Taylor Men... Walking in Faith and Tradition
There are places on campus where we walked, places where we sat and talked, and quiet places where we prayed together.

Those were the college years, a time of life when high school graduates came as total strangers and in four short years were transformed into life-long friends. There is always an enduring quality to these friendships, even though they are often separated by time and distance.

What is this mysterious process that brings about such meaningful relationships at the place we call Taylor? Why do alumni often speak of their Taylor years in reverent tones? Why do class reunions at Homecoming seem as if we are experiencing a little piece of heaven? Maybe it is because we remember when God drew us closer to Himself in a way that set the direction for our lives. Maybe it is because this is where our intellects were expanded and our philosophical foundations were established. Or, it could be that during our college years we were drawn close to a set of friends in a way unlike any other time.

I was reminded of all this during my 25th class reunion last October. Life’s journey had taken members of the class of 1969 down many paths—paths which for the most part were more difficult and more challenging than any of us could have imagined at graduation. As we gathered, talked, gave testimonies, and shared memories, two profound truths were evident. First, God had indeed been faithful to His promises. Second, it was at Taylor that we learned our earliest lessons of trusting God in the deeper issues of life.

The relationships depicted in the cover photograph are typical of the life-long friends which develop at Taylor. We at Taylor, especially those of us in the Alumni Office and the University Relations Office, want our alumni and friends to keep close, both with each other and with the university.

This issue contains news, information, updates, reflections, features, reports, and photographs, all designed to communicate better with our alumni and friends. We plan to do more to tell the Taylor story from the past, present, and future. We want our stories and our reports to unite the Taylor family.

We are also enhancing our efforts to keep the global Taylor family in touch through our proposed publications on Internet’s World Wide Web and the America Online computer service. We will do our best to help those great relationships formed at Taylor to stay connected.

So . . . let me ask, “How long has it been since you’ve seen your best Taylor friend?” Why not give them a call. Or better yet, why not renew that friendship at Homecoming, October 6-8.

—Chip Jaggers ’69
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Maintenance—home at last!

The construction of the Ralph Boyd Physical Plant and Service Center was officially completed with a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony and open house on May 3. In November, 1993, the old facilities were destroyed by fire. Maintenance took up temporary residence in the basement of Bergwall Hall. Now, offices, workshops and storage for the 55-member housekeeping, grounds and maintenance crews are once again at their old location. Insurance paid for most of the one-story, 15,865 square-foot facility, which includes improved safety features such as eyewash stations. Ralph C. Boyd was a former building and grounds director who worked for many years at Taylor.

NASA takes Taylor up in space

Eleven students spent five weeks of their spring semester working on a New Jersey-based research project for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The students spent much of their time working with the Source Loss/Con Energetic Particle Spectrometer (SEPS) instrument, which measures particles in the earth's radiation belt. SEPS is being prepared by NASA to be carried on a satellite, and is scheduled for deployment by the end of this year. The work of the student researchers provided vital information necessary for the successful operation of SEPS. This project was part of Taylor's Science Research Training Program, developed by the physics department. The program is designed to give students practical experience in their field of study. A variety of departments were represented in the project.

Communications revolution

Taylor University will be sharpening the link between the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses this fall by installing an integrated, digital communication system. The new system will manage voice, data, and interactive video communications. The video link will allow classrooms on both campuses to interact simultaneously. It also has the technology to connect the University with international communication carriers, allowing links to be made worldwide. Interactive video will be implemented on both campuses this fall. The replacement of the current telephone system on the Upland campus is also scheduled to take place as part of the new telecommunications system.

Assoc. Dir. of Admissions sought

The Admissions Office is currently interviewing candidates for the position of Associate Director of Admissions on the Upland campus. This position has primary responsibility for the cultivation and processing of prospective student inquiries and the associated human and material resources needed to fulfill this function. If interested, please forward a resume and letter of inquiry to Stephen Mortland, director of admissions.

Candidate Keyes addresses students

Republican presidential candidate Alan Keyes was a featured speaker at the National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC) on April 7. Keyes, a former Reagan advisor and United Nations delegate, was one of three featured speakers for the event, held annually on the Upland campus. Keyes is an evangelical Christian who believes in strong family values. He declared his candidacy on March 27, less than two weeks before the conference, setting off heightened interest from the area residents and media. He has been featured by Dr. James Dobson. NSLC highlights also included talks from Bart Campolo and Bill Kalenberg, and a concert by contemporary Christian artist Susan Ashton.

Getting to the heart of the matter

Paige Comstock Cunningham '77, chairman of the board of Americans United for Life, visited campus on February 15. She delivered a chapel address entitled "The Heart of the Matter." Cunningham has been honored by the American Bar Association with the Young Lawyers Division award as one of the top twenty lawyers making a difference in the world. Her work with Americans United for Life involves the legal aspects of the pro-life movement. She was named Taylor University's 1992 Distinguished Alumna for Professional Achievement.

Sanctity of life affirmed

This spring, President Jay Kesler announced an addition to the student life handbook, identifying a "sanctity of life" position officially endorsed by the University. The statement reads, "Scripture affirms the sacredness of human life which is created in the image of God. Genesis 1:27, 'So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created them' (NIV). Therefore, human life must be respected and protected from its inception to its completion." According to Kesler, the statement speaks about much more than abortion. "We didn't want to isolate one pro-life issue, but rather recognize a seamless garment of human rights," he says. The community life committee worked this year on developing the statement.
Peer educators awarded for success—

The Peer Education Program, part of the AIDS task force on campus, was honored recently with a $10,000 grant from Ameritech. The award was given for the success of the program at Taylor. Susan Goss ’95 and Herb Harjes ’95 wrote the grant while working in the Office of Development as part of the Advanced Public Relations class. The Peer Education program was also honored for its role in equipping students with skills that will be of value later in life. Peer educators teach students in physical education classes, helping them understand the nature of and facts about AIDS.

Environmental Science in the green—

Taylor science classes will benefit from the completion of a new greenhouse, located next to the Randall Environmental Center. The new greenhouse will service the needs of the environmental science department as well as student and faculty research. The old greenhouse, located in the Nussbaum Science Center will continue to be used by the biology department. The new facility will have four rooms, each with separate climate controls, making it much easier to set conditions for experiments. The location of the new greenhouse provides much easier access for professors and students at the environmental center. Studies on the biology of wetland plants, and the taxonomy of rare wetland species and fresh water mussels have already been planned. The construction of the greenhouse is expected to begin this fall.

Youth Conference reaches over 500—

Five hundred eighteen teenagers and their youth sponsors were in attendance for the 1995 Youth Conference. The theme “Roots ‘n’ Wings” provided the backdrop for the event as the featured speaker, Lori Salierno, challenged the conference to catch the vision of a life in Christ. Thirty-five teenagers came forward for counseling and prayer, and three made first-time commitments to the Lord. Over 500 Taylor students volunteered their time to help with the planning and to serve as group leaders throughout the weekend.

Plans for Upland festival underway—

In cooperation with town leaders of Upland, Taylor is preparing for a major town event called Festival 1996. A community-wide committee, including people from Upland and Taylor, is planning this special event. This cooperative effort is bringing the University and Upland closer together. The festival follows on the heels of two previous community and campus efforts. In 1993, Taylor celebrated 100 years in Upland by helping the town return its original railroad depot to the community. Taylor staff and students working hand in hand with local residents made the depot restoration project a reality. In the fall of 1994, the entire freshman class, as part of their orientation weekend, participated in a community service day called the Community Plunge. The railroad depot, town parks, city offices and grounds were cleaned, refurbished, and painted by the freshmen class. The growing relationship with the people of Upland continues to be a positive experience for the University.

WTUC goes on the air—

With the help of the 1995 senior class gift and a generous contribution from friends of the University, a transmitter was purchased that will enable Taylor’s Upland radio station to go on the air this fall. The transmitter is located a few miles south of campus and will service the Upland area. The new radio station replaces the former on-campus cable system, and can be heard on the FM dial. The station will begin broadcasting this fall.

Swedish exchange begins this fall—

Physics, chemistry, computer science and pre-engineering students have a new international study opportunity as of this fall. Dr. Eric Hedin, assistant professor of physics, spent part of this summer at the Royal Institute of Technology (Kungliga Tekniska Höskolan) in Stockholm, Sweden, making final preparations for the first offering of this opportunity. Students will also be able to take classes taught in English at the Institute.

Russian students complete MBA—

Twenty-two students from Nizhni Novgorod University in Russia, accompanied by a professor and several interpreters, traveled to Upland for their MBA capstone course. The MBA program at Nizhni Novgorod started with help of the Christian College Coalition through the capstone course at Taylor. The program also proves beneficial for the University as a new major in international business is being offered at the Upland campus for the first time this semester.

1995-96 theatre schedule—

Follow Abraham Lincoln’s journey from a village of fifteen log cabins to the White House in the biographical play Abe Lincoln in Illinois, October 27, 28, and November 2-4. The World of Carl Sandburg, showing December 1 and 2, features selections from his works. The Hoosier Schoolmaster, a comedy about an Indiana town set out to indoctrinate its schoolmaster, is scheduled for February 16, 17, and 22-24. The Imaginary Invalid explores the humor of Jean Baptiste Moliere in this satirical play, showing April 26, 27, and May 2-4.

Intramural participation high—

Student participation in intramural athletics was high during the 1994-95 school year. In the fall, 675 men and women competed in flag football and 519 in soccer. Basketball and volleyball held these players through the winter months, while softball closed out the year. Racquetball and table tennis were also offered.
Real men wear PURPLE

A salute to eight men of God—each of whom has made a difference in the world; each of whom was prepared for service while at Taylor.

Given a pigskin and a 100-yard long field, Doug Bonura '96 becomes a raging Trojan. If you were to meet him on the street or in the classroom, you would probably not guess that this is the same player who has broken all sorts of Taylor football records.

Bonura has become a man who knows the value of hard work on the field—but also of strong relationships built on mutual respect. As a young player, he found role models in some of the older athletes.

"I looked up to the older players and saw how they did things," he says. "When we got into a tough situation, did they gripe and moan, or did they say, 'Let's do something about it'?

While Bonura won't be playing football this year, he hopes to serve as such a role model in his capacity as a coach. The kind of relationships he has and will continue to build with the players this year are the type that Taylor has nurtured throughout generations. For George Glass, there was a Don Odle; for Jay Kesler, a Milo Rediger. And in turn, for today's students, there are those who have preceded them.

Bonura still has one more year at Taylor. At this point in his life, the future seems uncertain. Yet, he holds to a simple, solid goal—that of serving the Lord. Bonura's prospects for the future may take him in countless directions of which he may not even be aware. But he will not be the first to face these complexities and challenges. If the men who preceded him are any indication, a life of serving and trusting in God is life at its best. We find ourselves part of a legacy built on relationships of integrity and servanthood. These are the cornerstones upon which Taylor men have built their lives.
Ted Engstrom ’38

Author, executive, and advocate for the poor, he caught a vision for a better world.

A lifetime of service has proven Ted Engstrom to be one of the most influential leaders in Christian missions today. Serving with World Vision for more than 30 years, Engstrom has been a guiding force for the organization, both as a decision maker and as an advocate for its programs, which attempt to provide relief aid for those who are suffering as well as providing long-term development of their resources.

He has been a prolific writer, with over 36 titles to his credit. He serves on numerous boards for colleges and organizations. Engstrom has devoted himself to excellence in his work, and it is not hard to see that he is revered by others for his personal and professional accomplishments. More significantly, he is respected for his commitment to Christ’s call on his life.

Engstrom found his two lifelong friends, Christ and his wife Dorothy, while he was a student at Taylor. And it has indeed been a long life of dedication—something which he urged the graduating class of 1987 to attain in his commencement address.

“It’s a challenging world out there ahead of you, beyond description,” he said. “But you can make a difference. Go for it; give it all you’ve got.”

Elmer Nussbaum ’49

A distinguished nuclear scientist, he captured hearts and minds with his wit and wisdom.

Elmer Nussbaum loves physics. As a Taylor student in 1949, he designed a private telephone line on campus connecting his room to his college sweetheart’s. That same year, he proposed to her in the physics lab, while a three-foot cardboard heart blinked their names in neon lights and a doll dropped from the ceiling, engagement ring in hand.

Eleven years later, as the chair of the building committee of the science center, Nussbaum was present for the groundbreaking of the building that would one day bear his name. The groundbreaking featured an explosive display of his handiwork—colored streams of gold and purple smoke marking the corners of the building.

Nussbaum’s reputation as a scientist earned him national and international recognition. Much of his success, he says, comes from the formative years of his spiritual and academic life at Taylor.

“Several spiritual and intellectual giants at Taylor made a tremendous difference in my life,” he says.

Nussbaum was grateful for the opportunity he had to pass on some of these lessons to his students. As professor emeritus, he still lives in Upland today.
George Glass '58

Thirty-five years he has faithfully served his God and his alma mater.

George Glass spent most of his early life unaware of Taylor, though he lived only 25 miles away. Now, nearly 40 years after his graduation from the University, he is constantly working to make Taylor known all over the nation, serving as associate vice president of alumni relations.

