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Keeping up with technology on the World Wide Web • The continuing influence of Samuel Morris • Honor Roll of Donors - 1995
This issue of the Taylor Magazine is devoted to the first 50 years of Taylor’s existence. Interestingly, I have just finished reading The Year of Decision - 1846 by Bernard DeVoto. The coincidence is in some ways intentional because a Taylor schoolmate of mine from the 1950’s, Dale Murphy, half jokingly recommended that I read the book as I was going to be making so many speeches during our sesquicentennial celebration. As a kind of hobby, I have over the years taken special notice of events concurrent with the college’s founding in 1846. The opera Carman was first performed that year and in Germany a man named Bayer discovered the value of the world’s most universal drug, aspirin. Imagine, before 1846 - no Carman, no aspirin, no Taylor.

DeVoto takes us a little deeper as we see the United States expand to become a continental nation with the acquisition of Texas, New Mexico, California and the Oregon territory. We understand the implications of the “Wilmot proviso” in relation to the Civil War. We are introduced to Henry David Thoreau, Walt Whitman, Ralph W. Emerson and John C. Calhoun debating the policies of James K. Polk and manifest destiny. Freshman Congressman A. Lincoln would speak out against the Mexican War - All in 1846. Elias Howe took out patents on a sewing machine, Samuel Colt revolutionized manufacturing by introducing replaceable parts for his revolvers, Mormons were driven from Nauvoo and started the trek to Salt Lake. The Oregon Trail saw a steady stream of wagons filled with families, possessions and dreams of new possibilities. No detailed, dependable map of California existed. The Donner Party would spend the winter marooned and devastated in the mountains revealing the pain, perseverance and cost of emigration as never before understood by Americans. Zachary Taylor would become a household name and “54-40 or fight” would be settled at the 49th parallel.

Back in LaPorte, Indiana, the Methodists at their annual conference officially voted on September 16-17, 1846, to establish a female college in Fort Wayne. Its history is wonderfully documented by William Ringenberg in his book Taylor University - The First 125 Years.

“The original building when completed was a four-story structure of brick with stone trimmings. Its dimensions measured 160’ by 80’, and it had three sections. The central part (80’ x 50’) housed the recitation rooms, offices, and chapel. The two wings provided accommodations for eighty to one hundred boarders. The three-acre campus site (approximately equivalent to a city block of twelve lots) on which the building rested included five hundred feet of frontage on the St. Mary’s River at the west end of Wayne Street, approximately one mile from the center of the city.”

During this year we will remember the names connected with these early years and their contributions. We will try to understand ourselves better as we see them against the backdrop of the Year of Decision and we will attempt to extend the vector from the past through the present to the future.

DeVoto does not remember the founding of Taylor University nor is the event recorded to much depth except in dusty archives in our regional libraries and our Zondervan Library. But as is true of all history, there lies beneath the great events a foundation of faithful, solid, ordinary, faith-filled people who established their lives and institutions for the preservation of civilization and the well-being of their progeny and, in this case, for the glory of God. Some survive, some do not. But we celebrate our firm foundation during this our sesquicentennial.

—Jay Kesler, president
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Students... handle with care
Somewhere between filling out an application and Welcome Weekend, the admissions department becomes acquainted with new students. Serving as secretary for admissions applications, Martha Brane was well familiar with this process. Her services were much appreciated by the University which honored her with the Parents' Association Student Friend Award during the Parents' Weekend chapel in October. She was nominated for "handling each application with a great deal of love and care." This wasn't always easy she recalls, especially when her job involved informing students they were not accepted for admission. Brane is now enjoying retired life with her husband in Van Buren, Ind.

Ready for the move
Climate-controlled research of plant and aquatic freshwater animal species will soon be possible as construction of the new greenhouse nears completion. Environmental physiology and ecology will be the first classes to benefit from the new facilities, which could be operational this semester. The greenhouse is connected to the Randall Environmental Studies Center and includes four rooms—a classroom used for student projects, rooms for faculty research of plants and aquatic freshwater organisms, and a workroom also used for propagation. Each room will have an independently controlled climate. The completion of the greenhouse brings the Randall building project to a close.

Leaving on a jet plane
January interterm provides a change of pace for students, many of whom welcome the opportunity to be involved in the missions or academic trips offered during the month. Lighthouse missions trips, directed by Campus Pastor Charles Gifford, included first-time experiences in Ireland and Ethiopia this year. Academic trips offered during the month of January included business trips to China and Europe, and study trips to England, Israel and Greece. Stateside trips included Chicago's urban studies program and a program in natural and biological research in Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Leading the way
Dr. Beulah Baker, professor of English, received the Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award earlier this year. The selection committee, composed largely of students, seeks to honor those who evidence campus leadership, pioneering teaching methodology, and creative course development. Dr. Baker, now in her 17th year at Taylor, has a particular love for foreign studies, which has sent her exploring and teaching around the world.

Student Tim Terrell dies in auto-train wreck
Rev. Tim Terrell, senior at Taylor University and pastor of Bethel Center Church of the Brethren in Hartford City, Ind., was killed Feb. 1, along with his twoday-old daughter Miranda Joy when a train collided with their car. The Taylor community responded to the immediate needs of his surviving wife and five children by taking an offering during chapel services. Also riding with Terrell at the time of the accident was his son, Zachary, who was hospitalized in critical condition at the time of this writing.

We are one in the Spirit
Reconciliation was the key note heard for the 1996 observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Special guest Dr. John Perkins, a nationally recognized civil rights leader, spoke during morning chapel and answered questions in the afternoon with fellow guest Wayne Gordon, pastor of Lawndale Community Church in Chicago. A student-led initiative was the primary catalyst for the first on-campus observance two years ago. Other events included a reader's theatre featuring civil rights literature and an evening production on the life of Harriet Tubman. Students were also invited to serve dinner at the Grant County Rescue Mission as part of the day's events.

An honor of geographic proportions
National attention was recently given to Dr. Roger Jenkinson '60, professor of geography, as the National Council for Geographic Education (NCGE) awarded him the Distinguished Teaching Achievement Award for 1995. The NCGE was founded to promote geographic education on all levels of learning. Jenkinson has been a faculty member since 1965 and has published numerous articles relating to geography and education. He also has served as president of the National Alumni Council and has been active in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics, serving as the organization's president during the 1986-87 term.

'Rocking' the airwaves
The Upland campus made its live radio broadcasting debut during the Upland Labor Day Parade last fall. Better known as The Roc, WTUR at 89.7 FM is Taylor's student-staffed radio station operating in a 20-mile radius of Upland. Daily programming offers both students and the community something to appreciate. The format includes Christian rock and pop music, along with coverage of campus and area high school sporting events, chapel services, and news. WTUR is connected with the Network Indiana News Service and the Emergency Broadcast System.
Today's students... tomorrow's leaders

Some of the nation's finest students will journey to Taylor from over 30 colleges and universities April 12 for the annual National Student Leadership Conference (NSLC).

Tim Nace, director of financial aid, distributes scholarship awards.

Kaynote speakers will be Bob Andragna, president of the Coalition of Christian Colleges and Universities, and Paige Comstock Cunningham '77, chairwoman of Americans United For Life. The theme for the weekend-long event is "For Such a Time as This." Coordinator Andrea Vincent, vice president of student services, also coordinated the National High School Leadership Conference (NHSLC), an annual event held in the fall.

Springing into missions

Each year for spring break, several missions opportunities are offered to Taylor students. Spring break 1995 missions trips will include a team traveling to Kingston, Jamaica, where students will carry out work projects and street ministry. Students heading to the Dominican Republic will work at the Hogar Cristiano orphanage, working with the children there. A team traveling to Kirkland, New Mexico, will join missionaries to the Navajo in home ministry and work projects, and Mexico City-bound students will assist OMS missionaries in visitations, Bible studies and evangelistic outreach.

Teaching the teachers

In its continuing effort to upgrade the quality of teaching in the state of Indiana, the Geography Educators Network of Indiana (GENI) granted Taylor $10,000 last summer to offer a graduate-level geography institute. This was the fourth time since 1989 that Taylor participated in the one-week program, which is funded jointly by the National Geographic Society and the Department of Education of the State of Indiana. An interdisciplinary approach allows for faculty members from different departments to participate in the program. Over 100 elementary and high school teachers have attended the institute at Taylor, each receiving two hours of graduate credit from the University. The institute was Taylor's first graduate offering in the modern history of the school. The Fall '95 issue of Taylor missidentified the educational technology course on the Fort Wayne campus as the school's first graduate offering. Professor of Geography Roger Jenkinson has served eight consecutive years as the president of GENI, which maintains a membership of about 4,000.

Getting around to it

A fury of complaints arose this fall when students discovered that the long, rectangular tables were replaced by round tables in the Hodson Dining Commons. Over 200 unsolicited comments against the change were received by student senate. The new tables made it more difficult to have private opportunities Week 1995. Guest speaker Don Davis, World Impact vice president of education and director of the urban institute in Wichita, Kansas, focused on the urban environment and challenged the audience to go into the city with the Gospel. Bill Harding, a missionary with SIM, finished the week's chapel series with practical steps for those interested in pursuing missions. The two speakers provided students with a well-rounded understanding of the theoretical and practical aspects of missions, says Greg Beeley, co-director of the annual missions conference held in November.

