, Hazel, have two sons.
Taylor, Summit enter into dialogue about shared future

“Taylor has received an overture from Summit Christian College regarding the possibility of their merging with Taylor.” With those words, Provost Daryl Yost this summer brought the university community up to date on a recent development in the life of Taylor.

SCC is located in Fort Wayne, Ind., the city in which Taylor was founded in 1846. “Taylor University and Summit Christian College have very similar mission statements and a great many mutual friends,” says Taylor President Jay Kesler. “If these discussions result in merging the two institutions, we envision a strengthened contribution to higher education and broadened opportunities for students well into the 21st century.” A decision is expected early next year.

Summer program offers students significant research experience in their field of study

To senior Andi Eicher, a third-generation Taylor student from Bombay, India, giant foxtail grass will never again be just “weeds” growing along the Indiana roadside. Eicher spent too much of his time this past summer with the grass for that to happen.

Eicher was one of over 20 students involved in Taylor’s summer research program, which provides opportunities for students to do research under the direct supervision of a professor, an option not always available to undergraduate students at larger universities.

Eicher worked with biology professor Dr. Paul Rothrock in examining weed demographics. Other students, in both the natural and social sciences, worked on projects with such titles as “Microbule extraction of heavy metals,” and “Instructional clarity: The role of linking and focusing moves on student achievement and satisfaction,” among others.

Eicher, a biology major with an environmental science cognate, began his research with by reviewing the literature available on the giant foxtail grass. He followed that with field work, doing intensive study of giant foxtail grass in its natural habitat.

In the process, Eicher says he learned a lot, both about the plant species itself (“I realized the magnitude of what I didn’t know”) and about the research process.

Having a working knowledge of the research process has enabled him to more seriously consider attending graduate school. “Before this summer, graduate school was only a dream for me,” says Eicher. “Now it has become much more of a reality.

“It has been good to deal with science up close. This summer has emphasized the validity of research work.”

Eicher is working with Rothrock and Professor Edwin Squiers in writing a paper to be presented to the Indiana Academy of Sciences this fall. — TS, DM

Andi Eicher ’92 scrutinizes the subject of his summer research project, giant foxtail grass. It is weed of great interest to farmers for left unchecked, it can depress yields of corn and soybeans by up to 40 and 60 percent, respectively.
A heritage and yet

by Dr. Jay Kesler ’58

The university’s rich missionary legacy guides today’s students as they seek to satisfy a maturing concept of Christian service.

Rhonda Reynolds ’94, computer science major from Hillsboro, Ind., and Jabin Burnworth ’94, biology major from Hartford City, Ind., represent the new vision for missions that permeates the Taylor campus. Students see themselves as called to Christian service regardless of their career plans.

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AYLOR UNIVERSITY AND missionary service are very nearly synonyms. Taylor’s commitment to world missions was never better stated than by president Thaddeus Reade in May of 1893. The occasion was a communication to the Taylor constituency following the death of Sammy Morris in which he wrote, “Samuel Morris was a divinely-sent messenger of God to Taylor University. He thought he was coming to prepare to reach his people, but his coming was to prepare Taylor University for her mission to the whole world. Taylor got a vision of the world’s need through him. It was no longer local — it was worldwide.

This stretching of vision by exposure to global challenges continues to this day. This fall we have in our midst 128 students who have lived in other countries as daughters and sons of missionaries. In addition, we have 15 students from Russia, 12 from Singapore, eight from the Caribbean, as well as 22 students from other countries. By graduation time, nearly one-third of all Taylor students travel overseas in some educational experience or missions capacity.

The diversity that Samuel Morris brought to Taylor 100 years ago has been magnified many times over by the shared experiences of students, missionaries, teachers, guest lecturers, missionary spokespersons and foreign service personnel. There is constant evaluation and innovation by faculty on the topic of
internationalizing the curriculum.

For me, however, there is a subtlety in the ethos of Taylor today that is sometimes unnoticed by those who are not involved on a day-to-day basis with current students. I attempt to express this observation in the following way.

Oftentimes when I meet alumni I am asked the question, “How is the spiritual climate at Taylor? Are students still interested in becoming missionaries, pastors, or evangelists?” At first I was a little confused by this question because though I sense that the spiritual vitality at Taylor is as intense as during my student days, it does not seem that as much emphasis is on “full-time Christian service” as before. As I struggled to get a handle on this, several things surfaced. First of all, there is a very different idea extant among today’s students about the role of the Christian in the world. The dividing of Christians into two great classes — those in “full-time service” and the rest of the church, is no longer part of the construct.

Today’s Christian students believe that Christians are either obedient and involved in Christian service or they are living mediocre, secular lives. The idea of “bloom where you are planted” has superseded the former division into “full-time Christian service” and secular occupation. Today’s students see it as their responsibility to be full-time, regardless of who is paying them. They see no sacred, secular distinction. It is to them immaterial who signs their paycheck. The important issue is, “Are you being as effective as possible in your context?” or “are you salt and light in society?”

As I attempt to compare these definitions with the Bible, I conclude that this modern understanding is really more consistent with the teaching of scripture. The distinction between clergy and laity has been replaced with obedience vs. disobedience or consistency vs. inconsistency. Today’s students feel quite strongly that the New Testament church was a lay movement.

The idea of foreign vs. home missions has also changed in a shrinking world. Travel is common and relatively inexpensive. Today’s students tend to see the world’s peoples as either committed to Christ or uncommitted, regardless of socioeconomic, racial, political or national barriers. African Christians are seen as ethnically closer than American neighbors and schoolmates who are unbelievers. This also seems to me less provincial, chauvinistic, and even less racist than the view of the globe commonly held in the past.

The subtlety has an even more far reaching implication. If you were to ask a student in the 1950’s, “Why are you motivated to give your life to foreign missions?” the answer would tend to be, “to save souls.” Some, of course, would have added other dimensions such as education, public health or economic development. The centerpiece, however, would have most often tied to “dying without Christ and the eternal consequences.”

For evangelicals, this central theme must always be present, otherwise the implications of the cross become obscured in either sentimentality or social and political rhetoric. Today’s students, however, would tend to answer the same question about foreign missionary service by stating in some form, “to lose the power of God in the world.” This answer would always include evangelism as primary, but would see the holistic nature of persons and culture in the light of the gospel. They would have difficulty seeing a conflict between practical acts of charity, social activism, and soul-winning. This also seems consistent with the reconciling nature of the gospel taught in the New Testament. As I attempt to interpret Taylor today to alumni and friends, I do so against these new understandings and I do so with a sense of pride in these students.

Students are still challenged with foreign missions and indeed are still answering the same missionary call as that of William Taylor, Sammy Morris, Ralph Dodge, and Don Odle. However, those who choose business, education, medicine, law, research, industry, homemaking and, indeed, the whole image of human endeavor, do so with a sense of Christian vocation. This sense of vocation is one of the bright spots in today’s Taylor environment and is a source of great satisfaction and motivation to all of us who work together on the Taylor faculty and staff.

My short answer, shared with conviction about Taylor today and world missions, is, _The vision is alive and well among today’s students._ I do not feel lonely on this issue but see it reinforced at every level by faculty, administration, student leadership and staff. I believe that the blessing of God on the institution and Taylor vitality in the future are directly related to the maintenance of this missionary heritage.
Eight steps closer to world evangelism

by Dr. Ted W. Engstrom '38

Is it really possible to fulfill the Great Commission of Christ? Yes — and here are eight steps toward accomplishing that goal.

HAD ALWAYS BELIEVED that world evangelism was possible. And I had preached that message all my life. “It is unthinkable that Christ would ever charge his disciples with the task of reaching the world if there was the slightest possibility that it could not be done (Acts 1:8),” I’d say.

“We accept the credibility of Christ: we need no other authority. Tools available to modern man heighten the possibility. And, lest we forget, God’s Word assures us that it is his purpose to gather his church out of all nations.”

Then came the day when I wondered if I had been preaching a lie. I arose about 4:30 that morning to catch my flight from the capital city of Indonesia down to Surabaya, on the island of Java. It was a full day. I visited orphanages and hospitals, preached sermons at a couple of Bible schools en route, visited some national leaders, and late that evening arrived at a colleague’s home. After a late supper I retired to my little room. I sat on my cot, utterly exhausted, wearied in body and in spirit, having seen tens of thousands of people in what is one of the most thickly populated areas of the world. Java has an estimated 1600 people per square mile, and I was overwhelmed with seeing so many in a day’s time.

Late that evening I wrestled deeply within myself in the question of whether, indeed, the whole world could be evangelized. For years I had been preaching Matthew 28, that we are to go into all the world and preach the gospel to everyone, everywhere. But I had seen thousands of these Indonesian Muslims that day and wrestled with the question, “How in the world is it possible to reach these people, to say nothing...
of the whole world in our generation for Christ?"

Had I been preaching a lie? Did I really believe what I had been talking about in so many sermons related to world evangelism? I wrestled with God that night over the question, beginning to pray about my doubt as to whether a world of four billion people, half of whom have yet to hear the redemptive message of Christ, could ever be reached with the gospel.

Pulling out my notebook, I began to write out of a wearied mind and heart, asking what it would really take to reach the world for Christ in our generation. I wrote down the outline I made that night.

First, we must realize we have a Message. God has given to us the Message of Salvation in the person of Christ. It is complete. It is adequate. It is relevant. It is all sufficient. It is transforming.

Second, we must have Manpower. God could have preached the gospel through angels or heavenly beings, or proclaimed the message with a flaming sword across the sky, but he did not do this. He has divinely ordained to use human instrumentality. He uses redeemed people. That's manpower.

Third, we must evaluate our Methods. We have enough things going for us in our contemporary twentieth century society to reach every person in the world with any message that we want. The disciplined planning techniques, communication devices, satellites — all of these things God has given to us as methods to be sanctified and used by the Holy Spirit. We have them today as never before in history. The harvest field is smaller, the grain is thicker, and the instruments are sharper than ever.

Fourth, we must consider our Motivation. Are we really motivated by the compassionate love of Christ to give everything we have to him in service? I am reminded of the beautiful illustration, perhaps apocryphal, of a Christian businessman from America, who was travelling to various mission fields of the world. One day he found himself in northern India near a leprosarium. Outside of the walls of this leprosarium he saw a very unusual sight. There he met a lovely young missionary nurse who was attending the desperate needs of a filthy, wretched leprous Indian beggar. There is nothing more distressing than that kind of a sight. Tenderly the young lady was ministering to this leprous beggar before he was admitted into the leprosarium. The businessman had his movie camera strung around his neck at ready. He paused at the sight, then withdrew a few paces. He couldn't take the picture. Tears filled his eyes. He said to the young nurse, "Young lady, I wouldn't do that for a million dollars." Quickly she turned to him and said, "Sir, neither would I." And yet, here was the compassionate love of Christ that impelled that girl in motivation to serve Christ. Do we have the motivation to reach a world for whom Christ died?

Fifth, we must have Mobilization. The church must be mobilized to reach out together in compassionate concern. All of us, from every group, all denominations, Christians everywhere in the world, need to be mobilized in the fulfillment of the greatest commission given to man, that of preaching the gospel to everyone everywhere in our world today. I wrote down the fact that we need to have a trained, mobilized church in the world.

Sixth, we have a Mandate. We have been given the Mandate of God. Jesus himself has mandated the church to preach the gospel across the world. Every generation has been so commissioned. Our commission is not any less. We must be obedient to Christ's mandate.

Seventh, we must have Money. There is enough money in evangelical wallets and purses in the world today, more than enough, to carry on this task of world evangelism. It needs to be released. There needs to be a sacrificial giving at every level.

Finally, we must remember we are a people of Miracle. The fulfillment of the Great Commission can only happen through the Miracle of the working of the Holy Spirit of God.

After thinking through those eight steps, I had a wonderful, relaxed peace in my heart. I said, "Yes, the world can be reached in the future. It must be reached. God has given us all that we need to reach the world in our day with the Message that he has committed to us. We need to be obedient, we need to give of ourselves sacrificially in fulfillment of this commissioning of God." I slept a deep sleep of peace that night and have not for one moment since that event doubted in my soul. The task will be accomplished...the world will be reached!
Mission pioneers

by Karen Harvey '91

Taylor's missionary heritage provides a foundation for efforts by today's students — and raises some searching questions, as well.

Taylor has a strong contingent of students whose parents are both Taylor graduates and missionaries. Among them are sophomores Margo Horsey (left), communication arts major and daughter of Dave '65 and Karen (Plueddemann '66) Horsey, Campus Crusade missionaries in Germany; Stefan Eicher (center), double major in art and physics, son of Operation Mobilization missionaries to India Ray '64 and Christa Eicher, and grandson of retired missionaries to India Elmore '26 and Alice Eicher; and Peter Heck (right), son of James and Karen (Motz '68) Heck, missionaries in Ecuador with radio station HCJB.

IN 1902, STUDENTS AT Taylor University knew "where it was at." A class prophecy from that year reads, "The world is not looking for men who are grasping after gold...but for men who take a position not so much for advancement, but because in it they can do more good....The church is praying for men filled with the love of God and sympathy for humanity, men who will sacrifice themselves, if need be, for truth and righteousness...."