It was as a senior in high school that Glass first came to know about Taylor through his high school basketball coach. That coach introduced him to a man who would deeply influence Glass during his college years and beyond—Coach Don Odle.

Odle encouraged Glass to do his best as an athlete and student, and was instrumental in Glass' growth as a Christian. On October 14, 1954, Odle "opened the Word of God" to Glass, who then accepted Christ.

"Because of the influence of men like Coach Odle and other fellow students and faculty, I learned what it means to be a Christian and what a wonderful place Taylor is," Glass says.

In the past 35 years, Glass has shared the Taylor story with friends and alumni all over the world. He and his wife Jan met while they were students at Taylor. Their three children are also Taylor alumni.

Tom Atcitty '63

A voice for his people, he serves as a national representative of the Navajo Nation.

The name of Thomas E. Atcitty may not be widely recognized, but among Navajos his name is synonymous with hope for the future. Earlier this year he was sworn in as the Vice President of the Navajo Nation, a territory the size of New Mexico consisting of 250,000 citizens.

While serving for 14 consecutive years in the New Mexico House of Representatives, he obtained federal funding for a senior citizen's program in Navajo communities, as well as economic and community development projects. He also initiated bills which benefited school districts and reduced crime in the Navajo Nation, as well as providing key support for Navajo youth attending private schools.

During his years at Taylor, Atcitty reaffirmed his commitment to walk in the footsteps of Christ and to live in a Christ-like manner. He says that it is important for one to adapt to life's changing circumstances.

"Life seems to have different hurdles and different testing areas," he says. "There is a constant need to grow and be of real service to the community."

Atcitty is an active advocate for the Navajo Nation in several states and in Washington, D.C.
Wellington Chiu '74

In the heart of corporate New York City, he is a testimony of service and dedication to God.

Even though Taylor is still a small school by some standards, Wellington Chiu gives testimony of its far-reaching influence. As a student in a missionary high school in Okinawa, some of his teachers were Taylor alumni. It was through their encouragement that Chiu left his home to travel all the way around the world to Upland, Indiana.

During his college years Chiu saw in his professors the kind of service and dedication to God which he wanted to exemplify in his own life. He hopes to be able to give a little bit back to Taylor for the years of training he received here. Often, he says, alumni take for granted what their school does for them.

“We can't even begin to imagine how much Taylor has given us,” he says. “The challenge for my generation is to give a small portion back to Taylor.”

Today Chiu is the Chief Information Officer at Ziff-Davis Publishing Company, the largest computer magazine publishing company in the nation. He still believes that daily dedication to one's beliefs is what it takes to make a difference in the world. This is especially relevant in today's culture, steeped in situational ethics, Chiu says.

Geoff Moore '83

Honoring God's call, he ministers faithfully to many through the music he loves.

Fifteen years ago Geoff Moore '83 was starting his education at Taylor as a business major. Little did he know at that time that God had other plans for him. He was introduced to Christian music by his roommate Arlin Troyer '83 and first sang in public at a Taylor variety show, but he never dreamed that one day he would be a major voice in Christian music.

Music was never a part of Moore's formal education, and at times he still feels ill-equipped for what he does. Yet, he is confident that he is following God's will. Even though his profession doesn't relate directly to his degree, Moore is grateful for the education he received at Taylor.

“I think that Taylor provides an environment where you can readily pursue a deeper walk with Christ,” he says. “If you want to have a strong, Christ-centered education that will deepen your faith, the opportunities are there.”

Making the decision to be involved in music was a big step of faith for Moore and his wife, Jan (Boberg '83) but God honored their faithfulness. Today, Geoff Moore and his band, The Distance, are counted among top contemporary Christian artists.
Taylor has a Vision...

for training men of integrity with a heart for service.

In the 1990's, we are finding ourselves in a culture of absentee fathers, blurred lines of sexuality, and concerns of male identity. In such a time, it is important that men view their identity through the eyes of Christ. This is what Taylor has tried to instill in the minds and hearts of its men through all generations.

"The most important thing Taylor does to train up men is to hold them up to Jesus Christ as the servant role model," says President Jay Kesler, "and this is a strong model, a biblical model of discipleship which is full-orbed."

Such a view of manhood rests not on traditional images of masculinity, but on Biblical principles which are just as relevant for today's world as they have ever been. Among these are the fruit of the Spirit and the commandment to be like Christ—which often stand in sharp contrast to the concept of American manhood.

Kesler hopes that the men of Taylor will see that the ultimate strong act is to help another person or to give one's self away to another. This involves a life profoundly committed to Christ that inspires service to family, church, and community.

Taylor helps prepare men to live with integrity in two primary ways. First, it provides opportunities for accountability and discipleship through its emphasis on the residential program. Secondly, Taylor maintains an atmosphere where views are exchanged as students strive for the integration of their faith and learning in the classroom.

Students are also encouraged to take responsibility for their choices. Instead of a mandatory chapel program, Taylor gives its students the freedom to hold themselves accountable for their own attendance.

The "Life Together Covenant" is foundational to the Taylor community. Signing and maintaining this pledge provides students with a regular opportunity to keep their promises.

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Roger Love '91

Armed with a servant's heart, he returned to minister in the inner city of Chicago.

Following his education in the heart of rural Indiana, Roger Love '91 returned to the inner city of Chicago where he was raised as the ninth child in a family of ten. There he works daily with students at George W. Collins High School, encouraging them to live up to their potential.

Love tries to build caring and compassionate relationships with his students, modeling the kind of relationships he experienced at Taylor.

Going through college was not easy for Love. He not only faced the normal challenges of balancing studies, athletics, a job and social life, but being in the minority in a largely white community was a great challenge for him as well. Despite these obstacles, Love found his friends and professors at Taylor to be a great source of encouragement and support.

"At Taylor you are not just another number," he says, "The professors really care for you and are concerned about your needs."

Taylor was also a place where Love experienced great personal growth. It was here that he developed leadership skills which help him meet the challenges of work in the inner city.
Imagine a place where thousands of men stand together inside a hot stadium in sweaty shirts, their voices raised to the sky. Intimidating? In any other place, yes. But come closer and listen as they share stories of struggle, weakness, and yet victory through it all. Witness miracles as their lives are powerfully changed, marriages renewed and their relationships reconciled. These stories are the heart of Promise Keepers, and it is through these annual events that the hearts of men all over America are being changed.

Promise Keepers provides a forum where men can pour out their hearts to other men, says Bob Blume '62, director of Indiana and Michigan Promise Keepers. It is a vehicle for men to get the issues they are facing on the table, deal with them, and return to their families, communities, churches, and jobs with renewed commitment to God and Biblical priorities for living. The men who attend Promise Keepers are also challenged spiritually to a deeper awareness of and relationship with Christ.

"Promise Keepers gives men something they can relate to, and it is the relational issue which is the most powerful thing," he says. "We (men) cannot change the world living in our own personal vacuums. It won't work. We've got to be expendable in our energy, our intellect, and in our service to God. We won't truly know what that is until we live close to Him."

So powerful and visible are the results of Promise Keepers that critics and supporters alike are referring to the phenomenon as a "men's movement." Blume is quick to point out, however, that a mass movement was never intended.

"Promise Keepers is not something you join; it is something you become," he says. "This is a matter of..."
the heart. This is a spiritual issue. It did not start with task-oriented men trying to solve a problem or as a reaction to contemporary women's issues."

Rather, it began in 1990 with Bill McCartney, then head football coach of the University of Colorado, initiating a fellowship of men who met for prayer, fasting, and encouragement. McCartney had expressed to the group his desire to see his home football stadium one day filled with men singing praises to God.

That first group consisted of 72 men, fellowshipping and praying over the entire year for God's direction. Only after this extended period of prayer was the first gathering of men held. By 1993, 52,000 men had already attended the annual conference. The following summer, 234,000 men participated in the first year of regional meetings. In 1995, the RCA Dome in Indianapolis hosted over 60,000 men. Tickets for that conference, for which Blume was responsible, sold out in 16 days. Evidence indicates that even greater participation is likely in the future.

In some aspects, Promise Keepers has become the fulfillment of what the men's movement was all about. Throughout the 1970's, the men's movement was primarily made up of small groups of men meeting together to discuss their feelings and experiences. After slipping into obscurity during the 1980's, the movement was popularized once again in the past few years by television specials and news articles, and by such popular national figures as author Robert Bly.

The men's movement, however, has had a waning influence in America. It has adequately identified the problems facing American males, but has done little to effect change. Promise Keeper's has picked up where the men's movement left off. At the conferences, men are challenged to hold to seven commitments, making them "promise keepers." These are 1) to honor Christ through worship, prayer and obedience; 2) to pursue accountable relationships with other men; 3) to practice spiritual, moral, ethical and sexual purity; 4) to build strong marriages and families; 5) to pray for their pastors and to give of their time and resources; 6) to demonstrate Biblical unity across racial and denominational barriers; and 7) to obey the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

Promise Keepers has become one of the first national evangelical organizations to have as a core value the active involvement of all races. Still, the organization faces a challenge as the majority of conference attenders remains overwhelmingly white.

While Promise Keepers has and continues to go through its own stages of growth, so too has Blume been prepared over the years for his service. His business career and involvement with other organiza-

tions prepared him for the administrative roles of Promise Keepers. His personal journey has also led him through many experiences which have shaped his character and helped him to relate to the other men who attend the conferences.

It was through the heartbreaking experience of losing his first wife to cancer that he learned to cry. He gained a sensitivity to people and a deeper perspective on life. Bob calls these learning experiences "gifts" from God that he would not trade for anything. He also believes God has challenged him to be a role model to his six grandchildren. He covets a close relationship with them. In his words, "The grandchildren do not care if their name is Blume or Jackson; it's my relationship with them that matters. I call each one every week no matter where they are. I'm trying to leave them an example of faith in Christ and the value of close, quality relationships."

Blume's time at Taylor, first as a student, and later as a coach and professor, was foundational for his future leadership responsibilities. It was at Taylor that he began to mature and grow as a Christian. Through the relationships he formed at that time, he was able to see a strong community of believers who cared for one another. He especially noted how faculty members mentored him by planting God's word in his life, modeling the qualities of true Christian character.

Blume identifies four primary people who influenced him while at Taylor—Jay Kesler led Sunday afternoon sessions in personal evangelism which equipped him to share his faith. Others were Bill Kendall, then the hall director of Morris Hall, Carlton Snow, a fellow student, and Coach Don Odle.—CJ
AFTER waiting FOR 149 YEARS, we’re ready to CELEBRATE.
We're about to celebrate, all because 150 years ago, a group of Methodists founded what is today the oldest Christian liberal arts college in the United States. It was a time of expansionism and warfare for the United States. The pioneering spirit was alive like never before. Today, the pioneers have long since settled, but the spirit upon which Taylor was founded continues to drive the University into new areas of discovery.

Nineteen ninety-six is an historic year for Taylor, as she enters her 150th year as one of the pioneering institutions of evangelical higher education.

To launch this historic milestone in the life of the University, a sesquicentennial celebration will commence at Homecoming this year.

“A 150th anniversary gives any organization the chance to really reflect upon its history,” says Dr. Charles Jaggers, vice president for university relations. “But it gives a chance to say we can’t stop there. We must go forward.”

Thus the sesquicentennial will provide the opportunity for recommitment and rededication to the God who has been faithful to Taylor throughout its years of existence. The University’s leadership within Christian higher education over the past 150 years has made Taylor a lasting cornerstone and faithful evangelical witness.

“That in itself speaks to the vitality and authenticity of its founding,” says Jay Kesler, president. “I always feel like God must have some reason for Taylor to exist, and if we continue to be mission driven and continue to obey Him, then He will ensure our survival.”

Bishop William Taylor

Chronling the Taylor experience has long been an interest of Dr. Bill Ringenberg, professor of history. An updated version of Ringenberg’s book on Taylor history, including the last 25 years, will be published in 1996. Dr. Alan Winquist, professor of history, and Dr. Jessica Rousselow, professor of communication arts, are writing historical monographs about the University.

The last three statues of Samuel Morris is being completed this summer. The statues will be unveiled Friday of Homecoming weekend, 1995, according to Jaggers. The sculptor, Ken Ryden, artist-in-residence at Anderson University, has been working on the statues since 1989.

Morris was the first international student at Taylor, and is a symbol, not only of the Spirit-filled life, but also of Taylor’s vision for global awareness and mission.

The grand finale will be at Homecoming 1996, featuring a special service much like a pageant. Evangelical author and lecturer Charles Colson will speak, and for the first time, an international alumni reunion is also scheduled.

The official sesquicentennial kick-off will take place during halftime of the homecoming football game. The celebration will extend throughout the entire year. The two 'big bookends' of the celebration will be Homecoming 1995 and Homecoming 1996.

“It’s really exciting,” says Marty Songer, director of alumni programs. “It’s awesome to think that Taylor was founded before the Civil War. Other colleges have not made it, but the Lord has been faithful to Taylor. I know it’s something that God had to have His hand in, or Taylor wouldn’t have survived.”—RD
Out of the Flock
Taylor was one of several schools to experience revival this spring.