Parents honored for selfless service

When an injured baseball player was hospitalized last spring, it was Hobert and Judy Raikes who stayed with him and offered him encouragement. Because of such service, and many years of involvement with the University, the Taylor University Alumni Association named the Raikes Distinguished Parents for 1995. Each of the Raikes' three children graduated from Taylor. They also served as foster parents for seven years. Hobert and Judy were members of the Parents' Cabinet and were active in many parents' activities including the Parents' Assistance Fund and the annual craft sale. They reside in Delaware, Ohio, and are an integral part of their local church.

A noteworthy profession

The Taylor Alumni Association sang to the tune of Al Harrison last spring, naming him distinguished professor. Harrison serves as the music department chair and is the director of the symphonic orchestra, pep band, brass choir, and jazz band. He lives in Upland with his wife Pamela and their sons Justin and Ben. The professor of music was cited during a chapel ceremony as being a devoted husband and father and a well-rounded individual.
How Firm a Foundation
The foundation was strong, built on solid ground.
And the storms came early.
In her first fifty years, Taylor University was put through the Refiner’s fire.
Yet through those years of struggle, we find a faithful God
Who had a plan for this University.

This story has been compiled from the revised version of William C. Ringenbergs book, Taylor University - The First 150 Years, which will be available this fall. Excerpts from the book appear in quotations.

Taylor University had its origin in the outgrowth of the Second Great Awakening. A missionary zeal led revivalists and social reformers to found colleges across the country. The Methodists were no exception. By 1845, 59 Methodist institutions existed for secondary and higher education. Indiana Asbury College (renamed DePauw University in 1884) was one school which achieved a good deal of success, yet did not admit women.

"Few people accepted the idea of higher education for females before the post-Civil War period when colleges for women (e.g. Vassar, Wellesley, Smith) began to appear in the East and the Midwestern state universities began to accept coeds. Among the newly established female colleges was the Fort Wayne Female College, founded in 1846.

"The Board of Trustees began its work promptly. It held its first meeting on September 28, 1846. Only seven of the fifteen trustees attended the initial meeting. The board continued to meet frequently throughout the fall. In November it decided to open the school on May 1, 1847. Another important item of business at the early trustees' meetings was the preparation of the application for a charter. The Indiana State Legislature approved the Articles of Incorporation of the female college on January 18, 1847, and specified that the incorporation would become effective on June 19, 1847.

"As was the case with most nineteenth century colleges, the school experienced much difficulty in its beginning years. The school leaders began construction on the college building early, but they delayed its construction for many years. The contribution of three acres came from William Rockhill, one of the leading Fort Wayne citizens in the middle part of the nineteenth century.
When the school officials laid the cornerstone on June 23, 1847, the building was not yet finished.

"While the building remained partially unfinished for several years, work on it was sufficiently complete by late summer, 1847, to permit the first school year to begin in the fall of 1847. It was the first full school year in the institution’s history. Approximately one hundred girls pursued studies in departments ranging from primary to college. The school charged a tuition rate of $22.50 per year.

"Easily the most important of the first trustees was William Rockhill. With William G. Ewing he was one of the two leading citizens of Fort Wayne, and for years the college trustees re-elected him as president of the board. In 1846 the Democrat Rockhill defeated fellow college trustee and Whig William Ewing in the election for the congressional house seat from the Fort Wayne area."

One of the most faithful trustees during this time was Samuel Brenton. None of those on the first board did more to promote the institution than did he. The trustees’ minutes show him performing endless duties (e.g., obtaining equipment, recruiting teachers).

"Brenton not only led the female school (and served as the treasurer of its board), but he also presided over the board of trustees of the new men’s school, which was holding its classes in the female building. With Brenton in a primary position of leadership in both institutions, it was natural that during this period the two schools became increasingly receptive to the idea of merger. When Brenton resigned the presidency to reenter politics, the official merger was virtually complete." The merger resulted in a new name for the institution: Fort Wayne College.

"An early historian of higher education in the state talked of the institution’s ‘continuous struggle for existence.’ Many similar nineteenth-century schools could not find funds to enable them to operate longer than a few years. Although the college survived through the post-Civil War period, it almost did not. On at least one occasion it ceased operation for an entire school year. There is evidence also that the college leaders offered the school for sale on at least two occasions.

"The decision to construct a major addition to the college building led to the critical financial crisis of the 1880s. The $600 debt of 1884 became $15,000 in 1888 and $20,000 in 1890. The remedy that appeared the most promising was for the institution to find a major benefactor.” Christian B. Stemen, a local preacher of the Wayne Street Methodist Church, became a trustee in 1885, and "in 1888 he acquired the presidency of the National Association of Local Preachers (NALP). In the same period that the college was seeking a benefactor to save it from its financial straits, a movement was mounting in the NALP to find (or found) a school that would specialize in training local preachers (or lay deacons as they were sometimes called)."

"The trustees ‘invited the NALP to hold their 1886 annual meeting in Fort Wayne, and offered the organization the free use of the college facilities. The Local Preachers accepted the offer, and voted to adopt the school as the local preachers’ college.”

In 1889, the school agreed to change its name to Taylor University. The NALP promised a $10,000 gift and a $20,250 loan which led to great optimism about the future of the school. However, "the loan application failed and the anticipated major gift income did not appear. Meanwhile, the trustees had to borrow money to pay the instructors, the North Indiana Conferences requested the trustees to sell the college, and President Horace Herrick resigned from his office. In the midst of this tense climate the NALP reappeared with a firm offer to purchase the college." The trustees unanimously accepted this proposal, the only one they had received by that time.

"The trustees of the new university were initially composed of members of the NALP, local Methodists, and leaders of the Fort Wayne College of Medicine, which was merged with the old Fort Wayne College in 1890. Eventually, however, the NALP assumed full control of the board of trustees.

"At the time the Fort Wayne College of Medicine became a part of Taylor University, it was one of the best of the Indiana medical schools and the only one in northern Indiana." One of the most significant students of the medical school was the noted physician, professor and social reformer, Alice Hamilton. In her career, she studied ‘workers’ health and safety in factories, mines, munitions plants, and paint factories. Her efforts persuaded both the business community and state and federal government officials of the need to provide greater protection for the nation’s industrial workers. Her 1919 appointment as the first woman faculty member at Harvard University and the publication of her Industrial Poisons (1925)
William helped to confirm her reputation as the nation's leading authority in the new field of industrial hygiene. In 1995 the United States Postal Service released a 56-cent stamp in her honor as part of its 'Great Americans' series.

"It is not difficult to understand the desire of the NALP to name their new school after William Taylor. He was a fellow local preacher of Methodism, and thus they could identify with him and his amazing missionary accomplishments. He sailed to San Francisco via Cape Horn in 1849 as one of the first Methodist missionaries to California, and he spent seven years in that state preaching to Gold Rush miners and other frontiersmen.

"Typical among his meetings were those held outdoors in front of the saloons, brothels, and lavishly decorated gambling halls in the central plaza of San Francisco. 'California Taylor' would precede his preaching by standing upon a pork or whisky barrel and 'singing up' a crowd of hundreds by trumpeting out in his unusually powerful and resonant voice the stanzas of a gospel hymn.

"He did not begin his around-the-world missionary junkets until his middle age. Taylor believed that missionary activities should be self-supporting. He was an early advocate of the faith mission movement whereby the missionary received his support from his converts in the areas where he worked. Taylor supported himself and his funds accruing from the many books.

"In the years school began William Taylor's religious philosophy developed a keen interest in Holiness movement, inside and outside of Methodism. The man who more than any other served as the catalyst of the more intense spiritual atmosphere was Thaddeus C. Reade (President 1891-1902). He displayed great pride when he could announce to the trustees that 'nearly all of our students have been brought to Jesus.'

"Reade's most successful contribution to the cause of creating a school 'distinguished for its piety' was the publicity he gave to the life of an African student, 'Sammy' Morris. Sammy's unquestioning faith and his quest for the 'Spirit-filled' life epitomized what Reade was seeking to accomplish in the lives of all his students. When Reade published his biography of Sammy Morris, it was read by many of the people who were (or could be) attracted to the type of Christianity both Reade and Morris represented. Young persons of this type began to apply for admission to Sammy Morris' school in increasing numbers."

Morris was the son of a Kru chief in Southern Liberia. He escaped from an enemy tribe while in captivity and fled to the coast where he met a former Fort Wayne College student who led him to the Lord and gave him the name Samuel Morris. He desired to bring the Gospel to his people, but was persuaded by a missionary associated with Bishop Taylor's African Mission to go to New York to learn more about the Holy Spirit. Having arrived, he sought out Stephen Merritt, secretary of the mission and a man who placed great emphasis on the Holy Spirit. Merritt helped Morris find a school to attend, and decided on Fort Wayne College. Morris entered the school midway through the 1891-92 school year. He became a respected speaker in churches throughout Fort Wayne during this time. It was not long after, however, that Morris caught a severe cold. This led to an illness, probably pneumonia, which eventually took his life in May 1893.

"Sammy's influence became even greater in death than it had been in life. Reade's biography of his life had sold over 200,000 copies by 1924. Even more significant financially than the sales profits were the outright gifts from those who found the book especially impressive. Burt Ayres believed that the Morris publicity kept the school alive in this period.