Missions has always been integral to Taylor. I knew that. Graduates who have dedicated their lives to ministering on foreign fields have been individuals of incredible courage, patience, love, and endurance. Perhaps I knew that, too. But recently, I've been challenged by and amazed at Taylor's missionary heritage.

Take the man after whom the university is named — Methodist missionary and bishop William Taylor. During the last century, this man visited every continent, made over 100
voyages, and opened and administered mission fields in India, South America and Africa. He wrote 16 books and kept a schedule of one to six speaking engagements daily. All of this was done on a self-supporting basis.

Taylor was a man of action. When he saw a need, he did not argue with God, but readily obeyed. For example, in February of 1862, Taylor learned from a Canadian gentleman staying in his home of the spiritual needs in Australia. That evening he went to the forest, knelt in the snow and asked God if he should go to Australia. Convinced of the Lord's prompting, he left immediately.

When Taylor began his work in Liberia, there was not a single organized church in that country. Ten years later, 34 churches and 3,600 converts bore testimony to the success of Taylor's efforts. Growth continued. Upon returning to Liberia, the famous explorer Henry M. Standing exclaimed, "When I was here 18 years ago, there was not a single missionary here, now there are 40,000 native Christians and 200 churches. The natives are zealous and would love to spend their last penny to acquire a Bible."

The same vision that characterized Bishop Taylor has also characterized the university named in his honor. Since its founding in 1846, the university has evidenced a zeal for missions. Early in this century, students further developed that enthusiasm through several student organizations.

The year is 1907, a Monday evening. The twenty-two-member Student Volunteer Band gathers for its weekly meeting. The topic: how to quicken and energize students to missionary service.

Members differ about which countries should form the focal point of the special missionary meeting on an upcoming Saturday afternoon, each holding out for the country or continent in which he or she plans to serve. Eight argue for Africa, four for China, three for India, others for Alaska, Japan, and the Philippine Islands.

History has since borne out the depth of their commitment. Among the members probably gathered that night was J.C. Ovenshire 'x09, who would die on the field in Africa. Susan Talbot 'x09 and John Wengatz '09 were likely there, as well. They would marry and serve together in Africa, where Susan would die after being bitten by a rabid dog. John would carry on the ministry in her absence for very nearly the rest of life, spending a total of 42 years on the field.

Another organization created to arouse and foster student interest in foreign missions was the School of the Prophets, instigated by President Thaddeus Read. This group arranged the speakers for Sunday chapel services, scheduled students to lead the Thursday evening prayer meetings, and planned a spiritual emphasis week each term.

Holiness leagues for both men and women were also active on campus. Their mission field was closer to home. Nicknamed the "Salvation Army" of the town, they ministered to those in Upland and surrounding communities, talking with individuals on the streets and visiting in people's homes.

A zeal for missions has characterized Taylor throughout the years. However, going to the mission field hasn't always been an easy decision for Taylor graduates to make.

In her book, Through the Eyes of Love, Hazel Compton '38 recalls her initial reaction to becoming a missionary to India. After battling with God for months, Compton took out her Bible, got down on her knees, and said, "Now if you really want me to go to India, show me."

She asked for a verse with the word "go" in it. Randomly opening her Bible, she put her finger down — on the word "go."

Thinking it might be a coincidence, she tried again.

Down went her finger — on the word "go." She then asked the Lord to do it one more time. Then she'd obey. "This time the word was 'going,'" she writes, "I then promised the Lord that I'd do but I was still reluctant."

When life as a missionary began, it was just as bad, if not worse, than Compton had feared. "I was so unhappy that for six weeks I didn't unpack," she writes. "I said, 'I'm not going to stay here. I'm going home.' But in six weeks I decided that I wasn't to do what I really wanted which was to leave...He had sent me to India to do a job, and therefore, I had better get on with the job."

Get on with the job she did. For the next 21 years, she served as a nurse at a leprosy hospital in India, also working at various out-clinics several times a week.

Compton recalls when two farming brothers, Murit and Nanya, came to the clinic at Dongargh. Both were diagnosed with leprosy and encouraged to go to the hospital for treatment.

Murit obeyed. Nanya, on the other hand, stayed on the farm and took over Murit's land—and his wife. Even so, Murit received something much greater.
Compton says. Through the hospital ministry, “he learned to love the Lord Jesus Christ and to serve him faithfully for many years. I have heard him many times in testimony meeting say, ‘I thank God that I got leprosy. No one cared for me, but I came here and learned to know Jesus Christ as my Savior. If I hadn’t had this disease, I would still be without Christ who is my all and in all.’”

Missionary statesman John Wengatz ’09, looking back over his 42 years of service in Africa, echoes that sentiment. He writes, “If I had my life to do over, or a dozen lives yet before me, there would be no debate in my mind as to what I would do with them. To be called to such a service is the greatest honor that God ever bestowed upon man.”

During his years as a missionary, Wengatz constructed 44 schools, 36 churches, and 12 parsonages. More than 44,000 people came to know Christ through his ministry.

In one of his books, Miracles in Black, Wengatz recounts an unforgettable experience with an African tribal chief. While traveling to share with the Chioke tribe, Wengatz met the chieftain. At their first meeting, the chief was adamantly opposed to Wengatz and his stories about the Lord. Despite his opposition, however, the chief recognized that Wengatz spoke the Truth.

The day Wengatz was leaving, the old chief called the missionary aside. He pointed to where his father, mother, and all his people were buried. “And then,” Wengatz recalls, “he lowered his voice and looked at me in the eye again.

‘White man, not one of these people that went into the ground there have heard such things as I have...Shall I go in there, too, without hearing these things again and my people do the same? Send me a teacher, white man; don’t tell me you can’t.’

“As he pleaded for the Gospel for his people, tears shot to my eyes,” Wengatz says. “I couldn’t stand it. I tried to walk away from him but he followed me and for one and one-half hours pleaded for the Gospel of Christ for his tribe.”

Wengatz had to move on. There just weren’t enough missionaries to fill all the needs. He says, “The last thing I saw was a man standing with outstretched hands, begging for a teacher for his people.”

As I sat in my dorm room reading Wengatz’s account, tears shot to my eyes. “I’ll go,” I thought. “I’ll go. Send me.”

Other names and others, similar incidents reeled through my mind: Hazel Compton, Bishop William Taylor, Susan Talbot, and many others.

“So much good came out of these people’s lives for the Lord,” I thought. “I want to serve him like that, too.” I was ready to quit school and head for the mission field straight out.

Already, I had been praying fervently to die to self and live for Christ. I so desire for the Lord to be glorified in my life.

Was this my answer? Considering the work these people have done for the Lord, maybe I shouldn’t be tucked away in a corporate office somewhere.

I am reading, reevaluating and seeking his leading. I’m wrestling with what God would have me do.

And I’m wrestling with where Taylor University is today.

In the early years, missions was a primary focus of the university. In 1915, Taylor had two-fifths of the candidates for the ministry and one-third of the volunteers for foreign missions out of the 22 Indiana colleges.

In 1991, Taylor students are exposed to missions mostly through the ministry of Taylor World Outreach (TWO). Through TWO, hundreds of students each year are involved in short-term missions projects, and representatives from missions organizations frequently visit campus.

Taylor still has a missions focus, but missions is simply one of numerous fields encouraged. I wonder if the values of society have caused our zeal for missions to wane.

Certainly the Lord does need Christians in Indiana, in Arkansas, in Michigan. Certainly he does need Christians in the school systems, in the corporate world, in the entertainment industry.

However, learning about the university’s missionary tradition makes me wonder. I question myself and my personal ambitions. I question Taylor’s current vision as a university.

Maybe Taylor University is just where the Lord wants her. Maybe I am just where the Lord wants me. Maybe I know “where it’s at.” But I’m not quite sure. I think I’ll ask.
Revolutionary ideas
by April L. Walker '91

When United Methodist Bishop Ralph Dodge '30 took the gospel to Africa, he carried with him the seeds of social change.

Both Melanie Bustrum ’93 (left), a psychology major, and Tim Dixon ’95, a computer science major, hail from Kenya, where their parents serve as missionaries.

THE REV. RALPH DODGE shifted uneasily in his seat. How would he tell his wife the news?

"Some men from the immigration office came to see me this morning," he began. "They came to deliver deportation papers."

In the moments that followed, the Dodgers searched for a reason they could be deported. Was it because, despite, the white-dominated separatist regime that had come into power, they had entertained Africans in their house? Was it something he had written about justice in the church pamphlet?

For 28 years, Ralph and Eunice (Davis) Dodge, both graduates of the class of 1931, had served as missionaries in Southern Africa, training the nationals and watching the church grow. In 1956, Dodge was the first American Methodist missionary to be elected a bishop by the African Central Conference.

During the Dodgers' years in South Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe), the people had begun to hope for a majority rule. Dodge, sympathetic to the will of the people, had supported Africans involved in the liberation movement and treated Africans as his equals. He had been under police surveillance, and his four children were mocked because of his stand, but he continued to advocate the rights of the black African majority in Rhodesia.

In 1964, the Dodgers were deported by Prime Minister Ian Smith of Rhodesia. According to Dodge, there was a "rising self-consciousness among Africans, so the Portuguese tightened their controls."

Back in Terrill, Iowa, Dodge had always planned to be a farmer. He had felt a call to Christian ministry, but resisted due to his extreme fear of public appearances. "Even my
high school counselor advised me against any type of public service, as I was very ill-at ease on a platform, and
this tenseness was even evident in my high-pitched voice,” he says.

God had other plans though. “Three traumatic events in one year altered the course of my life,” Dodge explains.
In the same year, he survived a “terrifying” experience with a team of runaway horses, he was nearly electrocuted when a power cord shorted while he was loading a rail car at a farmer’s elevator, and his father died. According to Dodge, those events, together with the prayers of his mother, turned him toward the ministry. On a rainy day in 1926 he
realized he could fight it no longer, so he applied to Taylor University and began his training.

At Taylor, Dodge met and became engaged to Eunice Davis. After graduating, he went to Boston
University School of Theology, where he earned the M.A. and the Bachelor

of Sacred Theology degrees.

Having completed his work in Boston, Dodge married on June 28,
1934 and began pastoring in N.D.

After prayerful consideration, the
Dodges applied for missionary service with the Methodist Church.

When Dodge, his wife, and their
district

three-month-old son arrived in Africa
in 1935, they went to Luanda, the
capital city of Angola. He had been
appointed the office of superintendent of a large district of

rural churches, and she was to be the principal of a grade

school where most of the teachers had only a fourth grade

education.

Soon after their arrival, Dodge went as the first

missionary ever to visit a certain tribe in the interior.

Some young men of that tribe had just returned from the
city, where they tried to receive tax money from the
government. During their trip, they heard the gospel and
were given a New Testament and a Bible. Although the
men were unable to read them, they served as symbols of

their new life in Christ.

The chief asked the men, in accordance with tribal

tradition, what they had learned in the city. The men
recounted stories of steamers on the ocean and trains on rails,
and then they related their religious experiences. Members
of the tribe saw a difference in those young men and
wanted to know more about the Gospel. Dodge, believing
that the natives should lead their own people, worked with
the tribe to help them organize their own church.

“That’s the joy of the church,” Dodge says, “to see
what the Gospel does and how...where there is a willing-
ness, a responsiveness on the part of the people. God can
work these changes in the lives of individuals, and then,
through these individuals, can make changes in society.”

Those changes are evident, too. When Dodge worked
in Southern Rhodesia, there was but one church in his
district. When he visited again in 1982, there were 18
Methodist churches and some Baptist churches, too.

In his autobiography, The Revolutionary Bishop, Dodge
states, “When we went to (Africa), it was almost an entirely
continental; now it was almost all independent...it was a missionary

church; now it was an African Church.

“The Lord gave me the opportunity
to be a missionary during a critical
time and the fact that through his
guidance, we believe a great deal has
been wrought in the development of a church
that is almost entirely

African in its composition.”

He believes that missionaries today need to view themselves as “fraternal

workers.” One “can no longer expect
to find people who have never heard
of the Gospel. They may, in fact, be
anti-Gospel.” Today’s missionary

will likely work with people who

resent foreigners, he adds.

Following the deportation from

South Rhodesia, the Dodges worked

for the church from their exile in

North Rhodesia (now Zambia). Dodge’s repeated
applications for entry into South Rhodesia were repeatedly

denied. Later, Dodge was assigned to central Europe.

In 1968, the Dodges were permitted to re-enter South

Rhodesia, by then renamed Zimbabwe. The racial
conflicts were still heated in the rural areas, but the harvest
in Dodge’s churches encouraged him.

Dodge and his wife retired and moved to Florida in

1971. “With the traditional bulges, bridges, and bifocals
for people in their mid-seventies, we face the future

undated,” he wrote at the time. That future included
doing short-term special assignments in various countries of
Africa for years. Dodge also found time to write his

autobiography, The Revolutionary Bishop. Then, in 1982,
Eunice died. Dodge has continued his writing, penning

profiles about “interesting people” in his community. He

has since remarried and has frequent speaking engage-
ments in local churches.