Palm Sunday 1995 was no different from any typical Sunday at Taylor. Members of the campus community gathered for the worship service, that week held concurrently with the National Student Leadership Conference. Following a short devotional by Campus Pastor Charles Gifford on being real, however, a most unusual time of sharing and confession of sin began which lasted several hours.

The congregation adjourned for the afternoon but regathered that evening in even greater numbers. That meeting lasted until 3 a.m. The same scenario was repeated on Monday and Tuesday evening, followed by a praise service on Wednesday night.

Among those who attended and shared on Sunday morning were student representatives from Wheaton and Asbury colleges, which had both experienced revival earlier in the spring.

Similar revivals have taken place on at least 14 evangelical campuses across the nation, as well as some state schools. The recent revivals, according to the New York Times, involved very little of the emotionalism of past revivals. Furthermore, the meetings were spontaneous and "exhibited no signs of orchestration or planning," according to Christianity Today.

The dawning of these campus revivals has been traced to the testimony of a Howard Payne University student this spring at his church in Brownwood, Texas. After asking the church to pray for his school, members of the congregation began confessing sins and praying with one another. A few days later, renewal broke out at a student-led service on the Howard Payne University campus.

When President Jay Kesler returned from a trip to Europe during the week of revival, he was heartened to see what was taking place.
"I was grateful," he says, "because I had prayed that this movement which had taken place on other campuses wouldn't bypass Taylor.

One of Kesler's concerns was that the revival might become a duplicate of what had happened on other campuses. But after attending the service on Wednesday, he was convinced that Taylor's revival was genuine.

"I would not have been pleased to hear that it was a kind of Christian flexing of muscles, which is what some testimonial become," he says. "But this was so opposite of that. When I got there Wednesday night and listened to the level of candor and the sense of community and the way that students surrounded each other as they sought to work through difficult problems, I was just very humbled and grateful to participate."

Gifford, too, recognized the genuine nature of the revival, calling it a fresh visit from God. It was by no effort of any one person, but rather by the desire of God, that this took place. And as a result, he says, the Spirit of God refreshed the University and brought new life to some spiritually dead people.

Those who came forward to the microphones freely confessed sins and attitudes that are rarely dealt with in such a public forum. Feelings of pride and superiority were addressed, as were racism, sexual sins, lust, and internal guilt. Some of the confessions were so personal and unguarded that separate meetings for men and women were held on May 3 to address those issues. After the meetings, the men and women were served cookies and milk in the dining commons as an acknowledgment of renewed innocence.

"I watched people just talking and enjoying each other. They were just free and had the pleasure of being in each other's company," Gifford says.

There was no way possible to interpret the confessions as phony, says Gifford, because of the uncharacteristic healing and reconciliation that had taken place.

"For enemies to become friends has to have a touch from God," he says. "And I saw that happen. I saw people who were at odds with each other asking forgiveness. I saw those same people granting forgiveness and praying together."

To encourage students to be open with one another, Walt Campbell, associate vice president of student development, declared a "night of amnesty," giving students the freedom to confess sin without the fear of being punished. And students responded to the invitation.

According to Gifford, the confessions led to visible statements on the part of students. On one particular day, several students had placed on Campbell's desk things of which they felt convicted.

Not only did Taylor students experience growth during this time, but they also received a renewed sense of mission. A team of Taylor students was sent to Ball State University where they joined several campus ministries there in a time of confession, praise and prayer. About 200 people were in attendance at that meeting.

While the overwhelming majority of students had an initially positive experience with the revival, some expressed skepticism and doubt. Such was the reaction Moses Tan '95 had when he first heard of the revival. As time went on, however, he began to feel that it was a genuine work of God.

"What struck me most at the meetings was the authenticity and sincerity of the students," Tan says. "They confessed sins that we wouldn't normally even talk about with close friends. People from all over the auditorium would go forward and lay hands on these people, and then pray with them."

The revival had a lasting impact on most of the people who attended the service, says Tan, because even if one didn't confess during the service, he certainly walked away with the knowledge that something special had happened on campus.

"I feel there is an openness on campus that allows people to transcend their own prejudice and mindset to reach out to people," Tan says.

While such experiences are indeed untypical for colleges in the 1990's, they were a fairly common occurrence when Kesler was a college student.

"Interestingly enough, the kind of testimonies and opportunities that students had during these meetings were kind of a weekly occurrence when I was a student," he says. "There was an altar call and students would go forward, I think the pent-up need was relieved on a regular basis. We kept shorter accounts."

Because of what Kesler calls the "more expressive" faith of the 1950's and 60's, students today have had difficulty identifying with earlier generations. Likewise, administrators and faculty have had to adjust to the mindset of current students, who are seeking a way to express their own faith.

"We have robbed students today of genuine religious expression," Kesler says. "I think we ought to give them more opportunities to express themselves and allow God to work more often. I think He would like to."

Part of the challenge to faculty and administrators at this time, says Kesler, is to guard against a jaded faith, and to keep from proscribing what God would do in the present and in the future.

"We are best to be open to what God wants to do," he says, "and to not try to protect students from something we think we've learned from our own experience."

Many students have written to Kesler sharing their experience of the revival. Several of them are praying for continued revival at Taylor.—RD
Forty-two years... When Lois Weed '51 came to work at Taylor, Ike was in the White House, the Korean conflict had just ended, and Jay Kesler had not yet graduated from high school. Through all the decades of her service at Taylor, she has outpaced two libraries and seen countless students come and go.

As a Taylor student, she worked in the Mooney Library located on the main floor of Wright Hall. She most recently worked in the Zondervan Library, though the lion's share of her service was in the Ayres Library.

"When we moved over to the Ayres building we thought we were really living," she reflects.

After her graduation from Taylor, Weed worked for two years in the Marietta, Ohio library. One of her tasks there was that of piloting the town's bookmobile, which at that time was no more than a station wagon with shelves in the back.

"Kids would come and get the books. We would have boxes of books inside and we would keep refilling the shelves," she says.

In the spring of 1953, Weed made a decision which changed the course of her life. She had come to Taylor's annual Youth Conference that year with some young people from Marietta. There she was noticed by Taylor's librarian, Alice Holcombe, who was searching for someone to fill a vacancy. When Dean Milo Rediger called her with the job offer, Weed had not yet considered going back to her alma mater.

"It was just sort of out of the blue, and I thought about it for a while," she says. "I don't know how long, but I really liked the idea."

A bailed wire fence running along the south end of the Ayres Library was all that stood between the campus and a field of grazing cows when Weed began her tenure. Library fines then were a nickel—an amount that remained until only recently when they were raised to ten cents. Along with her work at Taylor, Weed spent the next five summers at the University of Kentucky earning a master's degree in library science.

Having seen Taylor outgrow two libraries during her career, Weed does not expect the high-tech Zondervan Library to become obsolete anytime soon. Recent technological changes have linked Taylor with other private colleges through the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana (PALNI). Through this system, users can instantly locate volumes in Taylor's library, as well as 24 other private colleges in Indiana.

While Weed is fully versed in the features of the computerized referencing system, she adds with a smile, "in looking for a specific book, I can almost pull up cards just as quickly."

Weed sees her years of service at Taylor as not just a job she held, but truly as a calling, no different from a calling which anyone has to Christian service. One of the characteristics about Weed which patrons of the Taylor libraries have noticed through the years is her even-tempered nature.

"I try not to let situations that upset me have input into the way I treat other people," she says. "I'm sure there have been times when I have lashed out at people, but I think they have been few and far between."

Even as the world moves progressively closer to the technology of the 21st century, Weed is not worried about the future role of books.

"There is something about holding a book in your hand," she says. "You don't get that same feeling at a micro-film reader or a computer."

Weed knows there will always be books, and with them a need for librarians. We can only hope that others will be as true to their calling as Weed was to hers.—JG
Retirement is an altogether different concept for Bob Gortner. The original Christian Tiger still has a lot of grrr-owl left.

A Tiger Unleashed

Bob Gortner is, by his own admission, a workaholic. He speaks of work as a blessing which has followed him throughout life. Just ask him about business seminars. “They leave me on a high,” he says. Even a couple years ago during a brief hospitalization, one of his visitors observed Gortner with his reading glasses on and his Wall Street Journal and assorted folders and files spread out on his bed. So, when thinking of life after work, it is not surprising to hear Gortner say, albeit tongue-in-cheek, “I have this fear of becoming a useless nobody.”

At the age of 50, Gortner left a lucrative career as a Price Waterhouse consultant to come to Taylor University. “It may have been in response to mid-life crisis,” he says, “or maybe a sense of need. Or maybe it was an out-and-out Christian call, or perhaps a combination of all three.”

Gortner was not only pressed with the difficulties of such a move, but he also faced a major personal trial as his wife Aileen was diagnosed with cancer and died shortly after the move. It was during that time that Gortner first experienced the care of the Taylor community. He recalls a huge get-well card that was sent to Aileen from one of the women’s residence halls and a “Footsteps in the Sand” plaque that one of his students gave him.

A lasting legacy of Gortner’s 15-year stay is the Christian Tigers and Tigresses. This term refers to men and women who are being trained to be “not only caring Christians, but also competent and competitive in a tough secular world,” Gortner explains. “It means being one’s best with his or her God-given talents.”

While some of Gortner’s students will undoubtedly acquire power and wealth in their vocations, he hopes that they will walk in humility and take a responsible approach to their lives, using their careers as a launching pad for effective Christian witness.

Gortner holds the Taylor business program in high esteem and hopes that his students will not only value the quality of the education they have received, but that they will continue to enjoy good relationships with their professors. Taylor faculty are not just teachers, he says, but also counsellors and friends.

Now, as Gortner ponders the unthinkable, retirement, he muses about his options. While some retirees head to retirement communities and golf courses, “I want no part of that,” Gortner declares. He does have tentative plans to travel with his wife Jane and spend some time visiting their children, scattered liberally throughout the United States. But don’t expect him to settle into a lifestyle of wanderlust. Frequent travel is too costly and time consuming, he says.

Gortner might be retiring from Taylor, but he is not yet ready to leave the ranks of the employed.

“I have never been unemployed,” Gortner says. “I will be looking for a challenge to contribute something to, and hopefully not entirely for free.”

His hope is to enter into a consulting role for Christian colleges. “I have the knowledge and experience, and I think the wisdom,” he says, but laughingly adds, “I’m not sure that a Christian college administration is prepared to put up with my impatience.”—JG
Easy Access

Just a simple series of double-clicks with a trusty computer mouse and Taylor alumni and friends will soon be able to visit campus without needing to reserve overnight accommodations. This spring, Taylor became the first member of the Christian College Consortium to establish a presence on America Online (AOL).

Currently, America Online's 1.5 million users can view the University's preliminary electronic materials through Christianity Online's (col) welcome page (col can be reached by selecting "Clubs and Interests" or "Newsstand" from the AOL main menu).

Taylor recently signed a contract that will allow full color pictures as well as much more detailed and up-to-date information concerning campus events and Taylor alumni. When fully implemented the content on the system will dramatically increase.

The Taylor presence online will eventually become a special electronic magazine for alumni and friends. The online magazine will be called Taylor World Wide, and will feature regularly updated information concerning campus as well as news and alumni notes.

Through America Online, members of the Taylor family will soon be able to retrieve current Trojan sports scores, new information about campus, admissions materials, sesquicentennial events, and more.

Much work needs to be done before the new pages are completed, but the current Taylor Welcome page is now up and can be accessed by AOL members.

Taylor is also establishing an online presence on Internet's World Wide Web. Taylor's World Wide Web server will be housed and maintained directly at the University. This web site will contain virtually the same information as the col site, but users will not need a membership with AOL before gaining access. The web address will be open to anyone worldwide who has access to the Internet.

Online technology enables Taylor to better communicate with alumni and friends. If there are any questions or suggestions, please contact Herb Harjes, special publications editor for all electronic publications, at his e-mail address (HRHARJES@taylor.edu) or at his office; Taylor University, Office of University Relations, 500 W. Reade Ave., Upland, IN 46989-1001.
Whether it’s on the court, the field, or the track, Taylor athletes give everything they’ve got. For nearly twenty years, the Trojan Club has supported them throughout their athletic careers. When you join the Trojan Club, you can be assured that your gifts will help Taylor University men and women realize the dream of collegiate athletic competition.

Trojan Club Membership

- **Regular Level** . . . . . . (25-$99 per year)
- **Captain Level** . . . . . . ($100 per year)

To join or for additional information, please contact:
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500 West Reade Avenue, Upland, IN 46989

Make your tax-deductible gift payable to Taylor University Trojan Club.
Walking Together on the Long Road

Author and pastor, Eugene Peterson, translator of the new Bible version titled "The Message," has described faithfulness as "A long obedience in the same direction." Few phrases better capture the century and a half since Taylor University's founding. Our mission statement and statement of purposes have not deviated from the original intent and dreams of the founders.