"When the NALP assumed control of the college in 1890, most interested persons assumed that they would soon establish the school on a solid foundation. This, however, did not happen. The school year 1892-93 was a desperate one. Because of an order to sell the property, the school officials did not hold classes in the college building; rather, they rented a structure for this purpose. Meanwhile, President Reade, in an effort to keep the school alive, began looking for a city that would welcome and support it. A guest-preaching engagement in the Upland Methodist Church afforded Reade the chance to meet the minister of the church, the Rev. John C. White.

"When White heard about the problems of the school in Fort Wayne, he became interested in persuading the college to move to Upland. He and another Upland citizen, J. W. Pittenger, were the major local residents who worked to bring the school to the community. In the spring of 1893 White negotiated an agreement between the Taylor trustees and the Upland Land Company whereby the university agreed to move to Upland and the company agreed to provide Taylor with $10,000 in cash and ten acres of land. In the summer of 1893 the school relocated in the Grant County town.

"The financial state of the university was much better in the early Upland years than it had been in the last decade in Fort Wayne. By 1895 Board President John R. Wright could report that the school owned property worth over $40,000 and held an indebtedness of only $3,000. Meanwhile, during the previous year a Mr. R. T. McDonald purchased the Fort Wayne property for $30,000. After the trustees paid the indebtedness on the Fort Wayne campus, they probably possessed a net sum to invest in the Upland campus. The school became completely debt free on January 1, 1898."

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A celebration of GRACE

by Dr. Charles R. Jaggers '69

Candidate for freshman class president in 1980... Kicked out of Taylor before he finished his sophomore year.

Winner of three Emmy awards for photography... Forced to quit his first television job.

Happily married with two wonderful children... Suffered through broken relationships with family and friends.

Safe and sober...

Experienced a potentially fatal traffic accident, became full-blown alcoholic

Living for Christ today...

Rejected God for almost ten years.

Redeemed, reconciled, restored...

Brad Houston.

During this great year of celebrating Taylor's sesquicentennial, names such as Samuel Morris, Bishop William Taylor and Thaddeus Reade will be remembered as we reflect on our historic beginnings. Yet, our circle of celebration can only be complete if we include the names of others like former Taylor student Brad Houston. Little over a year ago, Brad's relationship with Taylor was still in a state of estrangement. However, his own desire to make things right, accompanied by help from a gracious God have changed all that.

February 1995... The phone rang in my office at Taylor. My administrative assistant took the call. "Chip, a former student, Brad Houston is on the phone, he's asking for you. Do you remember him?" "Yes I do," I responded. "Put him through."

I remembered Brad. Memories of my days as Dean of Students and my encounter with Brad flashed through my mind. Thirteen years ago I had to ask Brad to leave Taylor, never to return. As I picked up the receiver, my curiosity was peaked.

"Hi Chip, this is Brad Houston. I'm in Indianapolis today on a business trip. I wonder if I could come to campus tonight to see you?" We set a time to meet, and after a few moments on the phone getting reacquainted, Brad gently said, "I'm coming tonight to say I'm sorry. I want to apologize for the things I did as a student. I want to make amends." I could hear in his voice that something had radically changed in his life since we last talked.

That evening Brad recounted his journey away from God and back again in the years since leaving Taylor. Most of the journey was characterized by Brad's long and hard run from God, followed by despair, and finally his encounter with grace.

During his Taylor years, for a variety of complex personal reasons, Brad began to rebel. Somehow he felt he had been "dealt a bad hand" and he reacted, turning his back on his family, his school, and God. At first, his
rebellion took the form of a few college pranks and some rule violations. Then came "the adventure" as Brad calls it, of seeing how close to the edge he could go without getting caught. Unfortunately for Brad, he did get caught, again, and again. Ultimately life on the edge and his penchant to party cost him the privilege of attending Taylor.

But that was only the beginning. Seeking fame and fortune in Hollywood, Brad left the Midwest and his Chicago family with both hope and rebellion in his heart.

Not long after his arrival in California, he was involved in a head-on collision while riding his motorcycle. The accident could have been fatal. Drunk at the time, Brad recalls colliding with a car, then being thrown into the air by the impact. In the split second before he struck the windshield of the oncoming car, he said to himself, "I'm about to die. What a waste my life has been." After hitting the windshield, Brad was again thrown into the air over the vehicle, and miraculously landed on his feet with only minor injuries.

Even this traumatic experience and miraculous deliverance, however, was not enough to turn Brad to God or change his lifestyle. In fact, his rebellion grew stronger. At one point, he concluded that things were finally over between him and God, and he "burned his bridge" with God. Having cut the moorings of his faith, Brad sunk deeper and deeper.

Some time after the accident, Brad enrolled at a state university in California. While there, he continued living it up in the party scene. But once again, his behavior backfired, and he was asked to leave the residence hall, and he finished his last six weeks living out of his car. Things got worse and Brad continued to develop a "bad boy" reputation. He also began to experience the personal side effects of alcohol from hangovers to vomiting, as his downward spiral continued.

During this time, Brad managed to graduate from another school and he secured his first television job. Although professionally things began to look up and outwardly things appeared fine, Brad felt dead on the inside. He also received several promotions, but in his words he could fake it to get by in the workplace. Deep inside, Brad knew he was sick, both physically and spiritually. In the pit of despair, Brad contemplated taking his own life, but he could not bring himself to do something that overt. Instead, he tried to live such a self-destructive lifestyle that his life would just end, along with his misery.

"My goal from that point on was to sin so badly that God could never forgive me," he says, "It was like I was saying to God, 'Look at this, I know you can't forgive that.'"

Around that time, Brad met a special woman named Kerri. When they first met, Kerri did not understand that being a Christian involved a commitment to a personal relationship with Christ. Ironically, during this time, Brad led her to a deeper understanding of the Christian faith. She responded by committing her life to Christ, and began to grow in her faith. Brad still had no desire to return to God, yet he believed enough in the power of the Gospel that he wanted to share it with Kerri.

The two were married not long after that, but struggles continued for Brad. He fell into further despair and he could not stop drinking. That led to depression. Brad hit an emotional and spiritual bottom; there was no lower point to which he could sink. Brad's parents, however, had laid a Biblical and spiritual foundation in his life. They had prayerfully and carefully instilled faith in their son during his growing up years. As it turned out, no matter how far from God Brad ran, there was always an internal basis from which the Holy Spirit could awaken his soul. It was at this point of greatest despera-
tion that Brad cried out to Christ for help. This was the Jesus he had heard about since childhood. And Christ indeed heard him... and loved him... and restored him.

Years of descent turned around and a slow but steady growth followed. "Surrendering my life to Jesus has been a process," he says. "I am learning that only God can fill the kind of emptiness I felt. I started reading my Bible and praying; we found a good church. Change has taken time but God’s work in my heart has been clear and obvious. There are still areas of my life which need changing, and I still struggle, but I now have purpose and meaning to my life. It’s nothing that I have done, but what He first did for me. He’s the potter, and I’m the clay."

Today, Brad is sober and has been living for Christ for over six years. He is a faithful husband and a loving father. Kerri is a wonderful woman and their two children are absolute treasures. As Brad says, "The Lord has restored the years the locusts had eaten."

Lest one think that Brad was idle in his years away from God, he had developed his skills as a professional television photojournalist. He has won three Emmy Awards for his work, which included an assignment in Saudi Arabia during Operation Desert Shield. He has been the recipient of numerous other photography awards and was named Region 6 Photographer of the Year by News Photographer magazine. Brad has worked at several television stations and is currently employed by the prestigious KUSA-TV in Denver, CO.

Brad has found a way to redeem his profession for the cause of Christ as well, working on special projects with Youth for Christ in Denver. Last summer he traveled short-term to Kenya, Uganda, Sri Lanka, and India, documenting Youth for Christ’s work in those countries. Brad’s testimony and talent has touched lives in both secular and Christian broadcasting circles. He helped start a prayer group at his current position.

In a recent secular magazine article highlighting his award-winning photography, Brad wrote, "First and most important to me is to give all the honor, glory, and praise to Jesus Christ, my God and my Savior. It is important for me to keep in mind that I am only an instrument and that I am able to do what I do because of the gifts God has given me. When I start depending on myself or my abilities, I run into trouble. I’ve been learning that praise doesn’t last and you’re only considered as good as your last story or award. The only thing that really lasts for me is knowing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ."

Getting reacquainted with Brad has been a joy. I will never forget the night we visited on campus and talked at his initiative. I could see Christ in his life, and it was real. Brad’s apology and concern for our relationship concluded with prayer, some tears, and hearts filled with thanksgiving that we serve a God who forgives and restores.

When the prodigal son returned home, according to Luke’s account, he said, “I have sinned... I am no longer worthy to be called your son.” But his father said, "Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found" (Luke 15:21-24, NIV).

I was there the day Brad Houston walked away from Taylor and it was my privilege to welcome him back. Brad and I renewed our relationship, and there was a special Bible and a yellow welcome ribbon waiting for him here when he came home to Taylor. As a university, we celebrate with Brad and his family in his celebration of grace and his personal Taylor homecoming.
"When I think of that torn, bruised . . . body becoming the possession, instrument and dwelling of the blessed Holy Spirit to be so simply and yet mightily used of God the Father Himself, I say, let me wait a while, 'til I step aside and take my shoes from my feet, for I am standing on holy ground."