“It’s been a gratifying life,” he says. “Not economi-
cally,” he chuckles at the after-thought, “but it’s been very
gratifying.”
IT WAS THE FERVENT PRAYER of President Thaddeus C. Reade that Taylor University’s campus, like the ground Moses trod, would be a place where God’s presence was evident and from which servants of God would go forth in obedience to his call on their lives.

Reade was born in 1846, the year Taylor was founded. At age 45, he accepted the presidency of the university, and brought to it renewed spiritual vigor and missionary focus. He demonstrated unflagging zeal for the school during a tenuous time in its history, and spent himself to assure her survival. He died after serving as president for 11 years, a beloved leader and friend to students.

When Reade died, neither his personal finances nor those of Taylor allowed the purchase of a grave site or marker. That is why he is buried on the campus, writes longtime dean of the university, the late Dr. Burton Ayres, in an unpublished manuscript.

Students erected a white picket fence around his grave. Though Reade often said that Taylor University was the only monument he ever wanted, in later years students purchased the grave stone which stands in front of the Helena Memorial Building. Its inscription honors one who gave much for the university he loved:

**THADDEUS C. READE**
1846-1902
President of Taylor University 1891-1902
Scholar Educator Theologian
Preacher Poet Patriot
Servant of God - Friend of Many
Benefactor of Struggling Youth

Today, President Reade’s legacy lives on and his prayers find continuing fulfillment as young men and women prepare themselves at Taylor University for lifelong service to our Lord.

This report seeks to honor those who today make it possible for Taylor to serve as HOLY GROUND.
In 1972, Taylor University brought several young men from the Teen Challenge program in Brooklyn, N.Y. to complete their GEDs in the bucolic surroundings of Upland. One, who already had his GED, was enrolled as a freshman majoring in sociology. His name was Luis Rivera.

I had attended Taylor the year before but had transferred to the University of Michigan. A copy of the Taylor magazine arrived at my home one day. It contained a story of the "Taylor Experiment" with the New York men. I was drawn to a picture of Luis Rivera and remarked to my mother, "Now, if he had been at Taylor when I was there, I never would have left!"

When the spring semester ended at U of M, I decided to visit some friends at Taylor. The course of my life was changed forever on May 12, 1973, when Luis Rivera x'76 overshot the eight-ball while playing pool in the Student Union. The ball bounced off the table and landed at my feet. As I handed it to him, our eyes met, and there was an instantaneous recognition, a realization that we had met our "soulmates."

Eighteen years have passed since that moment in the noisy, crowded environs of the Student Union. We often reminisce about how the Lord steered the paths of two very independent people to meet as we did that day. We have been blessed with two boys, both mentally gifted. We have professions which challenge and fulfill us, as well as a Christian bilingual bookstore in Philadelphia. He has blessed us above all that we could ask or think and we are now in a position to share our blessings with others who come into our lives.

Ann (Woodcock '76) Rivera
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
D R. THADDEUS READE, Taylor University president from 1891 to 1902, often prayed that Taylor’s campus would be “holy ground.” Indeed, it does seem that God has somehow consecrated this small plot of Indiana soil, sending forth from here godly men and women who have made — and continue to make — a difference in their world.

Donors to Taylor University play a significant role in enabling the University to fulfill that mission.

Taylor friends, alumni, staff, and trustees established a new all-time giving record during the 1990-1991 academic year. For what that means to the furtherance of Taylor University, we are extremely grateful. If you were among those making a gift, please accept our heartfelt gratitude.

As a result of the gift support to Taylor, we can report that and several noteworthy achievements of the past year.

- Total giving to the university increased 62 percent over the previous year, setting a new record at $3.86 million.

- The National Alumni Council initiated the Endowing the Vision as an endowment-building program. To date, over $2 million in future gifts have been pledged.

- Ground was broken and construction has begun on the Randall Center for Environmental Studies. The building is being built debt-free.

- President Kesler unveiled the Taylor Plan and accompanying banquet program as means of meeting alumni and friends face-to-face and sharing with them his vision for the university.

- Alumni are actively involved in supporting their alma mater at an overall rate of 36 percent.

This report honors those who made gifts to Taylor University during the 1990-1991 academic year.

Gifts to Taylor are classified in two categories: gifts to the Taylor Plan that provide operating support and capital support; and those made to other designated projects.

President’s Associates and Tower Associates are recognized in this honor roll for their gifts to the Taylor Fund; all others are recognized for their total giving in support of the university.

Once again, our sincere thanks to all who demonstrated their belief in the mission of Taylor University through their outstanding support during the 1990-1991 academic year.
Sometimes on a Sunday afternoon, Janie and I take a walk through the campus exchanging greetings with others doing the same thing. Recently I saw a student standing about eight feet from the tombstone of Thaddeus Reade quietly reading the inscription (see cover text). I was reminded of a devotional shared with us by beloved professor Dr. Herb Nygren on Joshua 4:6, “What do these stones mean?” The context, of course, is the commemoration of the Israelites crossing the river Jordan. The leaders of each tribe were instructed to select a stone from the river bed and place it on a pile so that in future generations, children would ask their parents, “What do these stones mean?” and they would be told of the provision of God as He cut off the flow of the river to allow them to cross. The answer to this ancient question, “What do these stones mean?” in a slightly different form is the essence of the liberal arts education. The common, often irreverently-asked question goes, “What does this have to do with me?” The historian attempts to help students understand the antecedents of human events to better understand and contextualize today’s experience. The biologist attempts to show us how we relate to the rest of the created order that man may live in harmony and, when possible, correct abortions, malfunction, and disease. The musician and artist challenge our often ignorant and desensitized aesthetic sensors by stimulating us with the great efforts of gifted people, thus lifting us to new levels of appreciation and enjoyment. The mathematician, astronomer, physicist, and geologist help us to gain proportion and to appreciate our relationships with space and time. The theologian attempts to help us understand what it means to be unique creations of a holy God. And so it goes throughout the disciplines until we conclude, almost universally, that “the unexamined life is not worth living.” An esteemed friend of Taylor, Dr. Elton Trueblood, has called today’s youth “the cut-flower generation.” This is, in my opinion, not only a graphic analysis, but a comprehensive and penetrating one. Modernity tends to say, “...in the beginning I was born and all of significance revolves around my experiences, relationships, perceptions, and personal bias.” The trashing of the past in favor of the now has resulted in a kind of shallowness of spirit that is truly frightening when you meet it dressed in punk rock clothing at the entrance to the local convenience store. The most alarming symptom of indifference to our heritage is a lack of appreciation or gratitude. No sin is more thoroughly condemned in scripture than ingratitude and its stepchild, arrogance — that pride in man that leaves out the involvement of God and others in our accomplishments.

This issue, devoted to listing the honor roll of Taylor University donors as well as our heritage, is part of the process of deepening the roots of all of us who participate in the Taylor experience, lest we take for granted the contributions of all who built the foundation on which we all stand and sin against God himself, through ingratitude. It is possible, incidentally, that sons and daughters learn stewardship by reading their parents’ names on donor lists. The future of all of God’s work will be brighter if they do ask, “What do these stones mean?”

WHAT DO THESE STONES MEAN?

by President Jay Kesler

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KNEW PROFESSOR PAUL KELLER before I came to Taylor as a freshman in 1946. What I didn’t know is that he was to play a role that would have a major effect on my life.

Prof. Keller served as an instructor of voice. His office/studio was located in the northeast corner of Shreiner Auditorium. It was there in the fall of 1946, taking voice lessons.

At the time, music majors accompanied voice students on the piano. That day, Gwenny Somerville ’47 was my accompanist. As she did not know Prof. Keller and I were acquaintances, she thought the professor was being quite rough on this poor freshman. When she questioned him, however, he told her that he knew me.

That was the start of Gwenny’s and my relationship. Then, to top it off, one afternoon when it was raining quite hard, Prof. Keller suggested to Gwenny that I walk back quite to the dorm with her under her umbrella.

In spite of the rain, a spark was ignited that would burn for 42 years. Even then it has been good to know that there have been some sour notes and disharmony, but the Lord has been good to us. We have three children, two of whom graduated from Taylor, and seven grandchildren.

I always tell Prof. Keller it was his fault I met Gwenny.

Emerald D. Gerig ’50
Woodburn, Indiana
MY WIFE CYNDY AND I became engaged under the north goal post of the old Taylor football field in 1972. As a place kicker for the Trojan football team, I wanted our engagement to be both memorable and related to my first love...football. I decided Homecoming 1972 would be the appropriate time, so after our Friday afternoon football practice, I invited my future wife to walk the entire length of the football field, from one end zone to the other, to show her something special. Unfortunately, it had rained all day on Friday so Cyndy and I walked the entire 100 yards in the mud. My unsuspecting future wife was ready to kill me until I gave her an engagement ring once we were under the north goal post.

Although up to her ankles in mud, she was overjoyed and seemed to be a little skeptical for the mud. We married the following July and have been married 18 years now.

God has blessed us with four wonderful children: Zeke, 14; Jessa, 11; Kylie, 10; and Courtney, 3.

Certainly our trip down the muddy football field of Taylor's campus is a memory Cyndy and I will never forget. We think of our moment together every time we pass by the old field.
S O MANY SPECIAL MEMORIES come to mind when our husband, David ’78, and I talk about Taylor University. We both attended Taylor and so have many of our time there — individual remembrances as well as memories of the times we spent together.

I was in my dorm room on Second West Olson, looking out the window, when I first caught glimpse of my future husband as he walked down the sidewalk. After I saw him, I made sure I got to know him!

Later, that same window had many stones cast upon it while David tried to get me to my 8 a.m. class. (He still had trouble getting me out of bed in the mornings!)

However, the most significant place at Taylor for David and me has to be the field house. We would go there late at night, and it was dark just to be alone and talk.

It was supposed to be locked but we usually found a door open. That was the one place on campus where we could be totally alone (except for the rats running around).

One evening we spent the entire time dancing — I guess those were our romantic days — we didn’t even have music!

- Mendi (Beatty x ’59) Dunbar
Hoffman Estates, Illinois
THE ONE YEAR I SPENT at Taylor (my freshman year 1956-1957) provided me with the spiritual anchoring I needed. I was saved one year earlier and the school was my first real social contact with other Christian young people. Seeing how people helped each other with struggles and were not put down, and the joy, happiness, and love I saw and felt were entirely new experiences for me — so, too, the privilege of seeing and hearing Christian leaders.

One of the most powerful experiences of the presence of God I have felt occurred Sunday evening of the 1957 Youth Conference. I went into Maytag Gym after the high school kids had left. With the lighted set-up stage and music coming over the PA, I was overwhelmed by the peace, beauty, and presence of God. "This must be a foretaste of heaven," I thought.

During that year, God led me to consider a career in teaching instrumental music. Because Taylor's instrumental music program was not strong at that time, I finished my study program elsewhere.

My college career spanned six years and four colleges, with Taylor as the only Christian college. I treasure the year I spent there more than any of the others. Being able to attend the 1990 homecoming was the fulfillment of a dream. Taylor is the only college which I try to visit and to which I contribute. "Thanks for the memories."
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The $3.86 million given to Taylor University last year represents the largest-ever giving total in the university’s 146-year history — and is due to the sacrificial giving of many, many alumni and friends of the nation’s oldest Christian evangelical liberal arts institution. Our profound thanks go to each individual who made this significant achievement possible.

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LITTLE DID I REALIZE WHEN I enrolled in Professor Jim Young's Play Production class how the course of my life would be affected. I had never encountered an individual like Jim—a man of boundless energy, able to create magic on the stage of old Maytag Gym with a ragtag group of actors.

How did he accomplish this? First, this was his dedication to God as the Creator of all life and his constant reminders to us that we owe God our very best whatever we do. Next was his love of drama and the theatre and his ability to communicate that love to his students. And then there was the man himself—of slight build with almost pixie-like quality, a wonderful sense of humor, and so immersed in his art that he challenged his students to work harder that they ever had—yet working just as hard himself. At the same time, he inspired us with his enjoyment of simple things like pick-up sticks, his devoted love for his family, but most of all, a firm commitment to God.

Now, thirty years later, I realize again how strong an impact this man has had on my life. I have the privilege of directing over sixty productions in high school and college, and I feel I am somehow continuing the legacy begun by Jim with the Trojan Players at Taylor. I often find myself saying things to my casts that he said to us, and before each performance as we sing, "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," I say a silent prayer of thanksgiving that the Lord led me to Taylor and the privilege of learning from my mentor and friend, Jim Young.

Bruce Brennanman '61
Houghton, NY
IT WAS 1936, DURING THE GREAT DEPRESSION. I was superintendent of the Sunday School at the Methodist Church in Decker, Indiana and manager of a sizeable farm. My wife, Hester, and I were recently married and had very little resources; the farm job enabled us to barely survive.

Although I had felt the call to the ministry since my first year in high school, it seemed impossible to enter a school for the necessary training. Neither Hester’s parents nor mine could offer us financial support as they were also struggling to raise their families.

Then Evangelist Delpha M. VanWinkle ’37 from Newark, Ohio arrived in our small town. She came to conduct a two week evangelistic meeting in the church.

Hester and I invited her to stay with us in our humble home. During our conversations she told us much about Taylor University, and the prayer groups there. When she learned of my desire to enter the ministry, she pleaded with us to visit Taylor and promised to present our case to one of the prayer groups.