Mission Statement

Taylor University is an interdenominational evangelical Christian institution educating men and women for lifelong learning and for ministering the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need. As a Christian community of students, faculty, staff, and administration committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, Taylor University offers postsecondary liberal arts and professional education based upon the conviction that all truth has its source in God.

Purposes of the University

To involve students in learning experiences imbued with vital Christian interpretation of truth and life which fosters their spiritual, intellectual, emotional, physical, vocational and social development.

To educate students to recognize that all truth is God's truth and that the Christian faith should permeate all learning leading to a consistent life of worship, service, stewardship and world outreach.

To create specific experiences wherein the integrative focus of a Christian liberal arts education is clarified, personalized and applied.

To foster a biblical model of relationships that acknowledges both unity and diversity of the followers of Christ which can be evidenced in a continuing lifestyle of service to and concern for others.

To contribute to the advancement of human knowledge and understanding, and serve the evangelical Christian church and the large public community for the glory of God.

To build maximum program effectiveness by consistent study and improvement of curriculum and instruction, and by fostering mutually beneficial relationships between and among students, faculty, staff and administration.

Though circumstances have varied and certainly leadership at different times faced what seemed like insurmountable obstacles, Taylor has somehow come through each storm and trial intact and resolve. In the ten years that I have served as president of the University, I have read Dr. William Ringenberg's Taylor history several times and have poured over the handwritten history of Taylor by Dr. B.W. Ayres repeatedly. Certainly words like faith, commitment, academic rigor, piety, sacrifice, making do, overcoming, and integrity shine through. "A long obedience in the same direction" sums it up very well.

For me it has been an energizing exercise to try and recapture the motivational climate and soil into which the vision for Taylor was planted. In 1846 Thomas Jefferson had been dead only twenty years, Lincoln was making his first small impression on the national scene as a Whig congressman from Illinois. The battle of Little Big Horn would wait for nearly thirty years to take place. James K. Polk was being
Road of Obedience

second-guessed in his Mexican War, the border that would eventually describe Texas was in dispute, the opera, "Carmen," was first performed in Europe, gold was still a secret in California and the Oregon Trail was a possibility not yet achieved.

Indiana represented a frontier challenge and the education of pioneer youth was a dream of a very select few who could afford to go East to the colonial colleges. It is a tribute to the Methodists of the period that their revivalist zeal made a place for education. It's a further compliment that they would envision a "female college" in a day when women's opportunities were largely circumscribed by homemaking and childbearing.

Fort Wayne Female College was a gigantic step of faith in 1846. Interestingly, room was made for men as across the country veterans returning from Mexico had been stretched by the experience and a need for more education. It is remarkable that clearing land, building roads and railroads, establishing borders, digging canals, establishing communities and fighting Indian wars did not consume them. They saw education as primary in elevating the quality of life and in spreading the gospel.

In these early days, classical education, languages, theology, music, science and medicine formed the foundation of the Taylor experience. Today's broadly based curriculum still stands on these footings. It hardly seems possible that Taylor University today was once called by many "The Methodist Poor College."

The recent restoration/remodeling of Sickler Hall has been an object lesson on the past. As we dug down the basement walls, we found the building sitting solidly on large stones setting in the clay providing a firm foundation... basic... stable... solid. The building hadn't shifted, the bricks had not cracked, and the structure still had integrity. We had surrounded these materials with poured, reinforced concrete, spruced up the facade, added an elevator and amenities such as carpet and air conditioning, and the building now stands ready to serve another half century.

We who live in the present perform our stewardship and build on the foundation stones laid by many dedicated persons in the past... basic... stable... solid people offering their lives to God in service to youth. Their names are preserved on the buildings, markers, official records and publications. Not all have been preserved, nor have they been properly recognized. Each made a unique and important contribution that has been noted and remembered by God who keeps the records that ultimately count.

In many ways it is more difficult to look 150 years into the future than to recount the past; however, the same God, the same mission, the same sense of purpose, the same flawed leadership, the same uncertainties, ingenuity, tenaciousness, faith and will to be obedient are our resources for the future. It is a great personal pleasure to stand with you and put down this sesquicentennial marker on the "long road of obedience in the same direction."

It seems appropriate that we are dedicating the memorial of Samuel (Sammy) Morris at this Homecoming. Fittingly his roots are in Fort Wayne and his legacy is in Upland. He, more than any other, captures the ideals of Taylor. Commitment to God, humble beginnings, meager resources, thirst for knowledge, the quest for holiness, a world vision, unrealized potential, and largely obscure, yet obedient servanthood. Not all colleges have a heroic story of these dimensions to capture their ethos. It is in this spirit and with these values before us that we launch into the twenty-first century.

Jay Kesler

President, Taylor University
The completion of the Rupp Communication Arts Center marked the end of a successful capital campaign in a year characterized by building projects. The maintenance staff moved into their new home in the Boyd Physical Plant and Service Center, a year and a half after an accidental fire destroyed the old facilities, while the William Taylor Foundation made provisions for the renovation of Sickler Hall, one of the oldest buildings in Taylor's history.

Several building and renovation projects remain on the schedule for the coming years. Among these, according to Dr. Daryl Yost, provost/executive vice president, are the replacement of Morris Hall, the third and final phase of the fine arts complex (visual arts), additional athletic facilities for intramurals and other activities, and the expansion of Witmer Hall and the Lehman Library on the Fort Wayne campus.

Funds for these building projects will be raised through the next major capital campaign which is currently in the feasibility study stage. The campaign will also provide for the development of faculty and staff, as well as new technology. It is important that Taylor continues to graduate students who are ready to work on the cutting edge, Yost says.

Another issue which the University will have to consider in the near future is the development of future leadership. “We’ve had ten years of reasonably good stability,” Yost says. “I think that’s going to continue for another six or seven years, but that time will go by very quickly.”

As future leadership is developed, Taylor must also be reaffirmed in its commitment to such foundational anchor points as community life expectations, admissions standards, and the integration of faith and learning.
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Taylor has developed several unique programs in recent years that have helped to set the University in a competitive position for the future. In Upland, environmental science is educating students to work in a vital field where the job market is burgeoning. The systems track within computer science has placed Taylor on the forefront of systems management.

A new international business major will begin this fall, further expanding Taylor's global vision. The Fort Wayne campus, too, has strengthened a number of programs, including criminal justice. Under the leadership of Dr. Ronald Powell, the program includes unique opportunities for prison ministry.

Taylor has also introduced several international study opportunities, with more regularly being added. Fourteen international programs are offered for semester, interterm or summer sessions. A new semester program for computer science, pre-engineering, chemistry and physics students will be offered to Taylor students this year at the Royal Institute of Technology in Sweden. Several off-campus opportunities throughout the United States are available to students as well.

While Taylor is not primarily a research institution, several grants have been awarded to the University, aiding current research in several departments. Last year, a full time researcher joined the natural sciences faculty, giving students a number of opportunities for involvement.

During the 1994-95 school year, a review of the academic calendar took place to determine if the interterm session should still be retained. Over 90% of the students polled were in favor of keeping the current calendar, says Dr. Dwight Jessup, vice president of academic affairs/Dean of the university. The faculty, too, voted in favor of the current calendar. Taylor is accredited by the North Central Association and is due for review during the 1996-97 school year.
The Fort Wayne campus enjoyed a record enrollment of 425 students this year, a ten percent increase in the student population. The campus also made strong academic progress, strengthening its programs in urban ministries and criminal justice, which is becoming one of the premiere programs of its kind among Christian colleges. The campus’ urban setting benefits these programs, as well as the teacher education program, preparing student teachers for jobs in larger cities such as Chicago or Detroit. The Fort Wayne campus also offers great incentives for adult and minority students, and continues to attract quality faculty, many of whom hold doctoral degrees.

The Institute of Correspondence Studies remains an important part of Taylor. About 2400 students worldwide are currently taking courses offered through correspondence. The University is also considering ways of expanding the program for use on the Internet, says Dr. Robert Nienhuis, vice president of the Fort Wayne campus.

“We are hoping to begin within the next year online registration, online testing in some courses and e-mail between students and faculty,” he says.

The first-ever graduate course at Taylor was offered this summer, with a course in educational technology. Full master’s level programs in education and Christian ministries could be underway by 1997, Nienhuis says.

The radio station WBCL, located on the Fort Wayne campus, serves as an effective voice and powerful image tool of the University, reaching northeastern Indiana, northwestern Ohio, and parts of southern Michigan. It provides help and encouragement to its listeners, says Nienhuis.

The Fort Wayne campus has also maintained a consistent relationship with both community residents and businesses in Fort Wayne. Opportunities for student practicums have been initiated in many of these businesses.
STUDENT DEVELOPMENT

Student Development encompasses all areas of community life from athletics to mission trips, admissions and financial aid. As an integral part of Taylor’s whole-person education approach, the division provides opportunities for students to explore their gifts and talents.

Taylor’s admissions efforts have consistently sought prospective students dedicated to the mission of the University. A comparatively low 58 percent of Taylor applicants are accepted, according to Steve Mortland, director of admissions. One area of challenge for admissions is attracting a student body representative of varying socio-economic and ethnic backgrounds. Financial aid plays a major role in providing access to Taylor by all groups of students with over 70 percent of the Taylor student body receiving some form of financial aid.

While the residence hall programs provide the basis for living/learning opportunities, Student Development also oversees the activities of the counselling center, the health center, campus safety, career development, student programs, new student orientation, and Taylor Lake.

Taylor World Outreach (TWO), a branch of Student Development, provides ministry experiences for students. The number of cross-cultural opportunities through TWO has increased greatly over the past few years. According to Mary Rayburn, director of student ministries, this is in response to growing student interest in ministry opportunities. Over 800 students were involved in some way with TWO last year.

Taylor athletes had some exciting performances this year. Two hundred eighty-nine students participated in the program of eight men’s and six women’s teams. Men’s cross country, women’s volleyball, women’s tennis, women’s basketball, and the men’s and women’s track teams each had stellar seasons. Taylor athletes not only performed well in sports, but in academics as well. The men’s cross country team was first in the nation among NAIA schools in GPA last year.

The winning Taylathon team: Sophomores (l. to r.) Tim Piston, Scott Graber, Jeremy Joyner, Jay Curry, Aaron Miller, Dave Burden (captain), Clint Erickson, Craig Hider.
BUSINESS AND FINANCE

As it is for most small private colleges, Taylor is a tuition-driven school. And as most families with college students struggle with the high cost of tuition and the lack of financial aid, so too do Taylor families. The middle class, in particular, has been hit hard by recent government cutbacks. Families who find themselves in such situations are having to make some difficult choices.

“Christian education has got to be a high priority or else the sacrifices required won’t seem worthy of the cost,” says Ron Sutherland, associate vice president/controller.

One way in which the University attempts to address the financial strain on students is by encouraging donors to give toward the endowment, out of which financial aid is drawn. Other donor gifts, which go toward the annual fund, also help to alleviate the burden on students and their families. While other schools have chosen to artificially inflate their tuition in order to provide more financial assistance, Taylor has attempted to maintain as low a tuition as possible.

Taylor’s affiliation with the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA) gives the University an added measure of credibility, further ensuring the integrity of the institution.

“It allows donors to see a considerable amount of material from financial statements to fund-raising letters and other documentation on our mission and how we fulfill that mission,” says Al Smith, vice president for business and finance.
DEVELOPMENT

The Development office of Taylor University has had little time to rest following the most recent capital campaign, as plans for another major campaign are already being discussed. This campaign would span several years and would be more comprehensive than any previous campaign in Taylor’s history.

“We’re going to take the brick and mortar projects, endowment projects and annual fund, and roll them all into one, so there’s only one goal that we’re working toward,” says Gene Rupp, vice president for development.

Besides capital campaigns, Development at Taylor also includes annual funds, scholarships, planned giving, estate planning, and alumni relations. The constituencies from which Taylor receives gifts include alumni, trustees, parents, friends, foundations and corporations. Regardless of the sources of gifts, however, the department first makes an attempt to establish a relationship with the potential donor.

“We want to develop relationships,” Rupp says. “Whether it’s an individual, a family, a business or a foundation, we need to have that good, personal relationship first.”

Once a relationship is established, the University then proposes a plan for the donor, helping them determine where they fit within the goals and objectives of Taylor.

A vital part of Development is the William Taylor Foundation, which works in such areas as planned giving and estate planning with individuals who want to contribute to the University. The responsibilities of the Foundation include the management of annuities and trusts.

Taylor University alumni are among the most faithful in giving to their alma mater. Forty-five percent of solicited alums gave to the University in 1993-94. Rupp says that one reason alumni of Taylor are so generous is that efforts to maintain good relationships with them start even while the alumni are students. As sophomores, students are welcomed into the family of Taylor alumni during the “mugging” ceremonies. About 55 to 60 dinners across the country are hosted each year, as well, helping the University stay in touch with alumni and friends.
WBCL
90.3 FM, FORT WAYNE
89.5 FM, NORTHEAST OHIO

WBCL is the University’s 24-hour a
day Christian radio station serving
a local listening audience in northern
Indiana, Ohio, and part of Southern Michigan.