—John C. Wengatz '09

Living Stones

Reflections on the life of Samuel Morris
At the centennial observance of Samuel Morris' death, we asked alumni and friends to reflect upon the impact his story has had on their lives. The following excerpts represent the responses received. Samuel Morris arrived at Taylor University penniless in 1892. But at his untimely death just a year and a half later, he left a legacy of faith and simple responsiveness to the Spirit of God that has enriched and informed the university ever since.

"It truly is a remarkable story of God's leading one whose heart wanted to know the Light of the Holy Spirit more than anything materialistic in this life." So writes Marilyn (Holloway '58) Taylor of Marion, IN. "Why God didn't permit him to return to Africa, we don't know. But God truly is sovereign, and He can reach down and touch any heart who so desires to know Him."

Taylor has taken the initiative to tell the Samuel Morris story in her own way to children's Bible clubs. She is amazed at the attentiveness children have as they listen. Her husband (Rex Taylor '61) has often commented about the power of the Holy Spirit which is present in the telling of the story, she says.

Judy Schuster of LaPorte, IN, says, "Sammy's life was so simple. He really practiced the 'Trust and Obey' that we sing about. His life encouraged me to pray more, to believe more, and to obey more. The power of God and the ministry of the Holy Spirit that were evidenced through Sammy's life reminded me of the accounts from the Holy Bible."

Mollie Pool of Englewood, FL, was introduced to the Morris story as a teen when her mother gave her an old blue-covered hardback edition of the story to read. "She must have sensed my confusion over the theological treatises, otherwise known as complicated sermons, delivered in our church with regard to the Spirit-filled life. All the references to 'the old man of sin,' two works of grace, etc., made my head spin.

"I thought of the many people who study and know all of the theology word for word, but who have then closed the lips on their beautifully polished earthen vessels so that they will not be able to receive any more outpouring of the Spirit if it comes. Sammy's earthen vessel was broken, open, and free. He was thereby receptive and submissive to the continued influx of the Spirit of Christ and equally as open to sharing that Spirit with everybody around him.

"What a relief to find that a poor, uneducated African boy could be so easily led, not by human treatises, sermons, or examples, but by the living Christ himself and be delivered from his tortuous state in Africa to Taylor University in the United States! Wow, was I impressed!"

Mrs. Eric Knutsen of Palmer, AK, was also deeply moved to share the story. She began a girls' sewing fellowship. "At our time of devotions, I read the story of Samuel Morris, challenging them (the girls) with his youth. How often I have thought of his singleness of vision and challenged my own heart!

"But so few Christians know of him," she lamented. Knutsen, however, decided to have a hand in changing that situation. "I am currently working at a Christian bookstore and at the prompting of another brother in the Lord, we bought a case (100 copies) of his testimony and gave away almost all already. Oh that young people (and old) would catch the vision!"

Dottie (Cunningham '53) Fisher recalls a mantle clock in her childhood home which was previously owned by a Taylor professor who spent much time with Morris. "Dusting it each week was not a chore," she says. "I visualized Sammy with his teacher, sitting, reading the Bible, and joyfully talking about Jesus."

Though Samuel Morris did not live to fulfill his dream of returning to his people with the Gospel, his story nonetheless has found its way across the Atlantic. Eileen Lageer '49, now of Kitchener, Ont., remembers when the film Angel in Ebony came to the theological college in Nigeria where she taught between 1965-74.

"The film was in constant demand." And as one African Christian leader once told her, "The Sammy Morris film has influenced more Africans than any other Christian film that I know of. Samuel's life is still having an impact on Africa today, for because of his life, other 'Sammy Morris' are going out with burning hearts to take the Gospel to their people."

And many discover that as they trust in the God that Samuel Morris loved, they too have that same simple faith which daily sustained him. Pool recalls the time when she gave up her struggling against God and found, instead, His guidance to face life's dilemmas.

"Remembering Sammy Morris' simple faith, I finally said to God, 'I give up my struggle. I simply lay my life into your hands and request Your guidance.' Did lightning strike? No! Did I even feel led at that point? No. But trusting in His promises and depending upon His word, I knew He would lead me. And He has down through these many years."

The same story inspires others to a deep hungering after God in prayer. Dorothy (Ferree '41) Yocom, of Springfield, OH, was one of those inspired. "Over and over, I am drawn to prayer in every circumstance of my life, just like Sammy prayed about everything. To me it is the most important thing we can do."

Samuel Morris is a true cornerstone of the Taylor foundation. His faith inspires us to trust and obey, and on this Rock we stand, ready for the next 150 years.—RD
Balancing on the cutting edge
The "cutting edge of technology." It's a phrase we hear every time we turn around. But how does it apply to us as students, as faculty, as Christians?

As the pace of technology has picked up, the Taylor community has had to take a serious look at integrating the Internet, CD-ROM, and other forms of technology into our teaching methods, learning methods, and lifestyles in general.

Robert Hodge, vice president for planning and information resources, and Dr. John Moore, assistant professor of biology, have both been diligently working on how to best integrate these new developments in technology in order to give Taylor students the highest quality education possible.

Not every development in technology is beneficial for schools like Taylor. As a standard to judge whether or not to adopt such changes, Hodge focuses on Paul's command that Christians "test everything. Hold on to the good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21, NIV).

"That verse sticks with me, and I apply it directly with all these high tech tools," he says. "We are not obligated to use any of them; but the tools are there, and we have some responsibility to test them and keep what is good."

Our focus, in other words, should not be on avoiding the negative aspects of technology, but rather, finding and implementing the positive. We do not need to avoid new developments in technology for fear they will not be edifying. Rather, we should analyze and examine everything which comes our way from a Biblical perspective and apply only that which edifies and builds up our community, both educationally and otherwise.

According to Hodge, one specific way in which Taylor can carry this out is to continue our method of maintenance and replacement. He compares it to buying a car; it is worth every penny, but if you cannot afford the gas and the insurance, there's not much point in buying it. In the same way, Taylor's policy has been to purchase only what can be maintained and eventually replaced. This structural foundation provides a framework for assimilating the rapid changes and upgrades that come our way. Assimilating new technology is especially important because it often provides real opportunities for students and faculty to benefit from its use.

"If we want to keep on this track, if we want to be prepared to take the best advantage of the opportunities which are really coming our way, then we have to make sure that the foundation remains solid," Hodge says.

Once the decision is made, based on this strong foundation, that a certain technological innovation should be a part of the Taylor academic program, the next step is to aid the faculty in effectively implementing it into the classroom. Moore has been at the forefront of this movement, taking the time to learn about things such as laser disc players, Power Point presentation software and the Internet, and then taking it into the classroom where he can more effectively teach his students. He can then encourage his students to enhance their education through these same tools.

The Internet, says Moore, is rapidly becoming the most widely accepted, most efficient method of information exchange. In order to aid his students in getting the most current, accurate information for experiments, projects, and papers, as well as other educational opportunities, he requires them to use Netscape, a web-browsing program. Moore also encourages his students to be involved as Christians on the Internet. "We need an extreme Christian presence in that realm because it is self-regulating," says Moore.

This self regulation has created a storm of controversy regarding materials available on the Internet. The US government took action on this issue recently, passing the Communication Reform Act. Among the provisions in the act are stiff penalties for those caught transferring offensive material. The definition of what is questionable or offensive, however, is highly ambiguous and has caused further debate over the standards used for judging what is or is not acceptable.

Such is the climate of our culture as we move into the twenty-first century. With such confusion in the midst of these new technologies, is it increasingly important for institutions like Taylor to be rooted in their convictions. It is the goal of the Taylor administration to "test all things, and see what is good," while continuing to provide students with the highest quality education possible.—LH

Dr. John Moore works with students on a multi-media project, making use of Taylor's equipment in the Educational Technology Center.
We’ve been spinning our web site

A revolution in communications technology has made it easier than ever for alumni to keep in touch with Taylor University. The Taylor University World Wide Web site opened its lines to the public on November 1, 1995, and ever since then has offered an online link to the life of the University.

The Internet was first conceptualized and implemented for the United States Armed Forces during the Cold War era. Today the Internet is the largest network of computers that now circles the globe.

The World Wide Web (WWW) was developed in 1989 as a simple system which allowed the use of hypertext to transmit documents. Due to its simple interface and a multitude of graphics interfaces, the popularity of the WWW has increased tremendously over the past few years. The WWW, in fact, has been one of the primary catalysts for the development of the current cyberspace cultural revolution.

Since it went online, more than 3,000 visitors have paid a "virtual" visit to the Taylor web site. The site can be accessed at the address http://www.tayloru.edu. Once at the site, visitors can acquire recent news, information, and features concerning Taylor University. Full color images give a taste of life and activities on the campus. The home page is divided into six main categories: General Information, Academic Information, Campus Life, Fort Wayne Campus, Correspondence Studies, and Taylor World Wide—an online magazine for alumni and friends. Each of these main categories is further divided into several subcategories featuring detailed information concerning the chosen topic.

Taylor World Wide presents current and valuable information about Taylor. This section includes news and feature stories and the University Calendar, which provides up-to-date information on what is happening at Taylor. The Alumni Connection and Parent Connection are designed to retain a close relationship between the University and those constituents. Sports Scores and Information gives an up-to-the-minute report on how the Trojans are doing.

The Taylor virtual community extends its care through the Prayer Chapel feature of Taylor World Wide, where praise and prayer requests are posted instantly. Very soon the Interactive Lines feature will be available, where persons can chat online with each other.