After much agonizing thought and prayer, we finally decided to make the trip to Taylor, even though we had little money for the journey. Our finances were weak but our faith was strong. We took the farm truck, bought a load of coal and headed north, hoping to sell the coal to pay for the trip. We finally arrived on campus but had had no success in selling the coal.

With our backs to the wall, we were encouraged to test our faith. We went to the office of the president, Dr. Robert Lee Stuart. He graciously listened to our story and after a few questions took us to his home to meet Mrs. Stuart. Resulting from these meetings, the university bought the load of coal. I was given a job on the dairy farm, and was also to serve as caretaker for the university cars. Hester was able to assist in the president’s home. We were moved into small living quarters only a few feet from the president’s home and enrolled in the university.

During the three years of our stay at Taylor, I became the university farm manager and Hester was the cook for students working on the campus during the summer months. Our first child was born on the campus, and was placed under the supervision and care of students enrolled in a home and family care class. The staff and students of Taylor were supportive in every possible way.

Taylor was not an accredited school at the time, and for my senior year I transferred to Evansville University and was given a student appointment by the South Methodist Conference, in the Evansville District. After moving, we maintained our friendship with Dr. and Mrs. Stuart.

We have served 47 years in the ministry and are now in retirement. We shall always be grateful for what Taylor has done for us. We do visit the campus and support it. We wish we could do more for the university we call home.

Claude McCallister
Fort Wayne, Indiana
B EING A TENNIS ENTHUSIAST, and based on the proximity of the tennis courts to the tower, I knew shortly after arriving on campus in 1970 what one of my objectives had to be... to hit the water tower with a tennis ball.

Year after year I tried and I tried. And although I came oh so close, I could never quite reach those 10 odd stories above ground. Finally the night before graduation I altered my goal slightly...I bought a super ball — the kind that are supposed to bounce up to 90% of their original height.

With great anticipation, I went out to the water tower to fulfill my four-year-old dream. I hit the ball once and missed. I hit it again and came with a few feet. Finally, I whacked the ball with everything I had and yes, my “altered” dream came true. I hit the water tower!

The ball cam down slow after I hit the tower and slammed against the street. Although the ball never did bounce to 90 percent of its height (or nine stories), it did bounce over MCW (Magee-Campbell-Wisconsin Residence Hall) and I never saw it again.

In many ways Taylor had a profound effect on my life — spiritually, intellectually, career wise, but when I drive towards campus and see that water tower from miles away, it is the reminder of my most unique “contribution” experience at Taylor.
LIKE MANY OF YOU READING THIS, I was a little nervous (actually very nervous) about being a freshman on what then seemed a big campus. Sure, I was happy to be at a Christian college with Christian classmates, but I was afraid of the unknown. What would my professors be like? Would the classes be interesting? What would "chapel" be like — would it be like church? These were but a few of my personal concerns. I'm sure you shared many of these same concerns during your own early college days at Taylor.

Orientation class was perhaps one of my most welcoming experiences due to our leader, Martin Hess '58. He provided just the atmosphere we needed and acted interested in our comments. He would permit the more vocal students to discuss their viewpoints and then somehow magically draw out comments from the quieter students. For many of us, this was a "new beginning, the start of our transition from high school student to college student.

The dorm life in Swallow Robin was another positive experience. It provided Christian fellowship and a regular time for searching the scriptures with your roommates. One of my roommates was a good friend from my hometown, Lombard, Illinois, and the other was a new friend from Nebraska. Together, we grew into mature Christian women. As a teacher, I often recall those wonderful moments when that thirst for scripture was so very vital and, although it still is today, it was different then because it was at a different stage in my life. Taylor provided those kinds of experiences for personal growth and enrichment.

When I read on the main bulletin board that there would be tryouts for cheerleading, I knew I wanted to try out but was not sure if I was "good enough." I remember practicing with other freshmen girls who were interested in trying out and thinking of the difficult task for someone to pick only one of us. Often, I would stay behind just a little longer and practice my jumps or my splits, hoping to make them perfect.

The fateful day came and we all went over to the Maytag Gym to try out before the student body and the faculty. I again said the little prayer that I had said often during practices: if I was selected, I would serve God in his special way and witness to the cheerleaders from the schools we played in sports. I followed through on that prayer when I was chosen as the freshman cheerleader to join the other four upperclassmen. Not only was I able to witness to other schools' cheerleaders, but my own Christian life was strengthened. Taking a stand for Christ was easier each time.

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NEWS HAD JUST BROKEN that Dr. John Paul was leaving his post as vice-president of Asbury College to become the 19th president of Taylor University. Of great interest to me was the fact that his family included two sons about my age.

At the time I was dating a classmate in whom I was not particularly interested, and I am sure the feeling was mutual. On hearing about the Paul boys, I exclaimed to my fun-loving mother, "Watch my smoke!" — which, of course, meant that I was going to try to "snag" one of them.

It was a lovely Sunday afternoon when one of my sisters and I were lazily strolling across campus. Approaching Shreiner Auditorium, I saw him, descending the front steps. Wow! That was it! As I have often said, he didn't have a chance!

On meeting me later (at church downtown), he appeared to return the interest. To make a long, eventful, exciting story short, on June 24, 1930, Wilson Paul and I were married in Shreiner Auditorium!

Although Shreiner is no longer what it used to be, the steps remain as they were decades ago. I never fail to stop there for a few moments on every visit to the campus — and remember!

Doris (Atkinson '26) Paul East Lansing, Michigan
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Taylor Plan banquets bring alumni and friends up to date on the mission for the university and provide an opportunity to make a financial commitment toward seeing that vision fulfilled. Watch for information concerning a Taylor Plan banquet in these areas this fall:

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- **Bloomington, Indiana**
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- **Evansville, Indiana**
  - February 27, 1992

Taylor Club meetings

**Western Michigan**
July 25
Eleventh annual Midsummer Get-together
Sixty people attended this picnic for new and returning Taylor students and their parents at the Byron Center, southwest of Grand Rapids. George Glass '58, associate vice president for alumni and institutional affairs, provided a campus update, while Sarah Brown '92 and Chris Thiele '93 shared from a student's perspective and answered questions. Bob '81 and Wendy Brummeler, Bob '63 & Dawn Larson, Randy '75 & Diana (Fuller '77) Sellhorn, and Dennis '73 and Sheri (Pohler '75) Thompson hosted the event.

**Greater Cincinnati**
August 17
Taylor Club Picnic
Five returning Taylor students and three first-time freshman were among the more than 40 alumni, parents, and students who gathered for this Saturday outing hosted by Wendell '56 & Diana (Beghtel X '56) True. Others involved in the Club Council include Maribeth (True '84) Fleischhauer, Michelle (Green '84) Seinbeck, Mark Sakuta '74, Gene '59 & Charleen (Schmeltzer '60) Matsudo, and Lois (Horst '66) Cox.


The NAC executive committee and other select members met on campus June 15 to plan NAC goals and strategy for 1991-1992. They set an “Endowing the Vision” goal of $3 million in future endowment pledges by Homecoming '91 and designated goals for increment increases in alumni giving for the next several years. The NAC continues to take an active interest in minority recruitment, retention, and involvement, all in cooperation with the Taylor administration.

Recently, alumni voted to approve the 1991 slate of NAC nominees. Elected to four-year terms are Steven H. L. Honett '70, attorney from Plano, Tex.; George E. Jackson '86, director of multicultural programs at Messiah College in Grantham, Penn.; M. Frances (Valberg '78) Ringenberg, former teacher and now full-time homemaker from Wheaton, Ill.; and Harold V. Beattie '50, retired high school administrator from Grand Rapids, Mich.

NAC members travel to campus for quarterly meetings at their own expense. They represent various years of graduation and geographical locations.

Officers include: Dick Gygi '67, president; Ruth (Wolgemuth '63) Guillaume, past president; Don Granitz '52, president elect; and Fran (Way '62) Terhune, recording secretary.
College built with blood, sweat, cheers

The original college building dominated the landscape of the then forested wilderness on the west side of Fort Wayne, Ind., in the mid-1800s. The imposing four-story structure housed dormitories, classrooms, a large dining hall, and a chapel/auditorium able to seat over 500 people. How it came to be built is a story in itself.

The building was a big undertaking for its day. Every brick of the building was produced by a slow man-made process. The men and boys who made the bricks worked 12 hours a day and received from 50 cents to $1.50 per day. They were paid once a month by the trustees of the school in scholarship coupons, payable to the bearer in tuition only, with no set redemption date. (Tuition was then $22.50 per year.)

The building’s limestone foundation was three feet thick. The walls were of solid stone or brick, from the ground to the roof.

Stones were hauled from Huntington, Ind., mostly by farmers with teams and wagons. It took a day to quarry and deliver a wagon load of stone to the college building.

Nearly all the lumber used in the project was donated. Many farmers cut trees from their own property, then hauled the logs to sawmills where they were milled for use as floors, joints and frames.

At the start of the first school year, only the north wing and the recitation rooms were finished. During the second year, the south wing was completed, and the large auditorium on the third floor was plastered and finished. Due to limited finances, other details were left unfinished for several years.

For many years, and for very practical reasons, Taylor had an operating dairy farm on campus. It wasn’t until the 1921-1922 school year, however, that Taylor capitalized on the situation by offering a combined major in agriculture and biology. Biology professor Dr. Herbert T. Blodgett provided the impetus for the move.

Blodgett recognized the value of agriculture in developing knowledge in a number of fields. “It is the credit of agriculture that it cultivates the all-around man,” he said. “The farmer must be skilled in many lines of useful labor. He must know and use many machines. He must understand the practical chemistry and physics of the soil. The far-reaching science of plant and animal breeding must be familiar to him.”

Agriculture also calls for a familiarity with plant and animal diseases and how to treat them, Blodgett observed, as well as for a working knowledge of business principles.

According to Blodgett, the aim of agriculture at Taylor was to press strongly toward the attainment of such ends as having a strong physical body and mind.

Apparently, students agreed. In the fall of 1921, there were 25 students in the Agriculture Club.

The combined agriculture-biology major lasted until 1929, when Dr. Blodgett resigned due to ill health. He died at his home in Upland on February 26, 1932.

Long-time dean of the university Dr. Burt Ayres had this to say of Blodgett: “He had a clean-cut, rigorous morality. He had a passionate love for nature and beauty wherever found. His aesthetic soul was so frequently moved to tears in appreciation of nature.”
World War I hero visits, supports TU

For his single-handed capture of an entire German machine-gun battalion of 112 men, Alvin C. York has been termed one of the most remarkable figures in modern military history.

Raised in the mountains of rural Tenn., York learned to shoot as a boy. He later became a devout Christian and, when drafted into the army in 1917, sought conscientious objector status. Denied his request, he at last reconciled himself to military service and sailed with his unit to France.

In combat action on October 8, 1918, Cpl. York's 18-member squad captured 20 German soldiers. Then, an entire machine-gun battalion opened fire upon the Americans. Within a few minutes, only seven were left alive. As the senior remaining NCO, York felt he had to take action. He worked his way to a point where, with a good line of fire, he picked off 17 of the gunners with his rifle. After he shot eight more with his pistol, the rest of the enemy battalion of 112 surrendered, making a total of 132 prisoners.

York was promoted to sergeant and awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor. The French Croix de Guerre, and medals by other nations for his amazing feat of heroism.

Returning home after the war, he wrote of his experiences, and used royalties from the book and movie of his life to establish schools for poor children in the mountain country where he was raised.

Sgt. York was a personal friend of Dr. John H. Paul, president of Taylor, and visited the school during the week of April 10-16, 1927. A contributor to Taylor, York said he was very much impressed with the Christian witness for which Taylor was known around the world.

York died in Nashville, Tennessee on September 2, 1964.

1927

Even after Sgt. Alvin York made a name for himself, he clung to his Christian principles — rather like the university he chose to support.

Captain captures conference crown

In the 1960s, under the direction of Coach George Glass, the Taylor cross country team developed into a national powerhouse. Phil Captain '69 played a part in that success.

During the 1965-1966 season, the Trojan harriers finished the regular season with a near-perfect record. They captured first place at the Little State meet and finished 10th in NAIA national competition. Captain placed 22nd in a field of 180 at the national finals.

The following year, the team took the conference championship. At that meet, Captain took top honors, as he had in leading his team to first place in the Little State meet the week before.

The close of the 1967-1968 school year left the Trojans with the conference crown, the Little State meet title, and 19th place at the NAIA meet in Omaha, Neb., where Phil Captain was named NAIA All-American for his performance.

During Captain's senior year, the harriers took the conference crown for the third consecutive time. They also claimed title to the Little State meet and the District 21 NAIA title. With the team's finish in the top ten of the NAIA that year, Captain completed his cross country career, a three-time winner of the Little State meet and twice named to All-American honors. (Captain also distinguished himself in track and field, winning the NAIA national championship in the 3000-meters steeplechase that year.)
An old soldier come home.

Decorated World War II veteran, Kentucky colonel, and ordained minister of the gospel, Wesley Robinson '50 is back where he belongs.

with Richard Nixon, among others.