- Since 1993 WBCL has been
the number one non-commercial Christian radio station.

- It broadcasts to over one
hundred thousand listeners with
50,000 watts from Fort Wayne,
Indiana, and 20,000 watts from
Archibald, Ohio.

- WBCL’s format is inspirational
with eighty percent music and
twenty percent talk.

- WBCL is also involved in
community outreach programs
with prison fellowship, crisis
pregnancy center, and activities
during Christmas and Easter.

- Dr. Kestler’s “Family Forum”
program can be heard Monday
through Friday on WBCL and on
over 250 other radio stations
across the nation.

UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

University Relations has incorporated several key changes as a result of
an institution-wide needs assessment survey during the 1994-95 school year.
Among the major changes were a revision in the focus of Taylor magazine to
deal more directly with Taylor issues and news, the creation of an internal
tabloid, the Taylor Times, for faculty and staff, and an online publication for
alumni and friends, Taylor World Wide, which will be available on the World
Wide Web this fall.

Also as a result of the
needs assessment study, a
high-level on-campus forum
for communications will be
initiated, allowing for dia-
logue between and among de-
partments on major Uni-
versity communications issues.
University Relations has also assumed the responsibility for coordinating all
external communications. This is important for the University, says Dr.
Charles Jaggers, vice president for university relations, because it enables one
department on campus to have a comprehensive understanding of what is
happening at Taylor and it assures effective communication to our various
publics. The graphic image of the University and institutional advertising will
also be coordinated by University Relations.

Perhaps one of the greatest University Relations tools for Taylor is our
radio station, WBCL, which according to 1994 ratings achieved the highest
percentage of listening audience in the nation among noncommercial Chris-
tian radio stations. WBCL, now in its 20th year, has been highly praised by area
pastors and leaders for being a unifying force among the evangelical commu-
nity in northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio.

University Relations is also responsible for maintaining relationships
with churches, communities, civic groups, and friends of the University.
Planning and Information Resources is yet another department which has undergone revolutionary transitions this year. Changes which administrative personnel foresaw would take place in the next three to five years actually came to high priority this spring. These changes, accelerated by the addition of a new telecommunications system and Taylor’s presence on the World Wide Web, encompass all areas of the University.

This has been unsettling to some, according to Bob Hodge, vice president for planning and information resources, but the University is responding in a timely manner to meet these technological advances. While seeking to adapt to the changes, significant caution is being used in exploring the new technology.

“That gives me great optimism for the adaptability of Taylor to the future,” Hodge says. “It assures me that we are solid on the rock of the mission statement and the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all we do; and on top of that, we can adapt to be relevant in a changing world.”

The new telecommunications link will allow for interactive video connections between the two campuses that can be used for distance learning in the classroom or for meetings. It will also enable the correspondence studies program to go online throughout the world. This would result in almost immediate processing of correspondence work, as well as a direct link between students and faculty. While the technology for these changes will be in place this fall, the actual implementation of online correspondence and distance learning will be done by individual professors. Some have already begun looking into the possibilities.

One way in which Taylor is addressing the changes in technology is by training faculty and students to more effectively use the equipment we now have. The department also coordinates institutional research, long-range and strategic planning for the University, and manages mail services and the University Press.
William Taylor Foundation Moves into Renovated Sickler Hall

The widow of Christopher Sickler had a vision for this campus; so, too, did the class of '50. Given the activities of the William Taylor Foundation, it seems appropriate that the Foundation should be housed in the building so richly endowed with the foresight of others. In 1902 a bequest from the widow of Christopher Sickler was the primary source of funding for the construction of Taylor University's oldest building, Sickler Hall.

Since that time, the building has served Taylor well as a residence hall, a science building, an education building, and the center for communication and theatre arts. It will soon be home to the William Taylor Foundation, the Alumni Office, the Prayer Chapel, and an oriental art gallery.

The renovation of Sickler Hall cost about $800,000, most of which was provided by Neil '30 and Renee Compton. The idea for the project came when the Foundation needed a place to house the art collection, which was received as a bequest from the Compton family.

The Prayer Chapel located in Sickler Hall was originally the gift of the class of '50. It was their vision that the Prayer Chapel be a symbol of the ministry and message of Taylor. The Chapel is still heavily used, as evidenced by the prayer books which have been there since the gift was made. The class of '50 has dedicated itself to giving again the gift it gave 45 years ago, and has collected over $9,000 toward the project of refurbishing the Prayer Chapel.

The renovated Sickler Hall was scheduled for completion by late July.

The oriental art collection will finally have a home in the second-floor gallery. An elevator will be added to the building, as well as seminar rooms in the basement for student and faculty use.

Even though the William Taylor Foundation is over 60 years old, many in the Taylor community are not aware of its presence or function. The Foundation was first established in the 1930's to preserve Taylor in a time when bankruptcy threatened; however, after the danger to Taylor had passed, the Foundation sold the University back to the Board of Trustees and slipped quietly into the history books.

Reactivated in 1987, the William Taylor Foundation has taken on a new role in the development department of Taylor. The Foundation is a legally separate entity which serves as a financial buffer for the University. Its activities run the gamut of planned giving, including receiving gifts of cash and appreciated assets, managing property, and providing estate planning and counseling.

Donors may simply give a gift, or they may enter into a trust, unitrust, or annuity agreement, which allows the donor tax advantages while fortifying Taylor's future. Financial counseling provided by the Foundation is offered free of charge as a benefit to the Taylor community.

The relationships built between donors and the Foundation go far beyond financial transactions alone, however. It's exciting to work with people who have a love for Taylor, says Ken Smith, director of the Foundation. Smith spends much of his time meeting with alumni and friends.

"We're blessed many times over when we make these contacts with people, and we often feel we are visiting long-time friends," he says. "Whether or not gifts are involved, the work is truly rewarding."

Starting next summer, the Foundation will begin a new tradition, inviting alumni to a homecoming hostel. The hostel will be July 8-12, 1996.

The Foundation and Alumni staffs look forward to moving into Sickler Hall and continuing the work begun there in 1902 and securing the rich tradition for future students.
ON CAMPUS

April Hunter

Devan Jonklaas

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May 20 was a lovely day for a graduation—especially so in light of the preceding week of overcast weather. This day was filled with countless blessings for the 375 graduates of the class of 1995. Finding themselves on the other side of four academically and spiritually challenging years, this was their day in the sun.

As they walked across the stage to receive their diplomas and towels, they shook hands with President Kesler for a job well done, and received their challenge to be servants and leaders in the world. The bleachers of Wheeler Memorial Stadium were filled with proud parents and friends who joined the graduates in celebration.

Graduates were not the only honorees at commencement. LaRita Boren, long-time friend and trustee of the University and Dr. Kenneth Gangel ’57, both received honorary doctorates—Boren for her dedicated service to the Taylor community, and Gangel for his leadership in Christian education. Gangel also gave the commencement address.

The directions in which these men and women will go are as vast as their dreams. Some will make their way into the mission field overseas or to the inner cities of America; some may pursue competitive careers in business and computer science; others may spend their lives teaching, or further pursuing their own education in graduate school.

Angie Hamsho, April Hunter, Devan Jonklaas, and Doug Moore each walked across the platform that morning. Each is now pursuing a unique dream.

Moore's political science major didn't exactly land him a job on Capitol Hill. Rather, he hopes to follow in the footsteps of his father and work in Christian radio. He is looking forward to working with HCJB Radio in Quito, Ecuador.

"I like Christian radio because it has all the challenge of the business world, but it also has the rewards of Christian ministry," he says.

Moore doesn't regret having studied political science, but rather views it as another way which God has prepared him for service.

April Hunter did not have to wait long for doors to open before her. After spending the spring of this year working on her social work practicum, she was reaffirmed in her desire to help the needy. She is now living in Muncie, Indiana, working at the Rescue Mission as the director of family services.

"Since I've left Taylor, I've been faced with the challenge of what it means to be a Christian in the working world," she says. "I'm excited about working for an agency that is concerned with spreading the Gospel to the community and the people it serves."

Hunter also enjoys the fact that she lives only a half-hour away from her Taylor friends. She credits them as having been a major source of encouragement during her Taylor years.

For Angie Hamsho, enrolling at Taylor was the result of God closing the door to Wheaton. Yet she knows that God wanted her at Taylor. She majored in Christian education and is now putting her training into daily practice as the youth ministries director at a church in Muncie. Her education at Taylor helped her to be transparent with others.

"One of the things I learned at Taylor was to be real," she says, "One of my biggest fears is that I will misrepresent God to the kids I am teaching. But, I don’t have all the answers and I need to say ‘let’s go find the answer together.’"

While these three seniors are now finished with their college education, Devan Jonklaas still has one more semester to go. He won't be finishing a semester late, but rather a semester early. He also hopes to finish a minor in math. Jonklaas hasn't spent his whole time studying either, as his friends can attest.

"Three years is too quick," he says, "but the best thing about these years is being with my friends—they're the best friends I've ever had."

Coming to Taylor from the United Arab Emirates was an eye-opening experience for Jonklaas. His initial experience with American Christianity was unsettling, he says, but God is bridging the cultural gap. He spent this summer working at Taylor and has now come to feel at home in the Taylor community.—HH
Honors program gives students a jump start on college

*Alumni children experience Taylor firsthand through summer classes.*

Sitting at the same desks and walking down the same sidewalks as their parents had years before, ten children of alumni experienced the Taylor community this summer as participants in the summer honors program.

The honors program was started thirteen years ago as a way for high school students to take college-level courses, giving them a taste of life on a college campus. This year, for the first time, the program was a joint effort of both Admissions and Academic Affairs.

Historically, the alumni children summer program has been quite different from the summer honors program. In the past, the children of alumni were offered a separate curriculum. This was the first year that alumni children were incorporated into the summer honors program. Besides being alumni children, they had to meet the same standards as the other honors students—high academic credentials, high SAT scores, and strong GPAs.

"The program is a tremendous amount of work," says Dr. Steven Bird, assistant professor of sociology, who heads the program, "but I think that through it we demonstrate our commitment to the calling of God, when we pour ourselves into the lives of students." Forty-eight students were enrolled in the summer honors program, ten of whom are children of Taylor alumni. The students took two classes, the first of which was *God, Humanity, and Society.* The other course was chosen from a sampling of core classes from various departments.

The students evaluated the program and gave positive feedback regarding their experiences, Bird says.—AA

Taylor Fund benefits from generous matching gift

*Cautious approach to investment proves beneficial during the New Era scandal.*

On June 30, at the end of the fiscal year, the Taylor Fund showed the largest total in its history, exceeding $1.14 million.

The increased amount of the Taylor Fund was aided by a challenge match provided by generous friends of the University, says Joyce Helyer, director of the Taylor Fund/associate director of development. For every new and increased dollar from February 1 to June 30, the donor matched dollar for dollar up to $100,000.

The response to the challenge was overwhelming. The generosity of alumni and friends allowed the University to contribute more toward the financial aid needs of students, Helyer says.

During the period of the matching gift drive, facts surrounding New Era came to light. While many Christian colleges and organizations experienced great losses due to their investments with New Era, Taylor was not affected.

The University approaches such opportunities with great caution, says Al Smith, vice president of business and finance. They are carefully reviewed by the leadership of Taylor. As a result of New Era, Smith says even greater precautions will be taken to ensure the financial integrity of the University.—AA
ON CAMPUS

Dr. Alan Winquist published a new book this spring. Swedish Historical Landmarks, chronicling his extensive research on the subject.

New system connects library with 24 other campuses

Network provides greater access to information between private colleges and seminaries.

The Zondervan Library has expanded its service to the campus and community with a new online system, the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana (PALNI). The ten Online Public Access Catalogs (OPAC) that were installed can be accessed from every VAX connection on campus. Students and faculty can now search for materials in the library before walking across campus, says David Dickey, library director.

Subjects can be entered more specifically and searches can be qualified by video, audio, and even music score. In addition to the Zondervan Library holdings, users can obtain holding information at 24 other private colleges and seminaries in Indiana.

Within the next year, the system will be upgraded again to include an acquisition system allowing students to conduct searches through serial publications (magazines, journals, etc.). According to Dickey, the number of databases that students can access will also increase as database providers offer price breaks to groups such as PALNI. This will allow Taylor to access to databases which would normally be too costly to purchase.

PALNI was formed in October 1991 by the member libraries to manage the system. A grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc. of Indianapolis helped fund the project.

The next goal for the library’s online service, according to Dickey, is to gain full access to all the academic library catalogs in the state of Indiana.

The Lilly grant also provided for access to Indiana University, which will be integrated into the system in the near future, but at the present time is not available.—HH

Psychology students help counseling program in Albania

Taylor students gain experiential knowledge of cross-cultural counseling and teaching.

Not long after their last final exams were taken, 13 Taylor students ventured with Dr. Vance Maloney, associate professor of psychology, and his wife to the most undeveloped country in Europe, Albania. The purpose of the 18-day trip was to help establish a counseling program at the University of Tirana.