The technological advances will soon allow the implementation of audio and video files onto the web site as a great expansion of the services which are currently being provided. As technology keeps flourishing, Taylor University will continue in its efforts to connect and bring the Taylor community closer. So check in soon; it may not be too long before you hear the bell tower in cyberspace.—AA

To connect to the Taylor World Wide Web site, you need a modem with minimal band rating of 14.4 to hook up to an existing telephone line, and web browsing software. Netscape is currently a popular program in use.
Friends of Taylor University:

It is a privilege to share with you our annual report for 1995. We are truly appreciative of your support for Taylor University. We give our God thanks and praise for the blessings He has bestowed upon us through you.

In the past, our list of donors was for the Taylor University fiscal year, which ends on June 30. Because most of you look at your charitable giving by the calendar year, we felt we would be of better service to you if we listed our donors this way. Therefore, as you review the list of names, please keep in mind it is for the calendar year 1995. We will report gifts received since January 1, 1996, in next year’s annual report.

We are also pleased to report and show the percentage of class giving, the listing of many memorials, honorariums and new scholarships which individuals have established. Listed below are some highlights of this past year:

• A challenge match of $100,000 for the Taylor Fund was received because friends and alumni generously gave.

• Approximately 4,000 friends witnessed 372 seniors graduate in May. These graduates have literally scattered all over the world.

• A spirit of revival swept campus last spring and was reinforced during this fall’s spiritual renewal week with Jill Briscoe as the speaker.

• We invested $4.6 million in financial aid to our students.

• Taylor launched our sesquicentennial celebration with the dedication of the three life-size Samuel Morris statues during Homecoming.

• Sickler Hall was renovated to house the William Taylor Foundation and Alumni Relations.

• The Upland campus had the largest enrollment in Taylor’s history with 1,892 students, in addition to the 426 students on the Fort Wayne campus.

• Taylor experienced her highest year in giving—$5.7 million.

Gifts received at Taylor University during 1995 were the highest ever, thanks in part to the past capital campaign and several large bequests that came in during the year. Again, we praise God and thank Him for blessing Taylor in such a rich way. We continually ask you, our donors, to remember us not only financially but in prayer support as well. Because so many of you have been faithful with gifts, Taylor University continues to be an outstanding Christian academic university. Young people are going into the world and being witnesses to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Again, thank you for your support. If you have a question concerning our report, please do not hesitate to write or call.

—Gene Rupp, vice president of Development

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Taylor World Outreach

Each year, alumni and friends join with the efforts of Taylor World Outreach by supporting teams sent out to different parts of the world. We thank these donors and want to show photographs from some of the January trips.

A Lighthouse team to Ethiopia helped villagers develop agricultural skills.

The Ireland team ministered to children and youth in the town of Ballynahinch.

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The Upland campus experienced icy weather this winter, along with some sizeable snowfall which left many a driver stranded...there's something to be said about cross country skiing.

Financial assistance makes a Taylor education possible for many

Being named in U.S. News & World Report's annual issue on America's Best Colleges and Universities provides a boost for any academic institution. The competitive standard by which schools are judged ensures that only the finest institutions are so honored. For the eighth time in nine years, Taylor has been named as one of these schools.

There are numerous factors which made this honor possible. These include the endowment, financial aid, student GPA, retention and graduation rates, percentage of faculty with terminal degrees, and the faculty-student ratio. Each of these is an important asset to the University, but what makes Taylor one of America's Best is its distinctive commitment to helping students make the most of their opportunities.

Practically speaking, the rubber meets the road in the Office of Financial Aid. Director of Financial Aid Tim Nace disburses some $11 million in financial aid to 80% of the Upland student body. Included in that aid are private outside scholarships, federal and state dollars, and various institutional monies. When one adds the two million dollars of financial aid assistance given on the Fort Wayne campus, the total amount administered by Taylor University exceeds $13 million.

Heather Shimko '96 receives assistance from a scholarship she won during competition at Taylor's National High School Leadership Conference during her senior year of high school. For each of her four years of college, Shimko received an annual award equal to 40% of Taylor's tuition. NHSLC winners receive $235,000 annually. While she wanted to come to Taylor, the award of the scholarship "pushed it over the edge." Shimko, who is the president of Taylor's student body, says in retrospect she would have pursued other options and colleges if the HSCLC scholarship had not come through.

For the past two years, Scott Balyo '96 has received the Wilbur M. Cleveland Memorial Scholarship. Will Cleveland '49 was the editor of this magazine for twenty-nine years until his death in 1985, and the scholarship is awarded annually to a journalism major with high academic standing involved in media. Balyo, who is editor of the Taylor student newspaper The Echo, is grateful for the financial help not just for himself, but for his parents and his sister Stephanie '98.

Balyo's scholarship goes far beyond financial aid, though, extending into the realm of relationships. Alyce (Rocke '48) Cleveland has been supportive of him in some intangible ways during the past two years. A faithful reader of the Echo, she made a trip to the newspaper office one night during finals week with some freshly baked cookies.

Angela Angelovska '96, a January graduate, is from Macedonia in the former Republic of Yugoslavia. She was the beneficiary of aid from an International Student Scholarship, the Dean's Scholarship, and the Church Matching Grant program. With a B.A. in communication studies and a minor in pre-law, Angelovska plans to attend law school to pursue her career goals in international corporate law. By her own admission she was involved in "pretty much everything under the sun" at Taylor, including the International Student Society, Taylor Student Organization, and Student Activities Council. As an international student, Angelovska was not eligible for any federal or state aid, but through the help of her American "parents" and the financial aid she received from Taylor, she graduated debt free.

These three have experienced the distinctives of a Taylor education through the help of the financial aid office. As Angelovska says, there is a positive atmosphere created by the faculty and the Office of Financial Aid that makes students feel cared about. "There's a message around that says, 'You can do it...' if you're struggling you can get tutors, if you have good grades, they'll find the financial resources for you to finish."—JG
Kesler, Palmer challenge student body

Spiritual Renewal chapel addresses raise intellectual awareness

With wit, charisma and intellectual stamina, Dr. Earl Palmer, pastor of University Presbyterian Church in Seattle, Washington, opened up the spring spiritual renewal chapel series. In three talks, Palmer reflected on Pascal's Pensées concerning the foundations upon which we build our lives. It is only when we are grounded on the Rock that we can stand the storms of life, he says.

Kesler challenged the chapel audience in two Wednesday sessions to a deeper walk with God. Among other topics, Kesler addressed how it is possible for one to know God, encouraging those in attendance to look to Christ.

Kesler coordinated the planning of the spring spiritual renewal services, which will continue under the direction of the president's office in the future. Renewal services each fall will still be planned by the campus pastor's office.—RD

Donor funds make new scholarships possible

Each year individuals work with Taylor to establish scholarships

Scholarships awarded at Taylor University have long been a vital part of financing student education. Each year, the amount of dollars awarded increases through the generous support of individual donors, many of whom choose to establish new scholarships.

Through interviews with the Development office, potential donors express their interest areas and the structure of the scholarships they would like to establish. Donors may also determine qualifications for the recipients. From the beginning of this process, the donor's agreement with the mission and purpose of Taylor University is of primary importance.

An agreement is then drafted between the two parties and the scholarship comes under the control and administration of the University. It is then passed on to the financial aid office, where it is awarded to students based on the qualifications written in the agreement. Usually some biographical information is included with the scholarship so that the student may learn about the donor.

Scholarships are categorized as either endowed or annual, says Gene Rupp, vice president for Development. Endowed scholarships are those which have an initial investment of at least $10,000. Awards from these scholarships stem only from a percentage of the interest earned—usually between 80 and 90 percent. Annual scholarships are those which have a limited life. These are generally given by individual donors while endowed scholarships are often established by groups or families.

The financial aid office follows some basic guidelines to determine scholarship recipients, Rupp says. Students must be enrolled in a full-time academic schedule, must meet Taylor's academic standards, and may not be on probation. Some scholarships are awarded to students who are unable to pay their full tuition. These scholarships act as loans which are subsequently repaid by the recipients. Scholarship recipients are also encouraged to personally thank the donors.—RD

For more information regarding scholarships and how you can be a part of training godly men and women at Taylor University, please contact the Development Office at 1 (800) 882-3456, ext. 5116.
Rupp Center making good on its promises

New facilities increase capabilities for publications and productions

The Rupp Communication Arts Center symbolizes the fulfillment of a decades-long dream. As part of the vision for Taylor's fine arts center, the building stands as a testament to the faithfulness and perseverance of the founders of that vision. Now in its second year of use, the Rupp Center has shown itself to be an investment with good return for the University.

Being previously scattered in various corners of campus, the communication arts faculty welcome the internal unity of the department. In the past, the department was headquartered in Sickler Hall, with darkrooms buried in a damp, odor-filled basement, and a radio station cramped inside a small room upstairs. Some faculty members in the past even refused to teach in Sickler Hall. "And we don't blame them," says Dale Jackson, chair of the communication arts department, "because we would have said the same thing."

The atmosphere in the Rupp Center, though, is much more pleasant, he says. This is so not only for faculty, but for students as well. Photographers for the yearbook and newspaper no longer have to run across campus to develop prints, but rather just across the hall. The new facilities have also improved radio and television productions. New equipment has allowed WTUR to go on the air and five new television courses were developed to utilize the new production facilities.