Though he doesn’t like to admit it, Robinson is somewhat of a celebrity himself in certain circles. Invited to participate in ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery recently, he protested, to no avail, when a ranking general asked him for his autograph.

The general walked away with the signature of a man who, at the end of World War II, was one of six survivors of a 210-member unit.

Just two months after he turned 18 years old, Robinson was inducted into the U.S. army. He completed basic training in March of 1944, then was assigned to Co. G, 424th Infantry Regiment of the newly formed 106th Infantry Division. Less than six months later, the raw, untried troops left for England. That December, they sailed for France and trekked through rain, mud, and snow to take up positions near St. Vith, a “quiet” sector close to the Siegfried Line.

The troops were numb, soaked, and frozen — with no change of warm clothing available, as their bags had not yet caught up with them. Nonetheless, they settled in as best they could. Four days later, they bore the brunt of a surprise attack by the German army. The “Battle of the Bulge” was underway.

Talking about the war — and his part in it — is not easy for Robinson so, instead, he takes down a book from a shelf. *St. Vith: Lion in the Way*, its title reads. *The 106th Infantry Division in World War II*, by Colonel R. Ernest Dupuy.

On the flyleaf, in Robinson’s sprawling hand, is written, “Robert Schultz, Lt. Thomas Wilson, John Welker, James Rodgers,” and ten other names. Underneath them is this note: “Memories of very close buddies who gave all, who were under my command during the big fight over there. These fellows are God’s Noblemen. Truly they come only once in a lifetime. Wesley E. Robinson Jr. Co. G 424 Inf.”

A note on the title page reads, “To my friend, Leo Fitzgerald; friend and comrade who I last saw in Ennal on Jan. 18, 1945. I don’t know what ever happened to you but memories shall never fade away.”

Portions of the text are underlined throughout. The names of soldiers and towns are circled. Notes are jotted in the margins: “Rodgers was the first one killed in Co. G — in combat this first morning of the fight.” “Welker killed here.” “Where I was.” “Lt. Wilson killed here.”

ROBINSON’S BUDDIES were among the thousands of men who lost their lives in this, the last major German offensive of World War II. Hitler gambled, deciding to rally morale with a new initiative. He would commit all available forces in an attempt to push the Allies back through Belgium to Paris. The attack into the Ardennes, where the Allies were spread thin, came as a complete tactical surprise. Though the Germans were unsuccessful in the end, Allied losses were heavy.
The soldiers of the 106th formed the salient, that part of the battle line projecting furthest toward the enemy. Fighting was desperate, casualties heavy. Robinson's G Company was virtually annihilated. By the war's end five months later, he was one of only six survivors.

ROBINSON ALLOWS THE author Dupuy to speak for him. "By the sixth day, the 424th was down to 50 percent of its original strength," Dupuy writes. "It had been fighting for five days now; its personnel were suffering from insufficient rest, from cold, from lack of normal supply, and from shortages of equipment." Penned in the margin near that passage are the words, "Here, with feet frozen, Wes Robinson was evacuated to Leige, Belgium." Robinson was out of action for about three weeks. Meanwhile, G Company continued to suffer heavy losses. By Christmas, only 80 men remained.

The marginal note near Dupuy's record of the events of January 13, 1945, reads, "Rejoined my outfit again from Leige." That day, and the next, and the next, the 424th was driving squarely against enemy positions. Then at sunrise, Co. G attacked enemy bunkers on a hill mass near Ennal, Belgium. For Robinson, it was the end of the line. "Wounded in attack on Ennal and hill masses," he pens. "Evacuated from battle 1-18-1945, for the last time. Never to return to my 106th Div. again."

Robinson was severely wounded in the battle, and remains permanently disabled. He left the war suffering shell shock, frozen feet, shrapnel wounds, and lingering effects from Hitler's pre-atomic bomb.

For his role in the war, the 19-year-old native of Shiawassee County, Mich., received, among other awards, the Purple Heart for being wounded in action, the Bronze Star for bravery and heroism in combat, and the Combat Infantry Badge for reaching the zenith of his profession.

Medals, however, could do nothing to change what had happened to him. "I was shattered — mentally, emotionally, physically, and spiritually," he says. He turned his back on his Christian upbringing, and engaged in behavior he knew to be self-destructive. But he didn't care. "I had seen life portrayed so cheaply that it didn't mean anything to me anymore."

Yet in the back of his mind, Robinson knew he needed help. "And I knew I needed to take the initiative," he says. So he did. He left home in August of 1948 with no idea where he was going. He just started hitchhiking.

He arrived in Fort Wayne, then ended up in Upland. Robinson was not acquainted with Taylor, but had heard about the university years before "from a guy who always had a smile on his face." For some reason, he was sure God wanted him at Taylor. He felt it was the place where he would find some answers — where he would find God again.

Robinson arrived on campus the day classes started. "They had no accommodations," he explains. But he refused to take "no" for an answer. "I just sat there and refused to leave. I told them that I felt as if (Taylor) was where God wanted me to be." That afternoon, a vacancy opened in the home of Coach Don and Bonnie Odle. The love they showed him was instrumental in turning his life around, he says. "I felt at peace for the first time in a long time."

Robinson's Taylor experience helped get him back on the right track. "Taylor University saved my life," he says. "There is no way I can give enough back to the school and its personnel."

Robinson's life has long been marked by that spirit of giving. Today, a church building in Germany stands as witness to that fact. "While we were over there (in the war) our boys bombed many of the churches," he says. As a personal response to the war, Robinson started a one-man fund raising campaign and raised enough funds to rebuild a German church.

Shortly after leaving Taylor, he was introduced to E. Bernice Poole at the 25th anniversary celebration of a children's home in Kentucky. It is a story he delights in telling. In Robinson's version of the story, Bernice proposes to him, an allegation he hotly denies. Whatever the actual fact, the two were engaged to be married two weeks after meeting and were wedded within two months. That was 40 years ago.

For much of those 40 years, Robinson has served as an evangelist. He and his wife also opened and operated a street ministry in Louisville, Ky. Though now retired from the preaching ministry, he remains active in numerous political and veterans' organizations, in serving as Taylor historian, as a regular contributor to Taylor magazine, and as an avid fan of Taylor sports teams.

On May 10 next year, he and his wife will mark the passing of seven years since their return to live in Upland. And yes, he actually did get out and kiss the ground upon his return. The rest, as they say, is history.

WHAT DOES THE FUTURE hold for Wesley Robinson? "I want to fade into the twilight when the chariot comes for me," he grins. No doubt, St. Peter will know when Robinson arrives. Perhaps the keeper of the Pearly Gates will recognize him by the Taylor baseball hat with the NAIA pin stuck on the front. Or perhaps by the purple and gold Taylor jacket decorated with military honors. If not, surely because Robinson will be the one who comes racing in on a chariot—falls prostrate, kisses the ground and shouts, "Home at last. Home at last. Thank God, I'm home at last!" — DM, KH
1925
Dr. Maynard Ketcham has for the past ten years carried on a ministry of letter-writing to prisoners, a total of 20,000 letters. A missionary of the Assemblies of God, he served for 20 years as field director of the Asia Pacific area. He then taught at Central Bible College and Evangel College for eight years. He and wife Gladys are now residents of Maranatha Village where he was elected mayor. Their address is 3032 Maranatha Lane, Springfield, MO 65803.

1931
K. Edward Maynard, who celebrated his 97th birthday on July 26, was the subject of a recent TV documentary on “Super Seniors.” He still volunteers two days a week at Queen’s Hospital in Hawaii where he has lived for the past 12 years. His address is 1717 Ala Wai Blvd #2406, Honolulu, HI 96815.

1932
Irene (Reeder) Snell died May 15 after having been confined to a nursing home for the past year. Her husband, Clyde, preceded her in death on January 21, 1984.

1933
Stanley Boughton’s wife of 55 years, Mae, died last November. Then, in January, their only son, age 54, died. Stanley lives at 104 Baretta, Conroe, TX 77301.

1943
Harvey Driver, husband of Edith (Charbonnier x), died June 23. Harve was a former member of Taylor’s board of trustees, and served as assistant to the president in the 60s. His long and productive career included administrative posts in Congo Inland Mission and the Evangelical Mennonite Church. Edith lives at 8897 Colin’s Barre, Germantown, TN 38138, with son and daughter-in-law, Charb ’67 & Suzanne (Lee ’65) Miller.

1949
Evan Bertsche died June 25 of leukemia. Evan was professor emeritus of social work at Bowling Green State University and a therapist at Maumee Valley Guidance Center. His brother, James ’44 was an officiating pastor at his funeral. His wife Loretta lives at RR 2, Box 228, Archbold, OH 43502.

1950
Chloetta (Egly) Erdel, wife of Paul Erdel, died May 7 following heart valve replacement surgery. She and Paul were missionaries with World Partners of the Missionary Church in Ecuador. Paul’s address is Casilla 187, Esmeraldos, Ecuador.

1951
Henry Nelson retired in February after 22 years as Wheaton College’s dean of students and vice president for student development. He had served also as director of student affairs at Taylor in the mid-60s. He will continue to represent Wheaton in a public relations capacity until the end of the year. Henry is succeeded as vice president by Dr. Samuel Shellhammer ’67. Wheaton’s dean of students since 1984. Henry and Mildred (Holmes ’52) live at 658 Highland Ave., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.

All in the family...
If you know the current address of anyone listed below you can help keep them in touch with the global Taylor family. Please call Betty Freese at 1-800-TU-23456. Or, if you prefer, send the name, address, and phone number of anyone whose name appears on this list to Betty Freese, alumni director, Taylor University, Upland, IN 46989.

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Sandra Shepherd Hanna
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Rita Svendsen Heymann
George D. Hopper
David H. Hovestol
Milo Nussbaum retired June 30 as senior pastor of Grace Evangelical Mennonite Church in Morton, IL, after serving that congregation for 33 years. He and Violet then spent a month in Birmingham, England, visiting son Stan ‘71, his wife Lorri (Berends ‘71) and their two children. The Nussbaums are remaining in Morton, at 419 E. Delwood, Morton, IL 61550-2605.

1952

Since his retirement in 1986 from the Helena YMCA, Chuck Micklewright has devoted much more time to his favorite activity, cycling. He runs the Life Cycle Rides for the American Lung Assn. of Montana, and raised over $10,000 for the organization in a Seattle-to-Atlantic City ride. He is active in fund raising for his church and the YMCA as well. Lynn (Copley) is a logistics supply technician for the Montana Army National Guard, and evangelism chairperson in their church. The Micklewrights live at 1355 Beaverhead Rd., Helena, MT 59601. Richard Plants died July 11 following a 10-year battle with cancer. He was a United Methodist minister, serving parishes for 37 years until his disability retirement in 1990. His widow, Joyce, resides at 1705 N. Taft Ave., Loveland, CO 80538.

1953

For the past year, Jim & Janet McCallie have been serving two churches in the mountains of southeastern Kentucky. In July they returned to their home at RR 6, Box 254, Columbus, IN 47201. Jim is now engaged in evangelistic preaching and music ministry.

— In memory —

Dr. Hildreth Cross, professor of psychology at Taylor 1948-64, died July 7 at Durand Convalescent Center in Durand, MI. Mrs. Fern Shawver, 83, died June 20 at Mary Rutan Hospital, Bellefontaine, Ohio. She served in the development (now university advancement) office from 1966-1973 and remained an avid fan of Taylor University.

1954

Harold Draper has been honored by the Montgomery County Medical Society for 25 years of service to the community in the practice of cardiology/internal medicine. Harold lives at 9801 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20902.

1955

Fred & Anita (Ford x’57) Prinz have co-authored a book, Mixed Messages: Responding to Interracial Marriage, published this year by Moody Press. The Prinzings’ address is 1435 Knoll Dr., Shoreview, MN 55126.

1956

Norm Copley has been disabled by a tumor on his brain. He would be encouraged by the prayers and greetings of his Taylor friends. His address is 156 Alburn Dr., Boardman, OH 44512.

1957

Charles Saleska, a minister of the Unitarian Church, died February 6 after an illness of eight years. His wife, Charlotte (Justice ’58), who is also a minister, is pastor of the Unitarian Church in Davenport, IA. The Saleskas have two sons, Scott (28) and Kent (25). Charlotte’s address is 3415 Fernwood, Davenport, IA 52807.

1959

Russ & Eleanor Ruch received their 5th and 6th grandchildren on the same day, July 25, when two daughters-in-law had babies in the same hospital. Sons Jon and Dan work with them in the family business, George Didden Greenhouses, in Hatfield, PA.

1960

GEM missionaries, Jim & Angie (Van Honven x’61) Walsh, worked in church planting in Ireland for many years, followed by Jim’s appointment as Northern Europe director which took them to various mission sites. This past school year was spent at Nordic Bible Institute in Sweden where Jim served as interim director. They are now on furlough at RR2, Box 10, Milford, IL 60953.

1961

Stewart & Marlene (Silvis) Georgia returned to the states in July from their work in Pakistan for the wedding of their daughter, Kris ’87. They are TEAM missionaries at Murree Christian School. Jhika Gali, Murree Hills, 47180 Pakistan. Fred Pomeroy became superintendent of Roswell, NM, school district on July 1. a position he had held for four years before accepting a similar position in Alaska. His address is No. 1 El Arco Iris, Roswell, NM 88201.