The Taylor students taught third-year college students counseling classes which emphasized a Christian worldview. The courses explored various counseling theories. The Taylor students also had the privilege of participating in cross-cultural counseling.

"We had no way of knowing for sure that the translator understood completely what we were saying which meant, in turn, that we never knew exactly what they were hearing," says Pete Ringenberg '96.

In many ways, this was a groundbreaking trip for Taylor as well as for the University of Tirana. The team was warmly welcomed by faculty and students at the University of Tirana.

In the evenings, the team spent time at an orphanage established by ProMission, which ministers to approximately 40 orphaned teenagers. There they were able to share their faith openly.—HH
Run, Murage, Run!

Legs of iron and a heart of gold

Murage Njoroge '97, of Kenya, brings speed, humility, and an added dimension to the Taylor cross country and track programs.

Murage. Even the name conjures images of speed and strength. Murage Njoroge has electrified Taylor's cross country and track programs with school records and six All-American honors.

"People who aren't even track fans come from everywhere just to see him run," says Chris Coy, men's cross country and track coach. "I've never coached anybody like him."

Njoroge was undefeated throughout the past track season until close losses in the NAIA finals in Los Angeles. He is the winner of the 1995 Gates-Howard Award. This award is given annually by the athletic department to the athlete who brings the most honor to Taylor University.

With the dominance shown at this level of competition, the inevitable question arises, How good is he? For Njoroge, success came as somewhat of a surprise.

"I didn't expect it; it just came," he says. "I don't know if I've peaked or how far I can go."

Coy says he has learned to not place limitations on Njoroge. "Every time that I think he has reached his peak, he not only beats it, he shatters it."

Running has proven to be a two-edged sword for Njoroge. Although he uses words such as encouragement, fun, friendship, and honor to describe his running experience, Njoroge also adds, "running is fun before and after, but the act of running itself is an ordeal; it's never fun."

While track and cross country have given Njoroge the opportunity to showcase his abilities, he is aware that he is part of a team.

"After every cross country race, we each wait at the finish line until every Taylor runner has finished," he says. "Then we pray and go to the locker room together."

Njoroge has not been back to his native Kenya since he left for school at Taylor but he hopes to return after graduation.—JG
Nerves of Steele

*Freshman phenom captivates fans, teammates, coaches.*

In her first year as a Taylor athlete, Natalie Steele '98 proved her exceptional ability in volleyball, basketball and softball. Her results did not go unnoticed as the Taylor athletic department named her Lady Trojan of the Year, the first time ever the honor was awarded to a freshman.

“She is the strongest female I've ever coached,” said Angie Cox, volleyball and softball coach. Women's basketball coach Tena Krause agrees: “She may be the best post player I've ever coached.”

When Cox first saw Steele play as a high school student, she was so impressed that she invited Steele to visit Taylor. Although some NCAA Division I schools showed interest in Steele, she was looking for a place like Taylor.

As a freshman, Steele became the prototypical “impact” player, leading the volleyball team to a conference championship and berth in the national tournament, then helping the basketball team to a 20-win season. Although she was hobbled by a basketball injury, Steele still led the softball team in home runs and runs batted in.

Individual honors came year-round as Steele received numerous awards from the Mid-Central Conference (MCC), the NAIA, and the NCCAA. A high point during the year was a home volleyball win over conference rival Grace College that catapulted the Lady Trojans into the conference lead. The low point was a heart-breaking four-point loss in the conference finals in basketball.

Steele not only is a hard worker but she has a great attitude as well. She lives by a simple credo: “I try to be the best at whatever I am doing and give the glory to God.”—JG

1995 Trojan spring sports wrap-up

*Taylor’s first year as a member of the Mid-Central Conference featured many highlights.*

Taylor University made its inaugural year in the Mid-Central Conference a memorable one, winning the 1994-95 All-Sports competition. The Trojans and Lady Trojans won or tied for conference championships in five sports and placed second in one. Taylor’s 80.0 points outpaced second-ranked Indiana Wesleyan.

The baseball team captured only its second 30-win season with Jason Norman’s (’95) five home runs and Greg Miller’s (’98) .357 batting average leading the team offensively. The softball squad struggled to a 13-30 record. Beth Prior ’96 accounted for 26 of the team’s 33 decisions with a 12-14 record.

Great individual performances bolstered the men’s and women’s track and field teams to successful seasons. The men won an NCCAA championship. Five Taylor athletes competed in the NAIA national track meet in Los Angeles.

The golf team garnered fifth place finishes during the MCC regular season and conference meet. Drew LeMaster ’96 led the Trojans with a 36-hole score of 164 during the conference meet. The women’s tennis team competed in the NAIA national tournament, with strong performances by Prior, Janis Hawks ’96, and Jen Arnold ’96.—JG
Sammy II alumni renew old friendships on campus

The 1977 intramural champs still haven’t lost their touch—or their appetite for steak.

Residents of late-1970’s Morris Hall reunited on campus this summer.

Parents’ Weekend Preview

Special events provide quality time for the whole family.

Parents’ Weekend at Taylor is specially designed to allow students to spend quality time with their families and experience on-campus entertainment. This year’s Parents’ Weekend is October 27-29.

The Friday night concert will feature Taylor ensembles, Taylor Sounds, the Taylor Ringers, and the Jazz Ensemble. The concert will also feature Bill Pearce, a well-known host of the daily radio program, “Night Sounds.”

Other activities include the theatre production of “Abe Lincoln in Illinois,” running both Friday and Saturday nights, and a Saturday morning family breakfast at which Dr. Mark Cosgrove, professor of psychology, will speak.

Following the tradition of previous years, the General Store will be selling craft items, antiques, and art work. The proceeds will go directly toward the Parents’ Assistance Fund. This fund was initiated several years ago by the Parents Association. Its purpose is to supply students with cash for emergency needs.

The grand finale of the weekend will be the Saturday night concert of the Burchfield Brothers and Dan Oxley, and the Sunday morning family worship service.—AA

After 20 years, one steak dinner in the seventies still tastes sweeter than all the others. At least the men of Sammy II think so. For three days in early June, 16 members of Morris Hall’s second floor returned to campus to renew the friendships they built when they were students nearly 20 years ago.

This wasn’t a typical reunion, however. The 1977 intramural champs, still savoring the steak dinner they won from Sheldon Bassett, intramural director at that time, returned in all their glory. Any sports was the only thing on their minds. During the three-day event, the men launched themselves into a relentless schedule of games including basketball, softball, volleyball, golf, bowling, and even a ping-pong tournament.

This was not the first reunion for these Morris men. The group started meeting two years ago in Chicago, where most of the members live. As the number of men kept growing, however, Upland seemed like the place to go.

“When we first got to campus, there was a lot of pointing and guessing, but finally we got the names right,” says Mike Row x’79.

The men spent their nights on Sammy II, where each crack in the wall has a story to tell and a memory to recall, according to Row.

Plans have already been made for next year’s reunion, which this time will include activities for their wives and children.—HH
Lexington Hall renamed for employee’s faithful service

Ada Mae Smith Hausser is an enduring example of servanthood at the Fort Wayne campus.

Not many employees stay with an organization long enough to see 50 years of change, but in the 51 years that Ada Mae Smith Hausser has served the college, she has worked under several presidents, and has seen its name changed three times.

In honor of her tremendous dedication, the Board of Trustees unanimously agreed to rename Lexington Hall as Hausser Hall. Hausser was honored with a special service on Friday, May 19 where the residence hall’s new name was unveiled. Taylor has frequently named its buildings after employees who have contributed much of their lives in service to the University.

Hausser graduated from Fort Wayne Bible Institute in 1944 and immediately began working for housekeeping at the college, where she still works today.—HH

Liberian student reunited with his father at graduation

Five years of civil war separated the Boway family.

Graduations are usually celebrated with family, and there is no exception for the Fort Wayne Campus. The situations which revolve around the Boway family reunion, however, are quite unique. 1995 graduate Joe Boway and his father Gbarway, from Liberia, had been separated for five years due to civil war. They were finally reunited at graduation.

When the Liberian civil war broke out December 24, 1989, Gbarway was visiting the capital city of Monrovia while the rest of the family was in their village in eastern Liberia. The family left home and fled to the Ivory Coast to seek refuge. But their stay was neither safe nor peaceful. Boway’s mother was taken hostage by rebel forces and three of his siblings died as a result of the war. His father remained in Monrovia until 1992.

Boway had met American missionaries to Liberia and came to Fort Wayne as a result of their meeting. He arrived in late 1990 and enrolled at Summit Christian College, now Taylor University, Fort Wayne. His goal was to gain training to begin a mission school in his homeland.

Boway wasn’t content to wait until after graduation to begin missions work, however. He has spent over a decade translating the New Testament into his native language of Krahn. He traveled to the Ivory Coast last summer to test the translation among Krahn refugees. He was reunited with his mother while there; it was the first time he had seen her since the war had broken out. Boway is now working for Lutheran Bible Translators to finish the translation.
College trustee elected to Congress

Joseph K. Edgerton supported Fort Wayne college.

1862

Joseph K. Edgerton was one of the pioneers in the growth of the American Railroad System. He was also the first Secretary of the Board of Trustees to the Fort Wayne Methodist College.

In 1844 Joseph and his family moved to Fort Wayne where he established a law practice with former Indiana governor Samuel Bigger. While in Fort Wayne he became very interested in the construction of the first railroads.

In 1845, Edgerton was chosen to be the director of the Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad, and was later named president. He was a leader in the push to consolidate the properties of what became the Pennsylvania Railroad System.

Edgerton was elected to Congress on the Democratic ticket in 1862. Throughout the years, he supported the College with generous gifts. By the end of his life, Edgerton was one of the largest land owners of the region and was financially involved in many of the leading manufacturing and banking institutions in Fort Wayne. One wonders what might have happened to the Fort Wayne College had it not been for the gifts and financial support of this man.

1898

From the 1860's to the 1890's, Taylor wrote a total of eighteen books, of which several are still sought for the University.

Bishop Taylor a prolific writer

This hearty Methodist chronicled his adventures.

In the period between 1856 and 1898, Bishop William Taylor wrote a total of eighteen books. The majority of the manuscripts were written during his voyages overseas. His first writings focused on state side issues, and included An Address to Young America, and a Word to the Old Folks (1857) and The Cause and Probable Results of the Civil War in America (1862).

Later travels led Taylor to write from a broader focus, including works on South Africa, Africa, and India. He supported his family and missions efforts by selling tens of thousands of his books.

An attempt is being made to complete the collection of Bishop Taylor's books at the University. Please inform the editor if the whereabouts of any of the following titles is known.

Seven Years Preaching in San Francisco, California (1857); California Life Illustrated (1858); The Model Preacher (1859); My Kaffir Sermon (n.p.); Four Years Campaign in India (1875); Letters of a Quaker Friend on Baptism (1880); Africa Illustrated; Scenes from Daily Life on the Dark Continent (1895); and The Flaming Torch in Darkest Africa (1898) with an introduction by explorer Henry Morton Stanley.
Students prepared for wartime duty

Taylor hosted a training corps during World War I.

During World War I, Taylor University had a student Army Training Corps on campus. Lt. Claude Manary was the commandant of the group comprised of 67 male students. Manary arrived on campus October 10, 1918, and remained in charge until after the Armistice.

Several of the male students enlisted for service. In addition to the male recruits, a training corps was initiated for women. The female training corps was under the leadership of Mrs. Cleo Collar Holloway. All students who participated were paid by the federal government for their service.

The students in the training corps had close order drill each day, instructions in military history, map reading, and instruction in the use of weaponry. The demobilization of the organization took place on December 20, 1918.

George Fenstermacher '22, who now resides at the Methodist home in Warren, Indiana, is the last surviving World War I veteran from Upland. He recently received a 75 year medallion from the federal government for his participation as a soldier in the war.

Sickler and Morris to be demolished

"Boys must live in tents for the rest of the year."

Sickler Dormitory and old Sammy Morris Hall, landmarks on Taylor's campus, are to be torn down immediately to make way for the erection of two new buildings—a science hall where Sickler is and a new library where Sammy Morris now is.

An unconfirmed report yesterday stated that the work of demolition would be started at once and that all the boys now occupying these halls would be forced to vacate. Tents are being provided for the boys to live in during the remainder of the year.

In some ways it is sad to see these two old landmarks bow before an advancing age but the old must give way to the new. Funds for the new buildings have not yet been raised but will doubtless be easily secured by popular subscription among the student body.

Reprinted from The Echo, May 17, 1927. The dorms were not torn down after all, due to insufficient funds at the time.
1922

**Randolph Webster** passed away at the age of 94 in Okemos, MI on March 11, 1995.

1937

**Hazel Ladd** died on Feb. 10, 1995 in Birmingham, MI.

1938

**Margaret Trefz** passed away on Jan. 3, 1995. She resided in Cardington, OH.

1940

**Rev. Lewis “Lewie” Magsig** died on August 10, 1994 in Livingston, MT. He was a pastor in the United Methodist Church for over 30 years and is survived by wife **Ethel (Overmyer x’42)** who lives at 429 S. 6th, Livingston, MT 59047.