The new theatre offers no comparison to the previous one, says Jackson. Plays are finally being performed in a setting which was actually designed for that purpose. Performers and stage crews now enjoy adequate room backstage, a scene shop, a costume design room, and other benefits.

A developing faculty is also increasing the knowledge base of the program, helping students make full use of the technology on hand. New courses will be developed in the future to enhance this department, which Jackson says is already one of the best among private Christian colleges.—RD

Elderhostel creates life-enhancing experience

This summer Taylor will again host this annual learning opportunity

The educational environment of Taylor University has much to offer students of all ages. For our more mature constituents (those over the age of 55) Elderhostel provides an opportunity to enhance the mind, the body, and the spirit. Taylor is one of over 1,800 institutions worldwide to provide the short-term academic program, which began in 1975.

Taylor will host Elderhostel July 7-12 with two college-level courses: The Art of Understanding Yourself, and People of Other Cultures. A potpourri of visual and performing arts experiences will season this year's offering as well, including courses in watercolor painting, Broadway musicals, cultural folk dances, and physical fitness. Cost for the program is $300 and includes registration fees, accommodations, meals, classes and other extracurricular activities.—RD

For more information, please contact Dr. Richard Parker at (317) 998-5215.
WBCL Sharathon meets goal in record time
Surplus to fund the purchase of digital equipment for WBCL studios

Life throws us into circumstances every now and then which, at the time of their occurrence, make us wonder, "Where is God in all this?" Such a time was the Christmas season for the WBCL staff. The schedule of events afforded no time for grieving the loss of Jeff Carlson, as the staff busily prepared for the annual Sharathon, two days of answering phones in search of $750,000 in pledges. What they experienced was evidence of God's grace in their time of need.

This year the calls were steady and consistent, unlike previous years when they would come in erratic cycles. This was perhaps the least stressful Sharathon in its 20 years of existence, says Char Binkley, station manager. This was also the earliest the station had met its goal since it switched from a one-day to a two-day event. Pledges were still coming in weeks later. In total, the station raised over $835,000.

The initial $750,000 goal consists of resources necessary to run the station for one year. Additional funds will go toward the purchase of digital equipment for the station which Carlson had researched for the past year. The new equipment will be installed this summer and will be dedicated, along with the Jeff Carlson Studio (currently Studio A) during the fall.

Nearly one-fifth of the WBCL listening audience supports the station. The average pledge is about $140. Those who commit to giving at least $180 join the "Coffee Can Club." The station has surpassed the Sharathon goal in each of its 20 years.—RD

Jeff Carlson dies in December auto accident
The voice that captured so many hearts was suddenly silenced

Listeners of WBCL will be missing the friendly familiar voice of Jeff Carlson, 46, who died suddenly on December 8 in an automobile accident en route to Fort Wayne, Ind.

Carlson served WBCL for 18 years as operations manager, engineer, and program host of his morning show "Rise and Shine." Warmth and humor characterized his personality and helped him achieve the Fort Wayne Voice of Choice award in 1989 and the Toastmaster award for Excellence in Communication in 1995. His broadcasting career began in the Philippines in 1966, and two years later he found a home on the Fort Wayne airwaves.

"Jeff was an integral part of the staff," says Char Binkley, station manager. "The airwaves will recover one day, but they will never be the same! Jeff definitely took an era of broadcasting with him."

Carlson is survived by his mother, his wife Beckie, 11-year-old daughter Darci, sister Mary (Carlson '61) Delcamp and her husband Sam '61, who served Taylor for many years as a vice president. The memorial service was held at Blackhawk Baptist Church in Fort Wayne.—RD
Kroeze-ing to victory

They didn't think she could do it

Taylor Women's Cross Country coach Ray Bullock was preparing for training camp in 1992 when he got a call from a freshman field hockey player from Blairstown, New Jersey. "Coach Bullock," the voice started, "my name is Elizabeth Kroeze (pronounced Cruise) and I see that you do not have field hockey, so I wondered if I could try out for the cross country team."

Bullock laughs now about his initial response. "I thought, what am I getting myself into?" When Kroeze '96, who had never run more than a mile at any one time before, arrived for training camp the reviews were less than ecstatic. "At first, she was pretty awful," Bullock says. Nevertheless, he let Kroeze run even though the first couple of meets found her bringing up the rear.

All that changed, however, at the Little State Invitational at Purdue when the freshman Kroeze surprised everyone, garnering a top-three finish on the team. "I just decided that I can do this," she says. With that, she was on her way. Kroeze never finished below fifth place again.

Bullock says that he and the team were not the only ones surprised by the turnaround. "I got a call one day from her father," he says. "She had been sending newspaper clippings home. He said, 'We didn't know she was this good.' I told him 'Believe it.'"

"Believing it" could be the hallmark of Kroeze's career. During her four-year varsity tour, she won Rookie of the Year honors in 1992, competed in three NAIA and four NCCAA Championship meets, was a two-time NAIA All-District selection, was team captain in 1994 and 1995, and also won the team's Mental Attitude Award three straight years.

Her experiences with running impacted Kroeze in other areas of life as well. Spiritually, she says, she learned about discipline and endurance, especially through the hard times. She has also enjoyed the discipline of exercise and has found joy in running on a daily basis.

Lest one think that studies ever took a back seat to her running, Kroeze maintains a 3.9 GPA, majoring in education. As she approaches graduation, she is not choosy about where she will go. "I'm just looking for a job," she says, though she plans to continue running. "I want to be one of those 60-year-olds who you see running outside, just like Coach."

Kroeze considers the opportunities she has had to be a blessing from God. She expresses appreciation to Taylor and Coach Bullock for giving her a chance.—JG
The 1995-96 Lady Trojans stand tall on the ropes course they tackled last fall. Such activities helped bring the team together in a spirit of cooperation which extended throughout the entire basketball season.

Perseverence pays off with athletic honors for basketball coaches

Years of coaching experience have garnered due honor for Paul Patterson and Tena Krause, Taylor’s basketball coaches, who have both been inducted into the athletic Halls of Fame of their respective alma maters.

Krause, the first women’s coach in Taylor history to notch 100 wins, was a three-sport athlete at Greenville (IL) College. Lynn Adams, Krause’s softball coach, who also shares her March 2nd birthday, was one of the coaches who had the greatest impact on Krause during her years at Greenville. “She was a great professor and a great inspiration to me,” Krause says. “very dynamic, demanding, and motivating.”

Krause put these characteristics into practice herself coaching the women’s basketball team. Lisa Dunkerton ’97 relates that while Krause is typical of coaches in some ways—she loves to win, she expects a 100 percent team effort from her players, etc.—she is equally concerned about each team member as a person.

“Her door is always open,” Dunkerton says. “She has a good sense of humor and likes to have fun with the girls.”

Krause has made an effort to be involved with the team, even running with them during practice. Early in the fall, she took the team on a weekend retreat where they participated in a ropes course.

“It really helped build team unity,” Dunkerton says. “It helped the freshmen feel like a part of the team and set the tone for the rest of the season.”

Patterson, a two-sport letterwinner at Hanover (IN) College, was nominated for his coaching success since graduation. “I did nothing during my career at Hanover to get me into the Hall of Fame,” he says.

Patterson’s love of athletics comes from its impact on people, but calls coaching the hardest thing he’s ever done. A reluctant honoree, Patterson credits his players and assistant coaches for their efforts.

Like Krause, Patterson expects excellence from his players. Yet, he too personalizes his relationships with team members. Jim Pope ’96 says Patterson’s influence on him extends beyond the basketball court, and into many areas including interpersonal relationships, academic work and lifestyle standards.

“He encourages us to strive for the best,” Pope says, adding that Patterson is a prime example of this. “There’s more than basketball involved. I respect him more than any other coach I’ve had.”

Pope says that the Hall of Fame honor is due recognition for all the hard work Patterson has done over the years.—JG

For the latest in schedules, statistics, scores and publications, call the Taylor University Trojan Sports Line at 317-998-4959, 24 hours a day.
Taylor Village

Up Beyond the Miniature Border

The foundation was laid and brick by brick, the Taylor story was being built. Now you can have an even greater share in the heritage of Taylor University by building your own Taylor Village model.

The following buildings are available for a donation of $25 each to the Taylor Fund: Swallow Robin, H. Maria Wright Hall, Samuel Morris Hall, Olson Hall, Sickler Hall, Rediger Chapel/Auditorium, Gerig Hall, Bergwall Hall, Zondervan Library, Magee-Campbell-Wisconsin, Ayres Alumni Hall, Wengatz Hall, Odle Gymnasium, English Hall, Nussbaum Science Center, and Hodson Dining Commons.

For more information on the Taylor Village, please contact the Office of Development, 1-800-882-3456. If you would like to order Taylor Village buildings, please send your gift to Joyce Helyer, director of the Taylor Fund, Development Office, Taylor University, 500 W. Reade Ave., Upland, IN 46989-1001.

NAC hosts work day

Alumni to serve the community

In keeping with the University’s theme of “A Purpose to Serve,” the National Alumni Council will be hosting and sponsoring a day of community service for the town of Upland on June 22. Area alumni are invited to participate in this event. Come and join the fellowship. Further details will follow in a special mailing.

For more information, please contact the Alumni Office, Taylor University, 500 W. Reade Ave., Upland, IN 46989-1001. Or call 1-800-882-3456.

1996 Alumni Directory

If you would like to receive the upcoming alumni directory as appreciation for your gift of any amount to Taylor, please request a copy when you send your gift. The directory will be available during the summer.