1962

J. W. Williams, a retired Veterans Administration chaplain, died July 11 in Orlando, FL. His widow, Thelma, may be reached at PO Box 2399, Tussville, FL 32781.

1964

Marion Meeks has been promoted by Bristol-Myers Squibb to associate director of Squibb Diagnostics Clinical Development. Marion holds a PhD in bioinformatics from Purdue, and has been with Squibb since 1973. He and Mary Ellen (Eversden x’66) have two children, both Tu Grades — Cynthia Zulker ’88 and Tom ’89. The Meeks’ home is at 4 Brooktree Rd, East Windsor, NJ 08520.

1965

After teaching for 25 years, Judy (Boyko) Imperial has accepted a position as corporate trainer for UPS in which she designs computer-based training tutorials for UPS systems. She lives at 69 Aqueduct Ave., Midland Park, NJ 07432.

1969

The Skowhegan Lady Indians 16-and-under softball team, coached by Rick Poland, won its 3rd consecutive Maine state championship and its first-ever New England regional championship this summer. In August the team participated in its 2nd national ASA tournament in Chattanooga, TN. Rick is an attorney in Skowhegan, ME. Roger Smitter has been appointed chair of the Speech Communication & Theatre Department at North Central College in Naperville, IL.

1971

Gary Sinclair is associate pastor of Grace Baptist Church of Mahomet, IL, near Champaign-Urbana. His responsibilities include music and worship, counselling and discipleship. He received a 2nd master’s degree in counseling from Grace Seminary in 1985, and was ordained in 1990. Gary, wife Jackie, Tim (13) and Amy (8) reside at 1001 N. Garden Ct., Mahomet, IL 61853.

1972

Rebecca Wilson earned her doctorate in elementary education from Ball State University in July, and is now teaching at Bethel College in Mishawaka, IN. She and daughters, Abib (8) and Amanda (6), live at 55174 Caldwell Rd, Osceola, IN 46561. She would love to hear from friends.

1973

John Wolff is principal of Louisville Jr Academy in Ken-
tucky. He and wife Cindy have two daughters — Gretchen (20) and Kathryn (10). Although his school is in Kentucky, the family lives at 6434 Meadow Oak Dr., Georgetown, IN 47212. • Steve Zerbe, assistant pastor of First Wesleyan Church of Battle Creek, was ordained an elder in the Wesleyan Church on July 11. To prepare for ordination, he completed extensive correspondence studies in Wesleyan doctrine.

Steve and wife Rita (Shroyer) ’74 have two daughters — Allison (16) and Erica (15). The family lives at 2 John R St., Battle Creek, MI 49015.

1974

Curt Knorr has become a partner in Ronald Blue & Co., a firm which provides fee-based financial planning and investment management based on Biblical principles of stewardship. Curt and Nancy live at 4715 Old Village Lane, Dunwoody, GA 30338, with their two children — Andy (5) and Katie (3). • Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Joseph Manifold was graduated in June from field medical service school at Camp Pendleton, CA, which prepared him for duty as a naval hospital corpsman and dental technician.

1975

Peggy Daisley received a PhD in curriculum and instruction from Kansas State University on July 19. Her area of interest is perception and attitude toward literacy growth and science instruction. Her address is 30 Hancock, Fort Leavenworth, KS 66027. • Jerry Jacks is conference coordinator and meeting planner for The Way Intl. He and wife Rosemary live at 203 76th Southland Rd, New Knoxville, OH 45871, with Jeremiah (6) and Maryellen (3). • Alison Muesing x is director of Youth With a Mission’s University of the Nations School of Journalism. After leading the school for three years in Washington, DC, she has now moved to New Jersey where she continues her responsibilities with YWAM headquarters, 1155 E. Jersey St., Elizabeth, NJ 07201. • Reassigned by The Navigators after a number of years in Guanajuato, Mexico, Tim & Lynn (Mayhall) Westberg are now assisting with the care of missions personnel when they come through Colorado. They are living temporarily with Lynn’s parents at 2833 E. Serendipity Circle, Colorado Springs, CO 80917.

1976

Keith & Cindy Thompson had a baby girl, Morgan Blair, on May 30. Keith is general manager of IIT Hartford’s Pacific Northwest Regional Office in Seattle. Cindy, formerly a top sales representative for Trans Union Credit, is now a full-time homemaker. The Thompsons, who were married January 28, 1989, live at 12416 - 169 Ave. NE, Redmond, WA 98052.

1977

Tom & LeAnne (Fennig) Johnson became the delighted parents of Alexander Stuart on December 21, 1990. LeAnne is now at home with Alex after teaching for 13 years. Tom is a staff counselor with the Christian Counseling Center of Backs County in Doylestown, PA. Their address is 116 Empire Court, Bethlehem, PA 18017. • Jim & Sandy (Howard) Nassar announce the birth of a son, James Victor Nassar III, on January 5. He joins Tamara (11), Rebekah (9) and Jessica (8). Jim is director of data processing for First Baptist Church of Orlando. Sandy is in her 3rd year of homeschooling their children. The family lives at 6816 Tamaram Circle, Orlando, FL 32819. • Chelly Eileen was born June 18 to Ron & Carole Neuenschwander. Their other children are Robert James (6) and Carol Elaine (4). They reside at 2130 Embassy Drive, Ft. Wayne, IN 46816.

1978

Jim & Shirley (Pullen) Jacob are the proud parents of twins, Jenna Louise and Brandon James, born June 9. Big brothers are Jarrett Lee (6) and Brandon James (4). Jim is an agent with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., and Shirley is busy at home. They live at 84 Rollings Hills Dr., Westampton, NJ 08064. • Al & Lorie (Granitz) Lettinga are thrilled to announce their long-awaited Marceen Jean, adopted from Brazil, born October 10, 1990. She joins brothers Matt (9), Andrew (8), and twins Mark and Luke (4). The Lettinga family lives at 6868 Woodbrook SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. • Andy & Sue Peck and their 3 children left in August for Spanish school in Costa Rica where they will spend 8 months prior to their assignment in Lima, Peru. Andy will serve as a computer consultant with Wycliffe, and Sue, a CPA, will work in the finance office. Their children are Ashley (9), A.J (6) and Amy (4). • Marty (Cleveland) Songer is the newly-appointed Taylor University Prospectus representative in the university advancement department. For the past six years she has been employed by Avis Industrial Corp. Marty lives with her two daughters, Allison (12) and Loralee (9), at 9320 E. 700 S. Upland, IN 46098. • Jon & Lorraine Utley had their first child, Rebekah Joy, on September 13, 1990. Jon is senior facilities planner at Prime Computers, Inc. Lorraine works part-time as director of recreational therapy at Aberdeen Nursing Center. Their address is 3 Reed St., Burlington, MA 01803.

1979

Jamie & Debbie (Wilson x’81) Nesmith flew to the Philippines in August to be united with their adopted daughter, Danielle Lyndsey, born June 24, 1990. Adopted son Jeremiah is 5. Jamie is an insurance broker, and Debbie works part-time in his office. Their address is PO Box 367, Russell, PA 16345.

1980

Michael & Joanne (Roehling) Burnsed proudly announce the birth of their first child, Kyle Scott, on July 1. Michael works for the Georgia Dept. of Revenue. Joanne, an elementary teacher for Coffee Co. Schools, is on leave of absence. The family’s address is

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1977

Tom & LeAnne (Fennig) Johnson became the delighted parents of Alexander Stuart on December 21, 1990. LeAnne is now at home with Alex after teaching for 13 years. Tom is a staff counselor with the Christian Counseling Center of Backs County in Doylestown, PA. Their address is 116 Empire Court, Bethlehem, PA 18017. • Jim & Sandy (Howard) Nassar announce the birth of a son, James Victor Nassar III, on January 5. He joins Tamara (11), Rebekah (9) and Jessica (8). Jim is director of data processing for First Baptist Church of Orlando. Sandy is in her 3rd year of homeschooling their children. The family lives at 6816 Tamaram Circle, Orlando, FL 32819. • Chelly Eileen was born June 18 to Ron & Carole Neuenschwander. Their other children are Robert James (6) and Carol Elaine (4). They reside at 2130 Embassy Drive, Ft. Wayne, IN 46816.

1978

Jim & Shirley (Pullen) Jacob are the proud parents of twins, Jenna Louise and Brandon James, born June 9. Big brothers are Jarrett Lee (6) and Brandon James (4). Jim is an agent with Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co., and Shirley is busy at home. They live at 84 Rollings Hills Dr., Westampton, NJ 08064. • Al & Lorie (Granitz) Lettinga are thrilled to announce their long-awaited Marceen Jean, adopted from Brazil, born October 10, 1990. She joins brothers Matt (9), Andrew (8), and twins Mark and Luke (4). The Lettinga family lives at 6868 Woodbrook SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546. • Andy & Sue Peck and their 3 children left in August for Spanish school in Costa Rica where they will spend 8 months prior to their assignment in Lima, Peru. Andy will serve as a computer consultant with Wycliffe, and Sue, a CPA, will work in the finance office. Their children are Ashley (9), A.J (6) and Amy (4). • Marty (Cleveland) Songer is the newly-appointed Taylor University Prospectus representative in the university advancement department. For the past six years she has been employed by Avis Industrial Corp. Marty lives with her two daughters, Allison (12) and Loralee (9), at 9320 E. 700 S. Upland, IN 46098. • Jon & Lorraine Utley had their first child, Rebekah Joy, on September 13, 1990. Jon is senior facilities planner at Prime Computers, Inc. Lorraine works part-time as director of recreational therapy at Aberdeen Nursing Center. Their address is 3 Reed St., Burlington, MA 01803.
1981

When Wesley Tyler was born February 16, 1990, to Mike & Elizabeth Becker, he joined Aaron and Daniel, twins born July 10, 1988. Mike works at Becker & Associates, and the family lives at 748 N. Grant Ave., Indianapolis (46206)-2655. Erik & Tammy (Rediger) Burkin had their second daughter, Briana Elizabeth, on May 24. She joined sister Brittany (3). Their address is 3618 W. Rosewalk Circle, Highland Ranch, CO 80126. Robin (Chernenko) Chaddock received the DMin degree from McCormick Seminary on June 7. On July 26 Robin and husband David had their first child, daughter Madison Anne. At Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, David is a pastoral counselor and Robin is director of membership ministries. They live at 17 Greyhound Pass, Carmel, IN 46032. Jim & Sandy (Jett) Chipka joyfully welcomed Jordan Bradford to their family on May 6. Jordan’s big brothers are Danny (3) and Ryan (1). They reside at 2734 Winsted Dr., Toledo, OH 43606. Reed Greenburg recently became a Certified Financial Planner. He is a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch in Oakbrook, IL. He and wife Pamela reside at 1901 Emily Ct., Wheaton, IL 60187. Dennis & Patricia (Millikan) ’82 Hansen live at 1081 San La Cinto Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30043, with son Brian (3). Dennis is department manager at Heraeus Amerisil Co. Jill Howard returned to China this summer to teach again in the English Language Institute/China program. She taught classes at Anhui Institute of Education in Hefei, Anhui Province. Jill is youth minister at Upland United Methodist Church, and her address is PO Box 332, Upland, IN 46989. Doug & Connie Marlow and son Caleb (3) were blessed on June 22 by the addition, through adoption, of twins Isaac John Elijah and Jacob Reid Josiah to their family. The twins were born June 21 and arrived with four days notice. Doug is Taylor’s university editor. The Marlow family’s ad-dress is DD 2, Box 74, Gaston, IN 47342. Avery James was born May 29 to Rodney & Jo Ellen (Pearson) Taylor. Sister Danica Lynn is 3. Rodney is with the Utah State Dept of Social Services, and Jo Ellen is at home with the children at 277 E. 100 N., Moab, UT 84532.

1982

Andy & Sheri (Hume ’83) Billing received a special Easter gift in the birth of their first child, Chase Andrew, on March 31. The Billings live at RD 3, 45 Rockaway Dr., Boonton Township, NJ 07005. Matthew Thomas was born July 3 to Thomas & Kathy Fox. He joins sister Emily (3). Their address is 524 E. Water St., Berne, IN 46711. Billy & Sally (Thoes) Gardner have two children — Lauren Allene (4) and Richard Taylor, born February 12, 1990. Billy is director of counseling for Fellowship Bible Church of Park Cities, and Sally is at home with the children. They live at 1500 Springtree Circle, Dallas, TX 75082. Steve Long & Rick Hardy announce the birth of Jonathan Wayne on May 22. They join sisters Lindsey (4) and Rebecca (2). Ricka is an oncological nurse at Duke University hospital. Steve recently completed his PhD in theological ethics at Duke University. He is director of continuing education at Duke Divinity School. His first book, Living the Discipline: United Methodist Theological Reflections on War, will be published this spring by Eerdmann.