1947

**Jean (Hayes) Silver** passed away in Seymour, IN on April 25, 1995. She is survived by husband **Dr. Stewart Silver ’46** who lives at 482 Manor Dr., Seymour, IN 47274.

1950

An airplane crash near Bucharest, Romania on March 31, 1995 took the lives of Rev. Norman & **Virginia (Gilchrist) Hoyt**. They were headed home to Columbia, SC from a 3-week missions trip. Dr. Hoyt was assistant dean of Columbia Bible College and professor of Bible and missions. Ginnie worked part-time in the records department at Columbia Biblical Seminary and Graduate School of Missions. The Hoyts served in South Africa for more than 25 years as missionaries with the Africa Evangelical Fellowship. The Hoyts are survived by a son **Donald x’74**, and three daughters including **Kari (Hoyt ’77) Gorman**.

1952

**John & Jeanette (Badertscher x’54) Cornell** officially retired from the ministry of TEAM as missionaries in Venezuela in Jan. 1995. They are continuing their ministry at D. & D. Missionary Homes on a voluntary basis until the Lord leads in another direction.

1956

**Kan Ori** died on March 6, 1995 from cerebral thrombosis. He was a well-recognized scholar in Japan.

1964

After 25 years of giving gifts of food, shelter and clothing to those who need them, Salvation Army volunteer **Louise (Smith) Minks** is stepping down from her post. Minks created and coordinated the local Salvation Army service unit’s holiday season program in Leverett, MA. She and husband **Benton ’63** reside at 78 N. Leverett Rd., Leverett, MA 01054.

1967

**Linda (Butman) Reece** passed away on May 19, 1995 in her home after a long struggle with cancer. She worked for 17 years as an elementary school teacher. After her retirement in 1994, she continued to educate others and traveled as far as Honduras to speak on how to be a stretcher-bearer, supporting those who are going through difficult times. Among her survivors are husband **Oris ’61**, sons **Scott Crook ’91** and **Craig Crook ’94** and sister **Barbara (Butman ’65) VanVessem**. Oris continues to reside at 4600 S 1000 E, Upland, IN 46989.
**Upcoming alumni events**

**Homecoming 1995**  
October 6-8

"In His Steps"

- Class Reunions
- Acapella in concert
- Alumni brunch
- Samuel Morris Sculptures
- Sesquicentennial Kickoff
- 5K Run

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**1968**

Bob Wynkoop celebrated his 50th birthday with a surprise golf tournament given by wife Priscilla (TenEyck). Several TU alums shared this day with Bob.

Golfing buddies joining Bob Wynkoop ’88 in celebration of his 50th birthday included (left to right): Tim Smith ’94, Dick Trapp ’69, Bob Wynkoop ’68, Rob Wynkoop ’92, Chip Jaggers ’69, Nelson Rediger ’67, Chris Wynkoop ’94 and Brian Wynkoop ’96.

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**1969**

Garth Cone was named an assistant coach for the 1995 Indiana Boys All-Star Team. He has been head coach at Alexandria, IN for 19 yrs.

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**1970**

William Dickson received an appointment as manager of Bank One, Akron’s Massillon office. He joined the bank in 1974 as a management trainee and has served as manager of several other branches. In 1990 he received a promotion to vice president. • Chris Rood passed away on Feb. 20, 1995 due to an apparent heart attack. He was baseball coach at Wabash High School (IN) for 21 years. His team won the state championship in 1986. On May 5 the baseball field was renamed and dedicated the Chris Rood Field in memory of Rood and in appreciation for his contribution to the school and the community. In addition, Rood’s No. 37 jersey was retired.

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**1973**

Phil Menzie recently accepted the position of treasurer of Whitko Community School Corp. in Pierceton, IN. For the past six years, Phil has been a retirement plan administrator at SYM Financial Corp. in Warsaw, IN. Phil and wife Debbie have four children—Ann (17), Becky (12), Katie (9) and Brian (2). They live at 765 S. Robinson Lake Rd., Pierceton, IN 46972.

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**1974**

Jim & Carolyn (Barton) Mudge, along with their two children, Jeffrey (8) and Emily (7), have completed 11 years with Wycliffe Bible translators in the Solomon Islands (South Pacific). The Roviana New Testament is now in print and being distributed. This gives Jim the opportunity to take a study furlough and study for an MA in Biblical Studies. Old Testament emphasis, at Denver Theological Seminary. The family will live in Denver for two years, planning to return to the Solomon Islands for more translation work in late 1997. Their address is CB 212, PO Box 10,000, Denver, CO 80250.
1975

1976
Rev. Philip Schnuker earned a DMin degree from Western Conservative Baptist Seminary. Rev. Schnuker is currently serving as Associate Pastor for Christian Education at Longview Community Church, Longview, WA. Phil & Donna (Vandermolen '75), who teaches 6th grade at Longview Christian School, have three children—Philip, Daniel and Jennie. The family resides at 204 St. James Pl., Longview, WA 98632. • Rev. Daniel Southern is the new president and CEO of the American Tract Society, headquartered in Garland, TX. Prior to coming to American Tract, Southern served as a crusade director with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. He has organized crusades in North America and overseas.

1977
Paige Comstock Cunningham has been named chairman of the board of Americans United for Life, a national public-interest firm and educational organization that serves as the legal arm of the pro-life movement. Over the past 15 years, Cunningham has served AUL in various capacities, most recently as president. She was instrumental in developing post-Webster protective state legislation, and testified before congressional hearings on the appointments of Supreme Court Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Steven Breyer. Paige & husband Jay reside at 26W281 Menomini Dr., Wheaton, IL 60187-7976, with their three children—Joel, Kelsey and Jameson.

1978
Paul & Joan (White) Rupprecht are the proud parents of Nicole Catherine, born April 14, 1995. Siblings are Noel Christian (9) and Nicholas Christopher (3). The family lives at 8605 Halpenny Way, Gaithersburg, MD 20879.

1980
Dr. John Condit is now affiliated with Muncie Family Practice in Muncie, IN. He, wife Lisa and children Katie (9) and Bradley (6) reside at 1313E CR700N, Muncie, IN 47303-9532. • David Guhse is director of government relations for Corporation for Public Broadcasting. He left the position of legislative director for Senator Frank Murkowski (AK). His wife is assistant to Congressman John Porter (IL). The couple’s address is 3140 Row Pl., Falls Church, VA 22044. • John & Carol Jaderholm joyfully announce the birth of Daniel Robert on March 28, 1995. Siblings are Jayne (4) and Timothy (2). The Jaderholms live at 4261 Cottonwood Trl., Hoffman Estates, IL 60195. • Ken & Beth (Lantz) Pritz live at 710 Fernwood, Brooksville, FL 34601. Ken is assistant principal at Parrott Middle School. The couple has five children: Robbie (10), Stephen (9), David (7), Daniel (6) and Zachary (almost 2). • Neal & Trish (Dial) Smith are excited to announce the arrival of Collin Andrei Georgi to their family. Collin was born Sept. 12, 1994 in Toblisi, Republic of Georgia and officially joined their family April 23, 1995 in Moscow, Russia. He is well taken care of by Britton (12), Grant (12), Whitney (8) and Karsten (3). Adoption has always been a consideration since Neal and Trish worked with foster care children while attending Taylor. Neal continues his trips to Russia two to three times a year where he works with Christian Medical and Dental Society. He helps to train Christian dentists in modern dentistry as well as in evangelization and care for the poor through the establishment of Christian dental clinics. Anyone with questions on adoption or the work in Russia is welcome to contact them. Their address is PO Box 878, Bridgman, MI 49106. • Barb Stedman earned a PhD in English from Ball State Univ. She teaches at Ball State and lives on a farm in Yorktown, IN. Her address is 14290 W. McGalliard Rd., Yorktown, IN 47396. Her e-mail address is 00bastedman@bsuvc.bsu.edu. • Nancy Lynn Wallace and Dr. Jeffrey Talbot Jernigan were united in marriage on Jan. 7, 1995 at the Broadmoor Hotel in Colorado Springs. Nancy was director of marketing with Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs and is now product marketing manager with Nest Entertainment in Irving, TX. Jeff is vice president of the organizational development division with Minirth/Meier New Life Clinics and is a social psychologist. Their address is 2908 Spring Lake Dr., Richardson, TX 75082.

1981
Harold & Elizabeth Akers proudly welcome John Raymond born July 24, 1994. Sister Rachel is three. They reside at 850 W. Maplehurst, Ferndale, MI 48220. • Steve & Angela (Green '83) Boyd are the proud

National Alumni Council takes first steps in a new tradition

A group of National Alumni Council (NAC) members spent the weekend of July 14-15 working and fellowshipping at the Fort Wayne campus. The idea for the event came during a regular meeting of the NAC this spring as members wanted an opportunity to spend time together and do something to benefit the University.

The event was organized by Marty (Cleveland '78) Songer, director of alumni programs (TUU), Bill Gerig ('61 TUFW), director of alumni programs (TUFW), and Don Hamm, director of the physical plant (TUFW). Participants included Linda Cummins '74, Sherry (Perkins '59) Gormanous, Jim Hill '89, Bill '48 and Helen Stone, Gerig, Songer and her daughter Loralee.

The work consisted of patching and painting the walls and ceiling in the Community School of the Arts in Founders Hall. The group also visited the grave of Samuel Morris and other Taylor historical sites in Fort Wayne.
parents of Ashton Brooke born April 7, 1995. They live at 1510 Cumberland Ct, W, Palm Harbor, FL 34683. • Dr. David & Kathryn (Wells) Nitzsche joyfully welcome Rachel born May 6, 1994. Siblings are Bradley (8), Sarah (6) and Wesley (4). The Nitzsches were in Rwanda from January to March 1994 on a missions trip with the Free Methodist Church. David worked in the Mission Hospital. He is an anesthesiologist with Anesthesia Associates of Mansfield. The family’s home address is 894 Orchard Park Rd., Lexington, OH 44094.

1982
Steve & Judi (Baker) Dubois are the proud parents of Karli Marie born Dec. 27, 1994. Siblings are Korey (9), Kayla (5) and Kelli (4). The family lives at 8215 Dix Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46258. • Brett Samuel was born on March 5, 1994 to Rob & Brenda Peterson. Rob is marketing manager at Advance Systems Concepts in Schaumburg, IL. • Peggy (James) Stone lives in Windfall, IN and is currently juggling several roles. She has completed her first children’s book and adult non-fiction book, both of which are under publishers’ considerations. Penny is trying to pursue a career in writing for both Christian and secular markets. Her most recent article acceptances have come from Christian Parenting Today, Wesleyan Woman and Christian Standard. She is also full-time mom to three children—Loressa (9), Taylor (5) and Kiersten (2). In addition to writing, Penny teaches writing classes at Ivy Tech State College in Kokomo. She is available for speaking engagements for writers’ conferences and groups and can be reached at (317) 675-7495.

1983
Bruce & Sandra Brown joyfully announce the birth of Spencer David on Nov. 10, 1994. Their address is 9832 Ashley Dr., Seminole, FL 34642. • Rob & Robin (Hockenbroch) Mourey have a new daughter Jessica Brianne, born July 11, 1994. Big sister Brenna is three. Rob is concluding a post-doctoral fellowship at the Univ. of Michigan and Robin manages occupational therapy at Chelsea Hospital. Their address is 3344 Bluedt Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48105. • Eric Scott joined the family of Scott & Laurie (Mason ‘82) Price on Oct. 12, 1994. He was welcomed by sisters Lindsey (4) and Julie (2). Scott enjoys his work as an advanced systems engineer with Electronic Data Systems. Laurie equally enjoys her time at home with the children. They would love visitors! They reside at 915 Beddington Dr., Knightdale, NC 27545. • On Nov. 29, 1994, J. Timothy & Darla (Towne ‘83) Ykimoff were blessed with the safe arrival of Samuel J. Darla, on an extended parental leave from her Office Manager position for the Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources, is enjoying time with Sam, and assisting Tim as they begin their new business. She also completed her master’s degree in public administration in April 1994.

1984
Ashley Marie was born on March 11, 1995 to Ron & Brenda (Owen’s) Bartel. Big sister Andrea (3) is proud of her! Ron is farming and owns a custom hay grinding business. Brenda is happy staying home with the girls. • Loren “Chip” & Brenda (McCollum ’85) Cooper announce the birth of Carly Laken on Feb. 4, 1995. Carly joins Brady (8), Brandon (3) and Jenna (6). Chip is a district manager for Todd Corp. Brenda is homeschooling the children. The family resides 7521 E. 53rd St., Indianapolis, IN 46226. • Dave & Claudia (Prestel) Riewald proudly announce the birth of Jill Marie on Nov. 26, 1994. Sister Anna is almost three. Dave is a partner in a Portland, OR law firm and Claudia is a stay-at-home mom. The family resides at 7310 SW Boeckman Rd., Wilsonville, OR 97070.