Look for a questionnaire in the mail that will give you the opportunity to update your information for the directory.

For more information, please contact the Alumni Office at 1-800-882-3456.
Encounters with stormy weather

Fort Wayne Female College had its share of tough luck in the early years.

1851

As with any new undertaking, details often get lost in the shuffle of responsibility. Mistakes are easily made and hopefully learned from so as not to be repeated in the future. Fort Wayne Female College was not immune to such circumstances as the following entries from the Board of Trustees minutes show.

May 1851—The president called the meeting to determine what actions should be taken concerning recent storm damage. Upon assessment it was resolved that $250 worth of damage had been incurred and that a loan should be sought to make the appropriate repairs.

January 7, 1852—The president being absent, the vice president called the meeting to order. A motion was made that the Fort Wayne Female College secure property insurance. The motion passed unanimously.

April 17, 1852—At the request of the president, a meeting was called to vote on a number of pending issues. Among the decisions made by the Board that day, it was stated that they “deem it expedient to protect the college building with lightning rods,” just before storm season.—SW

1921

Upland native pursues life of science; conducts research on the effects of atomic radiation and cancer treatments.

Scientific research rooted in faith

John Bugher helped increase understanding of atomic power.

The name of John Bugher is known in scientific circles worldwide, and has been significant to Upland also, where he was born in 1901. His grandfather, Jacob, platted the town, and his father, Anson, was among Taylor’s first trustees when the school moved to Upland.

In 1921, Bugher received B.S. degrees from both Taylor and the University of Michigan, where he later earned two masters degrees. In 1951, Taylor awarded him an honorary doctor of science degree.

Employment at the Rockefeller Foundation then sent him to Africa and South America to conduct research on yellow fever. In 1952, the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission appointed him director of the Division of Biology and Medicine. When he left in 1955, another Taylor graduate, Charles W. Shilling ’23, filled that position. In 1967, the Atomic Energy Commission awarded a citation to Dr. Bugher.

In addition to extensive work on yellow fever, Dr. Bugher studied the delayed effects of atomic radiation in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and became a leading authority on the pathological effects of atomic radiation. He also set up numerous projects at colleges and universities and directed research in cancer treatment.—JC
Male shortage at the match factory

The War Years pulled many a would-be groom away from our ladies-in-waiting.

Dating on the college campus is often a matter of availability. With many young men off to battle in World War II, Taylor’s enrollment in 1945 consisted of 59 men and 122 women. One must wonder about the dating situation that year.

It was almost a reversal of the 1890’s when the male-female ratio ranged from 3:1 to 6:1. As if to further disadvantage the men, most of the ladies were better-off financially. In his notes on Taylor history, Burt Ayres, Taylor dean and president in the early 1900’s, says the result was that the campus tried to “avoid such campus events as would create situations that would throw the expenses of the couple on the young man.”

The economic problem seemed little bother, though, for many formed social attachments and the men were necessarily aggressive and adhesive, comments Ayres, “lest an opening... lead to a loss of priority.” The result: Taylor became known as the “Match Factory.”

After 1945, the balance was somewhat restored. The G.I.s began coming home, and by 1949 the male-female ratio rose to 3:2. Even today, with the ratio close to even, the “Match Factory” idea isn’t too far off. Just ask current students.—JC

Interterm results in change of pace

Tucked between semesters, J-term brings diversity to academic calendar.

With the addition of Interterm in the late 1960’s, the school calendar settled into the system students now know. While the school year had been previously divided into three 12-week terms, a unanimous vote by the faculty in 1935 changed that to two 18-week semesters.

Then in 1968, the 18-week semester was changed to 16 weeks, with the extra four weeks being included in the newly-formed January Interterm, which provided students a change of pace and opportunity for new kinds of experiences. The faculty was encouraged to discover innovative techniques in teaching. And to the joy of many, fall finals now came before Christmas break.

Interterm required no increase in tuition; rather, charges included only room and board and an additional $50. Freshmen and sophomores were required to attend. They could take History 120, Biblical Literature 200, or English 221. Seniors could take capstone courses, and juniors were encouraged to find off-campus experiences related to their majors.

This January, students chose from over 50 course offerings, including overseas travel-study experiences and ministry-study trips.—JC

1945
The ratio between the number of men and the number of women at Taylor was further widened when male students were called off to war.

1968
Faculty members encouraged to utilize innovative teaching methods during interterm.
1936
Louise (Longnecker) Cookingham, wife of Rev. Charles W. Cookingham, died January 21, 1994 at Chelsea Michigan Methodist Retirement home following a stroke 15 months earlier. She is survived by her husband, a daughter Mary Jane and a grandson Christopher.

1937
Rev. Perry Haines, age 80, passed away on January 7, 1995 after a long illness. He was retired and lived in Falmouth, MA on Cape Cod for 15 yrs. He was honored by the United Church of Christ for having served 50 yrs. as pastor of church of that denomination in MA, CT, CA and MI. Surviving him is his wife Lorena (Porter '36) who lives in Falmouth.

1938
Roy & Becky (Wheeler) Maxson were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary in Nov. with a concert and reception given by their children and grandchildren at their church in Zionsville, IN. Roy is a retired anesthesiologist who enjoys woodworking and Becky stays active as a volunteer to Crossroads Rehabilitation Center and at church. Joining his family in presenting the concert was a current member of Taylor Sounds, Nathan Swartzendruber '97. The Maxsons reside at 5785 E 500 S, Whitestown, IN 46075.

1939
Alice (Butz) Uphold died Oct. 9, 1995 in her home after a long illness. She is survived by brother Earl Butz '41, two sisters, Hazel (Butz '38) Carruth and Lila Butz, 2 sons and 4 grandchildren.

1940
Ralph Cummings passed away on Nov. 29, 1995 after a long struggle with lung disease. He is survived by wife Constance. Her address is PO Box 313, Arlington, VT 05250.

1951
Norm Wilhelmi is the author of a new book, The Sweet Smell of Pine. This publication deals with the topic of substituting in athletics. For more information about this book contact Pine Board Press, 111 Assembly Dr., Box 250, Montreal, NC 28757.

1955
Norma Holmgren passed away on May 24, 1995. During her tenure at TU she worked with Alice Holcombe in the library. She had been director of 3 large libraries on Long Island.

1962
Priscilla Bruce is helping to start the Oak Park Christian Academy in Oak Park, IL. She teaches kindergarten in the morning and upper grades in the afternoon. Her new address is 7212 Oak Ave. 2SE, River Forest, IL 60305.

1965
Marilyn Snider x is the school nurse at United Christian College, a private high school with an enrollment of 1200 students. Of these students, 1100 are Chinese students from Hong Kong; the other 100 are English-speaking students from India, Korea, Malaysia and Hong Kong. She teaches an English-speaking Bible class and assists with chapel. In addition, she teaches an oral English class at a church as a means of evangelism. Her address is PO Box 95266, Tsim Sha Tsui PO, Kowloon, Hong Kong.
1972
In June 1995 Robert Schoenhabls ended 12 years as pastor of Byron First UM Church. He spent 6 of those yrs.as parish dir. of the Seven Churches United Group Ministry. He is now the chaplain/director of the Wesley Foundation Campus Ministry at Univ. of Michigan in Ann Arbor where he ministers mainly to college and graduate students as well as other university personnel. The Wesley Fnd. is the oldest UM campus ministry in the US, chartered in 1887 as the Wesleyan Guild. Bob’s wife Jill is a college instructor, a non-profit agency executive and child abuse prevention specialist. They have a daughter Alison (11). Bob also has 3 grown step-children and 2 lovely step-granddaughters by a previous marriage. • Allen Voth x, Rose Hill Kansas High HS principal, was recently honored as one of 6 candidates for Kansas Principal of the Year. He was honored at a banquet held Nov. 5 at the Airport Hilton in Wichita. Each candidate won the title for his/her own area of the state. Allen was the winner for Area IV, covering the south central portion of Kansas. Allen and wife Kaye (Frank ’73) are the parents of 2 children; Lorri (3rd grade) and Brent (1st grade). Their address is 532 Plumwood, Rose Hill, KS 67133. • Mel Leaman has been serving as Pastor of a United Methodist Church in southeastern Pennsylvania since 1984. He received a Doctorate of Ministry to Marriage and Family (a family systems approach to counseling) from Eastern Baptist Seminary in 1990. Mel, his wife Joan, and sons Todd (18 yrs.) and Toby (16 yrs.) reside at 314 Prospect Ave., West Grove, PA 19390.

1975
Cathy (Pakasini) Reed has been elected to the board of directors of Big Sisters of Central IN for a 3-yr. term. She is also active in St. Margaret’s Hospital Guild.

1976
Christie (Luellen) Fouse is the Migrant and Title I teacher at Blue River Valley Elem. School. Her husband John works at Ball-Foster Corp. in Munice. They have 3 children; Sean (13), Colleen (13) and Megan (11). Their address is PO Box 76, Oregon, IN 47560.

1977
Deborah (Montgomery) Neuenschwander was chosen as only 1 of 43 persons in the nation to receive the US Postal Service Benjamin award. Deborah is an 11-yr. veteran of the postal service and has been postmaster at Lyons (OH) for 4 yrs. She received the Benjamin award for outstanding public relations.