1983

Doug & Susan (Richey ’84) Allgood have two children — Madison David, born January 10, 1990, and Riley Catherine, born July 12. Doug is manager of application development at Boeinger Mannheim Corp. and Susan is at home with the children. Their address is 1277 Oak Ridge Ct., Carmel, IN 46032. John & Kathy (Payne ’84) Hagy announce the birth of their first child, John Frederick Hagy II, on April 26. John is a counselor at Cumberland Hall Hospital in Nashville, and is working on his doctorate in psychology at Tennessee State University. Their address is 1824 Lake Forest Drive, Nashville, TN 37217, where Kathy is at home with the baby. Mark & Joy (Tietze) Hayden welcomed Carissa Lea to their family on June 11. She joins brothers Taylor (3) and Trey (2). Mark is a systems programmer for Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and Joy is a full-time homemaker. The Hayden family lives at 12525 Browns Ferry Rd., Herndon, VA 22070. Twin boys, Hokie and Skylar, were born July 15 to Clint & Dawn (Laibly ’84) Holden, joining big brother Kelly (18 months). Clint is administrator at Grace Christian School, Lexington, OH, and the family resides at 1631 Oxford St., Mansfield, OH 44906. Richard & Cheryl (Kuhn ’84) Kneidler announce the birth of Kathleen Elizabeth on May 17. Cheryl, a former 3rd-grade teacher, is now at home with the baby. Richard is operations officer at Harris Bank in Chicago. They live...
at 835 Aurora Way, Wheaton, IL 60187. • Tom Mortland is the new director of development for Timothy Christian School, an independent K-12 facility in Piscataway, NJ. Tom’s address is 5 Windsor Rd., Edison, NJ 08817. • Scott & Laurie (Mason ’82) Price were blessed with the arrival of Lindsey Nicole on February 2. Scott is a systems engineer/manager on the Saturn Project at EDS, and Laurie works part-time as a career and job placement advisor for Livonia Public Schools. Lindsey attends school with her mother at an on-site day care center. The Price family’s address is 40570 Rock Hill Lane, Novi, MI 48375. • Kevin & Sharon (Hicks) Smith live at 3300 W. Torquay Rd., Muncie, IN 47304-3237. Kevin received his PhD in history from Yale University and is assistant professor of history at Ball State University. On June 22, Kristen Michelle, their first child, was born. They are delighted to be back in Indiana. • Jon Stockdale and Susan Marsh met in Kentucky, and are engaged to be married on December 21 in Tennessee. Both are planning to finish their master’s degrees before returning to missionary service at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya or elsewhere as the Lord leads.

1984
Bob & Mary Benson announce the birth of their first child, Nicholas Robert, on May 12. Bob is sales manager at Dan & Bradstreet in Chicago, and Mary is at home with the baby at 1307 Lilac Lane, Carol Stream, IL 60181. • Clark & Linda (Britton ’83) Cowden have moved to 24037 Pheasant Run, Novi, MI 48375. After three years as associate pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Anderson, IN, Clark is now pastor of Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Wallied Lake, MI. Linda, who received a nursing degree from Anderson University in June, was named the outstanding student in her class. She is an emergency room nurse at Sinai Hospital in Detroit. • Brett & Lynn (Belt) Cowell are the grateful parents of two miracle babies. Hannah (2) required major surgery when she was four days old. Harrison William, born May 28, had serious infections and came home on a monitor. But many TU friends prayed for him, and they are both doing fine. Brett is software development manager for Andersen Consulting in Chicago. Lynn, a former 2nd grade teacher at a Christian school, is now at home with the children at 5338 Candlewood Ct, Lisle, IL 60532. • Michael & Marcia (Hannes ’87) Daugherty were blessed with the birth of Diana Noleel on February 18, six weeks early. Michael is director of interpersonal computing at iLAN, a local area network integrator, and Marcia continues as editor of Creator magazine, a public neighborhood for church music directors. They reside at 4930 Wallington Dr., Hilliard, OH 43026. • David & Beth (Fanning ’84) Jadovich had their first child. Lauren Elizabeth, on June 6. Beth received the master of science in biology and anesthetics from Central Connecticut State University, and is an anesthetist in Torrington, CT. Their address is 402 Village Dr., Torrington, CT 06790. • Lori Shepard has completed a master’s degree in sport science in Indiana University. She lives at 1257 N. Maple St., Bloomington, IN 47404. • Tom & Beth (Knudsen ’80) Shevlin announce the birth of Emily Elizabeth on May 11. She joins Thomas Alexander (3). Tom is director of marketing, advertising, recruiting and training for B & B Investments, holding company for a number of freight line companies. Beth is completing a BA in accounting at Indiana University. Their address is 3901 Yonkers Dr., Bloomington, IN 47403. • Larry & Holly (Enger ’85) Walker are the proud parents of twins, Jacob Aaron and Samantha LeAnn, born April 16. Larry, who is a material control supervisor for Chrysler Corp., has just completed the master of science administration at Central Michigan University. Holly was formerly in new market development with Village Green Management Co., but is now at home with the twins at 24446 Simmons, Novi, MI 48374. • Dan Waller and Sherry Jessica Mason were married April 20. Dan’s family now includes Patrick (10) and Megan (7). He is head of a network marketing company which he founded in 1989. The Wallers live at 2069 Trafalgar Ave., Hayward, WI 54445.

1985
Mark & Cynthia (Pearson) Bates, 1384 Viewcrest Rd., Shoreview, MN 55126, announce the birth of their first child, Brittany Jo, on February 13. Mark is a programmer/analyst at Deluxe Corp., the check company, and Cindy works part-time at Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Co. • Stephan & Barbara (Rediger ’86) Burklin had a daughter. Stephanie Lynn, on April 12. Stephan was recently promoted to investment officer at LaSalle National Bank. Barbara is at home with Stephanie at 9114-B SW 20th St., Boca Raton, FL 33428. • Pat & Cathy (Beers) Dickey announce the birth of Greyson Daric on April 18. Pat is director of information systems at Hard Lock in Greenville, TN. Cathy teaches 1st grade at Hal Menard Elementary School. Their address is Rt. 4, Box 189, Greenville, TN 37743. • Randy & Becky (Jones ’88) Fouts live at 2904-A W John St., Champaign, IL 61821. Randy is a police officer in Urbana, and Becky is at home with Andrew Craig, born June 11. • Olivia Marie was born May 13, 1990, to Scott & Diane (Moeller) Gerit. Scott and Diane are missionaries with the Evangelical Free Church in Mexico City. Their address is Apdo 121-042, Sto. Domingo, Coyoacan, Mexico, DF 04670 Mexico. • Clark Hewitt spent three weeks in Mexico with Sports & Cultural Exchange Intl. a division of Youth Enterprises, playing baseball in the Veteran Invaders Baseball Ministry. Clark is athletic director, head basketball coach and math teacher at Harbor Light Christian School in Harbor Springs, MI. Wife Heidi (son ’84) coaches volleyball part-time at the same school. They have two children — Hannah Jo (3) and Kaylee Sue (1). Their new home is at 555 Leigl Dr., Alanson, MI 49706-9529. • Mark Hurt
recently joined the Washington, DC, staff of Senator Dan Coats as senior policy analyst and health specialist. For the past two years he served as legislative assistant to Congressman Fred Grandy. He received the master of arts in political science from Baylor University in 1987. He lives at 2524 E. S. Arlington Mills Dr., Arlington, VA 22206. • Scott & Beth (Flora) Shaum are happy to announce the birth of Tyler Loren on July 5. Big brother Andrew is 4. The Shaums will finish their first term of service in Hong Kong with Overseas Missionary Fellowship next May, and will have a year’s furlough in the US. Their present address is 101 Kam Shek New Village, G/F, Tai Po, N.T. Hong Kong. • James Travis was born May 31 to Jim & Carol (Holtzapfe) Underwood. 927 Carlsbad Dr., Mesquite, TX 75149. Jim is an attorney, and Carol, now at home, was a legal assistant for the past 3 years.

1986

Matthew John, first child of John & Stacy Bloomberg, was born July 7. John is a program engineer with GE Aircraft Engines. The family lives at 5299 Fieldstone Ct., West Chester, OH 45069. • Jim & Diane Cummer were married April 6 at Faith Missionary Church in Indianapolis. Jim is an automotive service technician at Best Lock Corp., and the couple lives at 7055 Hawks Hill Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46236. • Tom & Karen (Ramsland ’89) Granitz announce the arrival of Kelsey Anne on June 21. Their address is 53777 Cleveland Trail, Elkhart, IN 46514. • Andrea (Nelson) LeRoy is completing her master’s degree in counseling at Peabody College of Vanderbilt University. Her husband, Michael, is pursuing the PhD in political science at Vanderbilt. • Mary Pat Mahoney and Michael Smagala were married September 8, 1990, in Deefield, IL. Taylor participants were Barbara (Rediger x) Burkin, Sheri (Dewald) Mellema, Barb Kessler, Karen Morris, Karen Muselman ’87, Lisa Walbridge ’92 and Dr. Vance & Tammi Maloney.

Michael is a voice/data network consultant for Digital Equipment Corp., and Mary Pat is VP of Interiors Procurement, Inc. Their address is 6495 Via Regina, Boca Raton, FL 33433, and they would love to hear from TU friends. • Martin & Faith (Champoux) O’Leary live at 7627 Smale, Washington, MI 48094. Faith works for EDS on the Chevrolet account, and Marty is a GM engineer in the crash worthiness department. They expect their first child in October. • Leon & Ann Marie (Toepke ’87) Ravenna, 7539 Northway, Hanover Park, IL 60103, had their first child, Christiana Ruth, on February 14. Leon is a senior technical analyst for Baxter Healthcare in Deefield, and Ann Marie is at home with Christiana. • Jeff Raymond has recently returned to Taylor to serve as sports information director, with responsibility for all athletic media relations, press releases and statistical records. His mailing address is TU Athletic Dept., 500 W. Reade Ave., Upland, IN 46989.

• Rob & Carol (Meier ’88) Sisson announce the birth of Austin Ellis on May 25. Rob is director of student programs and Carol is director of orientation at Taylor. They live at 304 Joyce St., Upland, IN 46989.

1987

Michael & Valerie (Wilson) Boado are serving in the Philippines with New Evangelical Outreach Society. Their address is Tagum Christian Fellowship, PO Box 35, 8100 Tagum, Davao, Philippines. • Cheryl Gutsche and Robert Shawn Hewitt were married May 11 in New Brighten, MN. • Anne (DeGraff) Symanzik was a participant.

Cheryl is a corporate internal auditor at St. Paul Companies, Inc., and is working on her MBA at St. Thomas University. Shawn is a graduate of Bethel College (MN) and has a master’s degree in economics from University of Minnesota. He is a technical support manager of the research department at Federal Reserve Bank in Minneapolis. The Hewitts have a new home at 8959 Pinchurst Ct., Woodbury, MN 55125.

Greg & Brenda (Walstra x’89) Passon had their first child, Faith Joellen, on May 15. Greg is a staff programmer working in product development for IBM, while Brenda and Faith are at home together at 12324 Quail Woods Dr., Germantown, TN 38034. Faith’s proud uncle and aunt are Duane & Cheryl (Passon ’89) Birkey. • Anne Pederson and Ron VonGunten were married November 17, 1990. Taylor participants were Naomi (Humphrey) Muselman, Robyn Landt, Jim Robbins, Judy Vigna ’85, Laura (Ferkinhoff) ’88 Foster, Dan Pederson ’80 and Don Gerig ’51. Ron is a tax consultant with Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., and Anne teaches 5th grade at Roanoke Elementary School. Their address is 812 Buckingham, Ft. Wayne, IN 46825. • Trent & Tami (Newhard) Ruble announce the birth of Taylor Allen on May 26 (Indpls 3000 days). Tami is a full-time student at IPFW, working toward certification in elementary education, and Trent is a police officer for the city of Huntington. They live at 229 Garfield St., Huntington, IN 46750. • Amber Joy was born October 10, 1990, to Ken & Kathleen Siegle, 25804 Orchard, Mt. Clemens, MI 48045. Ken is a commercial real estate servicing officer at Standard Federal Bank, and serves as a part-time chaplain at Havenwyck Hospital in Auburn Hills. He received his MS in finance in April from Walsh College. • On December 11, 1990, a daughter was born to Reno & Sandy (x’88) Stapleton, 6886 Rd 28, West Liberty, OH 43357. Lauren Betty was named for her grandmother, Betty Bragg, who died last February.

1988

Mike & Amy (Coats) Bertsche live in Ft. Wayne, IN, where Mike works at Lincoln Life Insurance Co. Amy teaches 1st grade at Churubusco. They serve as youth sponsors at Woodburn Missionary Church. • Suzanne Cason and Joel Weidman were married August 11, 1990, in Community Church of Greenwood, IN, where Suzanne is publications director. Joel is a product design manager for Linear Sporting Goods. The couple lives at 8074 Crossing Dr., #19, Indianapolis, IN 46227.