1985
Michael & Cheri (Griesmeyer) Brady are the proud parents of Justin Taylor, born March 18, 1995. Michael is a geologist with Terran Corp. They live at 3517 Hackney Dr., Dayton, OH 45420. • Rev. Marty Carney lives at 215 Hudson Ave. A2, Newark, OH 43055. After serving 7 years in Middletown, OH, he has accepted a call to be Minister of Christian Education at First Baptist Church. • Dave & Heidi (Haltermann ’86) Chupp joyfully welcomed Peter John into their home on August 23, 1993. Peter was born at home under the care of two godly midwives. His dad had the privilege of catching him as he was born and handed him right to his mom. Sister Hannah was able to witness his birth as well. Peter is now two and Hannah is five. Dave is working with Gospel for Asia. The Chups’ home address is 1851-A N. Josey Ln., Carrollton, TX 75006. • Neil & Janet (VanDerDecker ’86) Farrell are the proud parents of Carianna May born Jan. 21, 1995. Sister Ashlyn is two. The family lives at 239 Chicopee Dr., Marietta, GA 30060. • Sheryl Flesner and Andy Dishman were married on April 2, 1995. The couple resides at 2291 Engineers Dr., Marietta, GA 30067. • Scott & Jodi Swan proudly welcome Jackson Collier, born March 12, 1995. Scott teaches at St. Edwards and is a student at the Univ. of Texas. Their address is 901 W 22 1/2 St., Austin, TX 78705.
Tyler James, born June 12, 1994. Sister Abby is four. Peter is now working for Boehringer Mannheim Corp. and Larissa is at home with the kids. Their address is 7922 Windhill Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46256. • Sharon Wit and

Paul Heggeland and wife Paul Heggeland and wife were married on April 30, 1994. In the wedding from TU were Kara (Stanley) Hill, Sheila (Pitts) Weiland, Mari (Capp x) Wert, Toni (Thomas ’85) Swanson and Linda Wit ’89. Sharon is a sales manager at Tyndale House Publishers and Paul is a project manager for a commercial developer. Their address is 237 Robert Ct. #239, Glendale Heights, IL 60139.

1988

Janelle Behm was recently crowned Miss Tall Milwaukee Toppers 1995 and will represent her tall club in the Miss Tall Intl. Pageant in Chicago, IL. She is currently working toward a degree in physical therapy. Her mailing address is PO Box 1264, Park Ridge, IL 60068. • David & Ellen (Suter ’89) Keck are praising God for the birth of Nathan David on Oct. 20, 1994. Nathan was welcomed home by Meredy (almost two). David is a software developer for Crowe Chizek & Co. Ellen is at home with the children. Their address is 16240 Purdue Dr., Granger, IN 46530. • Mark & Tammy (Widdoes) McMahan are the proud parents of Alex Thomas born Feb. 6, 1995. They reside in Solon, OH. • Scott & Tammy (King x) Oolee joyfully welcome Jordan Scott born Nov. 22, 1994. The family lives at 10200 Kiowa Dr., Indianapolis, IN 46236. • Jeff & Stacy (Acton ‘90) Ray are living at 1938 Patton Dr., Speedway, IN 46224. Jeff is marketing director at Irwin Union Bank & Trust in Columbus, IN. Stacy teaches in the English and drama departments at Plainfield High School. She directs plays and an improvisational troupe and is pursuing a master’s degree at Ball State Univ. Stacy is also working on the 5-year reunion for the class of 1990, so anyone interested in helping her should call at 317-243-3055. • Eric & Sheryl (Ungerer x) Robinson are the proud parents of Breil Elise born Oct. 28, 1994. Eric works for Delco Electronics and Sheryl teaches special education in Kokomo. Their address is 2704 Marne Ct., Kokomo, IN 46902.

1989

Randy & Holly Bertka proudly welcome Joseph Carl born Feb. 19, 1995. The Bertkas live at 408 Wall St., Cairo, OH 45820. • Rod & Julie (Hines) Geig are the proud parents of Kathryn Conway born Nov. 30, 1994. Their address is 214 Sunblest Blvd. S, Fishers, IN 46038. • Michelle (Potter x) Gruender has moved to 2323 Kingstowne Way Ct., Ballwin, MO 63011. She is now working out of her home as a director of marketing for Great Lakes Press. • Peter & Melinda (Fine) Just joyfully welcome Rachel Louise, born Sept. 21, 1994. Brother Nathan is two. The family resides at 9311 Monte Ln., Indianapolis, IN 46256. • Steve & Katherine (Durham) Palmateer are the proud parents of Lauren Kelly, born Jan. 26, 1995. Brother Gregory is two. The family’s address is 2248 Woodstock, Port Huron, MI 48060.

1990

Edward & Cheryl (Hubers) Bixby proudly announce the birth of Luke Christine on Feb. 19, 1995. Ed works for Northwest Airlines and is now with Family. Their address is 3941 Lyndale Ave. S, Minneapolis, MN 55409. • Richard & Jackie (McCure) Crist are the proud parents of Katherine Taylor born March 26, 1995. Richard is manager at Rutter Communications Network and Jackie is office manager at Northwestern Mutual Life. Their home is at 2604 S. Manhattan, Muncie, IN 47302. • Kurt Dyck married April Stahl on Sept. 3, 1994 in Archbold, OH. Kurt is an accountant with a CPA firm and April is a student in the physical therapy program at the Univ. of Alabama at Birmingham. The couple resides at 1116 A Thornwood Dr., Birmingham, AL 35209. • Todd & Janet (Wilson) Shoemaker are the proud parents of Haley Brianna, born April 9, 1995. Todd is an accountant at Anchorbank and Janet teaches kindergarten at Prairie View Elem. Their address is 106 Gilman St., Verona, WI 53593-1203.

1991

Ann (Calkins) Abraham has been promoted to public relations manager of trade press and sales liaison for Intl. Family Entertainment. Previously, she was promotion writer and programming liaison for The Family Channel. She and husband David ’90 live in Virginia Beach, VA where he works for TruGreen-ChemLawn. • Joyce Anne Elder is a bereavement counselor with Heady and Son Funeral Homes. She lives at 1407 S 3rd St. #5, Louisville, KY 40208. • Wayne & Leah (Dunlap) Kimbrell are the proud parents of Abigail Grace born March 13, 1995. The family resides at 514 L/2 Greenlawn Ave., Ft. Wayne, IN 46808. • David & Laura (Sampson) Massie joyfully welcome Jacob, born Dec. 4, 1994. Brother Adam is three. Their address is 28605 Eagleton St., Agoura Hills, CA 91301. • Lisa Routley married Brad Godorhazi on June 10, 1994 in River Forest, IL. TU participants were Susan (Sidebotham) Rechtel and Jill Godorhazi ’90. The couple resides at
326 E. Kelso Rd., Columbus, OH 43202. • Heidi Storm was married to Michael Murphy on August 5, 1994. Lori Willett '91 was a bridesmaid in the wedding. Heidi is a 5th-grade teacher at High Point Christian School. Michael is a law student at the Univ. of Wisconsin-Law School with plans to graduate in May 1996. The couple resides at 510 N. Carroll St. #C, Madison, WI 53703. • with Pioneer Bible Translators. Their U.S. address is 3570 Santiago Dr., Florissant, MO 63033-2825.

1992

Denny Hewitt has been busy coaching seventh grade basketball and directing a church basketball league. He and Keeperr (certified hearing dog) have had numerous speaking engagements/demonstrations for schools and clubs in his area, showing what a certified hearing dog can do. He recently had surgery to prevent further hearing loss. In addition, he and his dad are still operating All Sports Vending. Denny, wife Jody and dog Keeper reside at 1121 Lear's Rd., Box 25, Petoskey, MI 49770. • Pam Lepley married Mitch Piersma '94 on May 28, 1994 in Muskegon, MI. From TU in the wedding were Becky Drennan x, Lynn

Matt '93 & Teresa (Landrud '92) Widdoes are surrounded by their Taylor friends.

Ann (Calkins '91) Abraham

Colin & Lisa (Schneck) Strutz are happy to announce the birth of Caitlin Christine on Nov. 4, 1994. The family resides at 3831 Rushland Ave., Toledo, OH 43613. • Jeff & Laura (Mihara x) Wilhoit departed in June for a Bible translation ministry in Guatemala, West Africa. They will be attending language school for several months and will arrive in Africa in May 1996. They are missionaries

Mitch & Pam (Lepley) Piersma

(Drennan '91) Carlson, Kyle Good '94, Scott Goff '94, Dave Ebersole '94 and Molly Piersma '97. Mitch is the band director at Otsego Middle School and Pam teaches private flute lessons for the Otsego and Mattawan School Systems. Their current address is 667 1/2 105th Ave., Plainwell, MI 49080. • Stephen & Kristine (Dyk '93) Mucher's new address is Caller Box 1003, CCC22, Saipan AP 96950. • Robert & Jennifer (Miller) Newcomer proudly announce the birth of Matthew Bradley on March 29, 1994. The family resides at 9432 Liberty Rd., Cambridge, OH 43725. • Mary Scifres graduated from IU School of Social

Work with an MSW. She hopes to work in inner city ministry. • Susan Walter married Michael Weddle '84 on Sept. 25, 1993 in Minneapolis, MN. Tu participants were David & Lisa (Walter '89) Baird, John x87 & Deb (Weddle) Hans, Joy Walter '97, Alisa (Stephens) Knoll and Tica Laughner. Michael is a broker/recruiter for Golden Rule Insurance and Susan is a sales assistant for CIC Enterprises. They live at 3523 Idlewood Ter. #502, Indianapolis, IN 46214-5008.

1993

Elizabeth Charles married Ted Kachel on April 1, 1995 in Lancaster, PA. From TU in the wedding were Elizabeth White x'92 and Kristen Clary. Elizabeth is employed as the Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Lancaster Bible College. Her position includes counseling, recruiting, and awarding scholarships and financial aid to new students. Ted is employed at Cloister Spring Water Co. The couple lives at 433 S. State St., Ephrata, PA 17522. • Richard Cina graduated from Washington Univ. in St. Louis with an MSW. He is a school social worker. The address for he and wife Lynn (Howe '92) is PO Box 143, Morrisonville, IL 62546. • Philip Dyer married Maria Elena Valentino on Dec. 11, 1994 in New City, NY. The best man was Tim Weeks '92. Philip works for Congressman Tony Hall from Ohio. The couple’s address is 511 G St. NE, Washington, DC 20003. • Teresa Landrud and Matt Widdoes were married on July 16, 1994. Tu participants were Lynae (Moser) Kellum, Steve Roggenbaum, Lisa (Landrud '92) Ayala, Tammy (Widdoes '88) McMahan, Doug Widdoes '90, Mike Garty x'94 and Mark McMahan '88. Both Matt and Teresa work for Voice-Tel, a voice messaging franchised company started by Matt’s father.

Michael & Heidi (Storm '91) Murphy joyfully start their journey as husband and wife.
Kristin (Hoffrage) & Jonathan Couch

1994

Kristin Hoffrage married Jonathan Couch on August 6, 1994 in Bolton, MA. TU participants were Karen Conrad, Thomas Hoffrage ’72, Christian Hibschman ’95, Kathleen Stark ’96, Jaena Losch ’96 and Tony Newman ’95. Jonathan is a territory manager for ESKCO, Inc. Their address is 2500 Howell Branch Rd., Apt 195, Winter Park, FL 32792. • Heather Hunt is on a two-year assignment with the Peace Corps. She is in Honduras working in community agriculture.

• James Nickel died on Jan. 10, 1995 as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was a full-time student and a junior programmer at Mutual Federal Savings Bank in Muncie. Survivors include wife Amy (Watson ’95), who resides at 1499 Cedar Tree Ct. NE, Swisher, IA 52338.

Gayle Prickett and Meg Webber were married in December 1994.

• Robert Wohlfarth married Renee Fenner ’96 on August 6, 1994 in Pettisville, OH. TU participants were Thomas ’93 & Angie (Lyons) Knight, Daniel ’93 & Tami (Vanderklay ’93) Perkins, Chuck Wilson ’93, Julie Borden ’93, Matthew Pickut ’96, Kim Abbott ’96, Brian Brokaw ’96 and Scott Wohlfarth ’96. Robert is a systems analyst for Ontario Systems in Muncie, IN. The couple’s address is PO Box 373, Briarwood Apts. 3D, Upland, IN 46989.

Mary Margaret Webber and Robert Gayle Prickett were married Dec. 31, 1994 in Converse, IN. Bridal attendants included Tina Weed. Gayle and Meg currently reside in Muncie, IN where both are continuing their education. • Robert Wohlfarth married Renee Fenner ’96 on August 6, 1994 in Pettisville, OH. TU participants were Thomas ’93 & Angie (Lyons) Knight, Daniel ’93 & Tami (Vanderklay ’93) Perkins, Chuck Wilson ’93, Julie Borden ’93, Matthew Pickut ’96, Kim Abbott ’96, Brian Brokaw ’96 and Scott Wohlfarth ’96. Robert is a systems analyst for Ontario Systems in Muncie, IN. The couple’s address is PO Box 373, Briarwood Apts. 3D, Upland, IN 46989.

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