Denise Firestone x and Sheldon Shaw were married May 18, 1990, and reside at 327 S. Highlander Way #23, Howell, MI 48843. Denise received her electrical engineering degree from Michigan Tech University, and Sheldon is near completion of his computer science degree from Eastern Michigan University. Denise is publications coordinator for Detroit First Church of the Nazarene, and Sheldon is a programmer for Citizen’s Insurance Co. • Sarah Marie, first child of Anthony & Nancy (Fettigter) Kirgis, was born April 30. Anthony is in civil service at Grissom AFB, and Nancy teaches pre-1st grade at Maconaquah Elementary School. They live at 534 Raleigh Rd., Galveston, IN 46932. • Todd Law and Valerie Bazzoni ’93 were married June 8 in Converse, IN. Taylor participants were Jim Hogan, Sharlee Stoner ’93 and Jennifer Barton ’94. • Prof. Jim Law served as his son’s best man. Todd is head basketball coach at Southwood HS. The couple’s address is 3972 W. Delta Dr. #9, Marion, IN 46952. • Karen Pfister and Dwight Smith were married August 4 in Ft. Wayne, IN. Taylor participants were Mary (Pfister x’91) Clark, Karen Muselman ’87, Greg Kroeker x’91 and Dr. Philip Kroeker. Both Karen and Dwight are on Campus Crusade staff, raising support for ministry in the Atlanta area. • Kimberly Stephens and Michael Brown were married June 22 in Glen Ellyn, IL. Taylor participants were Julia (Resch ’89) Huber and Alisa Stephens ’92. Kim completed her MSW in 1989 at University of Michigan, and is a social worker for West Aurora School District. Michael is an environmental Planner with Planning Resources, Inc. The Browns’ address is 1000 Geneva Rd #2-B, St. Charles, IL 60174.

1989

Kim Barnett and Vincent Johnson were married April 27 in Ft.
Wayne, IN. Taylor participants were Angela McKinney, S. T. Williams '86, Larry Geans '94, Stacy Kelsaw '93 and Glen Mills '93. Kim is coordinator of minority student recruitment programs and retention at Taylor, and Vincent is a Taylor campus safety officer. The couple lives at 1408 S. Main St., PO Box 482, Upland, IN 46989. Julie R. Hageman announce the birth of William, their first child, on June 3. The Brookstone family lives at 1013 W. 6th St., Marion, IN 46953.

1990

Jill Bolton and Marc Mohr were united in marriage on June 8 in Van Wert, OH. Taylor participants were Julie (Bagley) '89 White, Jill (Hay) '89 Jeran and Jennifer Kline '92. Jill formerly taught 5th grade in the Celina school district. The couple now resides at 3399 Normandy Park Dr. #M-6, Medina, OH 44256. Kristie (Kuhnle) Jacobson was appointed director of public information at Taylor on July 1. She and Jeff '89 live in Ft. Wayne where Jeff is a casually adjuster for Allstate Insurance Co.

Laurel Kinzer and Scott Dean were married June 15 in Markle, IN. Taylor friends participating were Dave Stauffer, Jay Teagle, Janice (Cupp) Hunter, Becky Roost, Jim Bushur '89, Lynne Kinzer '92, Jami (Miller) '81 Kinzer, Mark Kinzer '78 and Lea (Kinzer '83) Bergman. Wynn Lembright performed the ceremony. Scott is attending Trinity Evangelical Divinity School in preparation for overseas mission- ary service. Their address is 108 McAree #10, Waukegan, IL 60085.

Elena Martin and William Taylor x were married June 8 in Cleveland, OH. Taylor participants were Walter Moore, Kevin Firth, Janet Benda, Erma Carey '91 and Juanita Curtis '93. The couple resides in the Houston, TX, area. Laura Sampson and David Masse were married July 13 in Los Angeles, CA. Laura spent this past year working with minority youth and homeless people in Los Angeles. David manages high-rise office buildings and plays professional beach volleyball. They live at 5260 Buckingham Pkwy #203, Culver City, CA 90230.

Matt Schmidt and Sarah Sager were married July 6 in Aurora, IL. Taylor participants were Bill Schureman and Eric MankO '91. Both Matt and Sarah, a Grace College graduate, teach at Resurrection Catholic School. Their address is 210 S. Circle Ave. #508, Forest Park, IL 60130.

Kevin Sloot & Beth Parker-Sloot '91 moved to San Antonio, TX, in August. Kevin is teaching English as a second language and Beth serves as assistant program director for Christian Base Communities ministry. Both are full-time volunteers with the Mennonite Board of Missions, Elkhart, IN.

1991

Janelle Hall and Willem van Beek were married August 17 in Hartford City, IN. Jay Kesler '58 assisted in the ceremony. Other Taylor participants were Crystal (Lambright) Page, Stephanie ( Sexton) Vanden Brink, Karen Feigh, Chad Peters, Joseph Fausnicht, Andi Eicher '92 and Scott Rampone '92. Willem is pursuing his MBA at the Rotterdam School of Management of Erasmus University. The couple's address is at Veenendaalstraat 20 b, 3063 TM Rotterdam, Netherlands. Crystal Lambright and Todd Page, Longmont, CO, were married July 6. Taylor participants: Janelle Hall, Mandi (Peterson) x Cornett, Shannon Brower, Jen Scott, Jodi (Lambright) '88 Mynhier, Jim & Pam (Lambright) Krall, both '82, Lori (Lambright) '83 Walter, Gretchen Reynolds '92, Sarah Winters '92 and Alicia (Helyer) '92. Brumme1er. The couple's address is 772 Lake Nora North Ct. #A, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

Michael Mortensen proposed to Christine La Rue '92 under the Rice Bell Tower, and the wedding date is set for June 20, 1992, following Christine's graduation. Michael is news editor for the Berne Tri-Weekly and serves on Taylor's National Alumni Council as representative of the Class of '91. His address is Eastview Apt. #20, Berne, IN 46711.

To be included in Alumni Notes, just call 1-800-TU-2345 and ask for Betty Freese at ext. 5113. Or, if you prefer, send your name (including your maiden name), the class from which you were graduated, your address and telephone number (the latter for alumni records, as only your address will be posted in Alumni Notes), and current information in a style similar to that of the Alumni Notes section to: Betty Freese, Alumni Notes editor, Taylor University, Upland, IN 46989 (Fax #217-998-4910).

Your clear, black and white photograph is welcomed for possible publication, as well.
For almost 100 years, Taylor University has resided in the small Indiana town of Upland. But for the first 50 years of her existence, Taylor University was known as Fort Wayne College and was located in the western part of the city of Ft. Wayne, Ind. What precipitated the wrenching move to Upland, a seemingly out-of-the-way location, in 1893?

Finances
One catalyst for change was a persistent financial crisis which began in the mid-1880s. In an effort to solve the debt problem, the college nurtured a relationship with the National Association of Local Preachers of the Methodist Church. It was hoped that NALP influence would generate a substantial infusion of loans, gifts, and students. Instead, the situation continued to worsen. After a topsy-turvy period of negotiations, the trustees of Fort Wayne College decided to turn the ownership of the college over to the NALP. The financial health of the newly renamed Taylor University proved, however, to be no better than that of its predecessor; consequently, the university was forced to sell the Ft. Wayne property in 1892. With only 77 students, a drop from her 300 students four years earlier, classes were moved to makeshift, rented facilities on Jefferson Street in Ft. Wayne. In the meantime, President Thaddeus Reade vigorously sought ways to keep the college alive.

Personalities
A second catalyst for a Ft. Wayne-to-Upland transfer was the interest of John C. White. Reverend White was pastor of the Upland Methodist Church when President Reade appeared there as a guest speaker. White marshalled the influence of local resident J.W. Pittinger to hammer out an agreement between Taylor University trustees and the Upland Land Company. For $10,000 and 10 acres of land, the school agreed to relocate in Upland. The move became permanent in 1894 with the opening of two new buildings, Wright Hall and Morris Hall.

So far, our facile explanation for why Taylor came to Upland has simply relied upon finances and personalities. However, in sorting out cause and effect relationships, many levels of causality may be recognized. In *Physica*, Aristotle delineates five different kinds of causality. The traditional answer to why Taylor University is in Upland may too easily ascribe the move to human choices and ignore other significant dynamics implicit in that event. Let’s explore some of them.

Natural resources
As a natural historian, I find that
events and processes in nature offer other avenues for understanding human actions. For example, why have some regions been the focus of industrial activity and others of agriculture? Cities have historically grown up near waterways and in proximity to resources such as coal and ore. On the other hand, agricultural development and practice reflect the climate, soil, vegetation, and topography of the region. The uneven distribution of natural resources, therefore, exerts a dramatic influence on the course of human history. As shown by recent events in the Middle East, even our decisions of when and where to fight wars are based in part upon the distribution and availability of natural resources.

The Upland of the late 19th century abounded in two important commodities for growth — fossil fuel and land with high agricultural potential. Books by Gene Stratton Porter chronicle the demise of some of the great forests of northern Indiana. Old-timers recollect the clearing of big trees in Grant County, Taylor’s present home. They describe, now with a note of sadness, the efforts to dispose of tree carcasses in any way possible. Many were burned; some were buried in wetlands. But the removal of these giants from the land was deemed progress because it freed the land for farming on a grand scale and created the Grant County landscape we see today — broad, flat fields stretching for miles. This meteoric growth of farm culture provided a stimulus for growth of organizations such as the NALP and the desire to provide Christian education through the fervent Taylor University.

If abundant land first attracted white settlers to Grant County, the magnetism of this region swelled with the discovery of natural gas and oil. The result was boom towns. Just a few miles south of campus, the town of Matthews promised to rival Indianapolis as a center of political and economic activity as a result of the rapid influx of money and industry. Likewise, Hartford City and Gas City offered plentiful, cheap natural gas to industries such as glass manufacturers. Thriving agriculture...booming industrial growth...what better environment for a struggling college?

Geological processes
But are there other levels of explanation? Obviously, yes, since the presence of resources leads us into yet another cause and effect exploration. In nature, the present is frequently an expression of past events. If we look, literally, at the stuff under our feet, we can discover more about how these natural resources came to be here in the first place.

The soil, rock, and unconsolidated matter under the Taylor campus form a layer-cake record of the sustained processes of nature that gives rise to these riches. From studies of the earth cores taken from numerous water and oil wells drilled throughout our region, we now know that two major geological events shaped our landscape.

Lower layers of strata are composed of sandstone, shale, and limestone. These are sedimentary rocks and, as geologists reckon time, they are fairly old — probably over 300 million years old. Given the kind of rock and fossils that are preserved in them, we can tell that Upland was once a warm shallow sea with coral reefs. These reefs left behind abundant deposits of animal remains. After this organic matter became buried, the fats and oils were squeezed out and trapped under impermeable layers of shale. Ultimately, through a shift of continental plate, the seas drained from what is now Upland and left Indiana as dry land.

The second great geological event recorded in the strata beneath our feet is a relatively recent one — the advance and retreat of glaciers. Glacial bulldozers, up to a mile thick, flattened high spots and filled in low spots as they crept forward. More debris was deposited as the glaciers slowly ebbed away about 12,000 years ago. As a result, our locale has a surface icing of pulverized limestone 100 to 200 feet thick.

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God’s providence

Aristotle speaks of chance or spontaneity as yet another possible explanation for events. Should we also invoke spontaneity as part of our exposition? Perhaps. But we, as Christians, may prefer instead to call spontaneity “Providence” or “the grace of God.” In the realm of nature and natural history, the Christian believes in God as Creator and also as Sustainer of all creation.

Those processes that we observe, such as the formation of oil, the movement of continental plates, the action of ice, and the alteration of weather patterns, follow natural laws. In calling them “natural” we should not forget that it is our God who authored those laws. And once they were authored, he made a covenant with his creation to faithfully uphold or sustain all that he had made.

In that light, the coming of Taylor to Upland must be viewed as a piece of planning foreknown by our Heavenly Father back at the dawn of time. It was not spontaneous in the way that Aristotle means. Instead God, in his wisdom, had set aside this plot of land as part of carrying out his divine intentions. He meant for it to have a special purpose, to house a Christ-centered institution, to be holy ground.

Our responsibility

In closing, there is a vital contrast that needs to be drawn. God has shown himself faithful in keeping covenant with his creation. He has given richly to us and the people of this nation. In north-central Indiana, we have had an abundance of water, rich soil, forests, animal life, and stored energy. Unfortunately, our record of resource use has many blotches. We have claimed ownership of that which has been only put in our charge. We have squandered the gas and oil; those assets went bust in a mere 25 years. We have squandered the forests and thereby brought about the decline of many species of animals. Our rivers no longer flow clear and continuously. They are viewed as mere drains to carry mud-clogged runoff from eroding topsoil in an attempt to replenish the soil fertility through massive inputs of chemicals.

The Taylor campus is holy ground not only because it is a gift from a faithful God; it is holy because of what it is becoming — a place where we attempt to learn about our human role as stewards of creation, to gain experience in worshiping God with our minds and actions. To that end, we look forward to the completion of the new Center for Environmental Studies. We pray that the center will help us, both on this campus and in the church at large, to become better stewards of the environment and to grow in faithfulness toward the Lord that caused us.—PR

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1. TAYLOR STANDS OUT in a stunning two-color script design on this popular 50% cotton/50% polyester heavyweight sweatshirt.
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4. GREAT LOOKING cross grain super heavyweight sweatshirt sports the university seal and logo in a three-color puff and ink imprint. 95% cotton, 5% polyester. Rib-knit gussets, inserted at stress points, allow greater freedom of movement. Contoured necklines and cover stitching throughout. Ash gray.
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   S, M, L, XL $20.95  XXL $23.95 (sorry, not available in purple)

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