1978
On Christmas 1994, 6 couples gathered for a Taylor reunion in the Chicago area. They were Mark & Jennifer Rutzen, Fred x & Joan (Olson) VanderSchaaf, Bob & Lynn (Cavin) Hutchins, Don & Kay Churchill, Dave & Mendi (Beauty x’79) Dunbar and Jim x’79 & Renee Deejean. All these men are remnants of Wengatz! • Phillip Price married Kimberly McKenna on July 29 in Hinesville, GA. TU alumni Ben ’79 & Suzee (Searer x’82) Myers flew in from Southern CA for their daughter Courtney (12) to be soloist for the ceremony. The Prices live in Osilla, GA where Phillip is head basketball coach for Ocilla HS.

1979
Mark Hammer was elected to a 4-yr. term on the Greencastle City Council. He ran on the Republican ticket. Mark and wife Jeannet reside at 720 Ravenwood Dr., Greencastle, IN with their children Marcy (12) and Jim (10).

1980
Brian & Andrea Burnett have moved to Nizhny Novgorod, Russia where Brian is a professor at the Nizhny Novgorod State Univ. He is teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in business ethics, managerial finance, and money and banking. They are working under the auspices of the Intl. Institute for Christian Studies as tentmaker missionaries. The Burnetts had lived in Indianapolis for 6 yrs. where Brian worked for Eli Lilly and Co. They can be reached at Zhukova St. 12-4, Nizhny Novgorod 603137, Russia. Their e-mail address is 73204.2040@compuserve.com and their phone number is 7-3312463919. • Jon & Susan (Carnes) Fiet have moved to 722 Timerlake Tr., Ft. Wayne, IN 46804. Jon is group controller of the non-ferrous division of Omniosource. Their children are Christina (16), Benjamin (12) and Alexander (6). Susan homeschooled the children for several years and has had craft designs published by Leisure Arts. • Kenneth Fink was promoted from trust officer to asst. vice president of Harris Trust and Savings Bank. Fink serves as portfolio manager with responsibility for the investments of trust and investment management clients. Kenneth and wife Sherri have a son and daughter and live in Chicago. • Warren & Kathy (Cork) Hoffman are the proud parents of Emily and Megan, twins born June 5, 1995. Sister Katie is 3. Kathy is on leave from Prudential Ins. Co, where she serves as asst. treasurer. They reside at 41 Edgewood Dr., Chatham, NJ 07928.

1981
Annalisie Rachel was born Jan. 7, 1995 to Jayman & Teresa Avery. Jayman IV (3) also welcomed her home to 17800 Cherrywood Ln., Homewood, IL 60430. • Mr. David & Dr. Robin (Chemenko) Chaddock proudly announce the arrival of Grant David, born July 27, 1995. He joins sister Madison Anne (4). Robin is self-employed in sales management and training with The Longaberger Co. They live at 8161 Silk Cir., Indianapolis, IN 46256. • Steve & Vicky (Halupnik) Clinkscales proudly welcome Michael Dale born May 30, 1995. Both of them work at Cherry Creek Presby. Church; Steve works with singles and Vicky is dir. of elem. Christian ed. The family resides at 2860 S. Jackson St., Denver, CO 80210. • Brian & Lorene (Muthiah) Coffey joyfully welcome Micah John born July 22, 1995. Brothers are Jordan (5) and Jesse (3). Brian is senior pastor at the First Baptist Church in Geneva, IL 60134. • Tim Johnson is now full-time assoc. pastor of an int'l. church, Kurume Bible Fellowship. The family is still ministering in Japan. • John & Rachel Palacino reside at 628 Little Texas Rd., Travelers Rest, SC 29690. John is assoc. pastor at the Christian Assembly of God and Rachel is a part-time nurse. Children are Daniel (12), Stephen (9) and Theodore (2).

1982
Cathy (Endean) Glupker married David Wagner on Nov. 26, 1994. She has 3 children:
David, Lindy and Timmy. David is a physical therapist at Charlotte Community Hosp. They live at 4647 E. Saover Rd., Silverwood, MI 48760. • Mark & Louanne (Lewis) Irving joyfully announce the birth of Christine

Mark and Louanne (Lewis ’82) Irving with Jonathan, David and Christine.

Elizabeth on June 5, 1995. Big brothers are Jonathan (6) and David (3). The family’s address is 136 S. Summit, Wheaton, IL 60187.

1983

Mark & Joy (Tietze) Hayden joyfully announce the birth of Trent Gregory. He was welcomed by siblings Taylor (7), Trey (6), Carissa (4) and Tucker (2). Mark is a systems programmer for Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Washington, DC. Joy homeschools their two oldest sons. The Hayden family resides at 12525 Browns Ferry Rd., Herndon, VA 22070. • Jay & Vicki (Pierce) Schindler announce the birth of Jena Victoria on Sept. 27, 1995. Siblings are Jacqueline (6) Jonathan (4) and Jami (2). The Schindlers live in Dayton, OH where Jay is vice pres. of marketing for Eskco. Vicki keeps busy at home with the children.

Still the best of First West, these 1985 grads have met annually since graduation. They are (top row) Amy (Mitchell x) Young, Beth Gabrielson, Adona Ball, Lisa (Boyd) Campbell; (bottom row) Nancy (Norman) Rizzo, Sue (Vinton) Stone, Lois (Kiehlauch) Larsen, Cathy (Deeter x) Trout, Holly (Egner) Walker.

1985

Bob & Betty (Plowman) Barclay thank God for the miracle of Aaron Matthew born Nov. 12, 1995. Proud brother Alex is 3. The family’s address is 43630 Freedy Ct., Ashburn, VA 20101. • Mark & LeDaia (Wallace ’86) Bowell are the proud parents of Lakin K. born Oct. 2, 1995. Brother Blake is 3. Mark is executive director of the Indianapolis Parks Foundation. • Andrew Campbell completed his emergency medicine residency in June of 1994. He is working as an ER medicine physician at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton, OH. Andrew and wife Lisa (Boyd) now reside at 8473 Highmount Dr., Springboro, OH 45066. • Daniel Detrick married Alisa on Oct. 7, 1995 in Richmond, VA. Larry Babian was in attendance. Daniel is a merchantil with Broudy-Kantor Co., Inc. and Alisa is a computer operator for Drs. Schroeder, Stenger and Taylor. They live at 5200 Pine Crest Ave., Richmond, VA 22225. • Mike & Patti (Heath ’85) Wills moved to the Chicago area. Mike works for Motorola as director of systems management for the US and Canada. They and their 3 children, Katelyn (5), Andrew (3) and Lauren (1), are living at 771 Old Westbury Rd., Crystal Lake, IL 60012.

1986

David & Michelle (Mathes x) Becker proudly announce the arrival of Garrett David born Nov. 7, 1995. He joins big sister Megan Elise (almost 3). David is employed by Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC) as a 3rd yr. family medicine resident physician. He will complete an additional year of training in a sport medicine fellowship through CAMC. Michelle is a full-time homemaker. The Beckers reside at 1231 Thomas Rd., South Charleston, WV 25360. • Tim & Christine (Hume) Bresnan announce the arrival of Samantha Adla and David’s family. She is a 2-yr-old girl who was born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Samantha arrived at the Indianapolis Int’l. Airport after a 30-hr. flight on Aug. 28, 1995. She is doing very well and is full of smiles and hugs. The Bresnans adopted Samantha through “Americans for Africans Adoption.” Tim is a CPA with his firm Bresnan & Associates. Christine works as a systems consultant for American Trans Air. Their address is 9292 Lincoln Creek Cir., Indianapolis, IN 46234. • Wayne ’78 & Barb (Shaffer) Dillard are the proud parents of Rachel Joy born Oct. 23, 1995. Sisters are Barbara (5) and Andrea (3). Wayne is a pilot with AirTran Airways and Barb “still enjoys being a domestic goddess.” The family lives at 4096 Belle Meade Ct., Casselbury, FL 32070.

1987

Mike Fanning is the associate pastor at East White Oak Bible Church in Carlock, IL. The address for he and wife Lisa (Knox ’89) Fanning is PO Box 245, Carlock, IL 61725. • Kevin & Stephanie (Von Gunten) Fitzharris are the proud parents of McKenna Kelli born Sept. 30, 1995. Kevin is employed with Barrett & McNagny. Stephanie is staying at home with McKenna. Their address is 1132 Westover Rd., Ft. Wayne, IN 46807. • Jamie Frintz married Suzanne Duling in Kenosha, WI on July 22, 1995. TU participants were John Frintz, Linda (Kaiser x’89) Frintz, Brad Sheppard, Mike Heininger and Steve McKinney. Jamie is dir. of environmental services for ServiceMaster in Zion, IL. They live at 11151 8th Ave., Kenosha, WI 53143-1821. • Tom & Suzi (Beers) Harrison joyfully welcome Madeline Marie born Oct. 5, 1995. The family’s address is Signal Pep USMI GRP Venezuela Unit 1980, APO AA 34057-0008. • David & Elizabeth (Dowden) Straley are pleased to announce the birth of Nicole Marie on Nov. 27, 1995. Nicole was welcomed home by Christopher (4) and Allyson
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Christine Burchi and Dr. Stephen Stricker were married on August 19, 1995 in Birming-
ham, AL. They reside at 1700 Severn,
Grosse Pt. Woods, MI 48236. *Steven
Huprich* graduated from the Univ. of
Dayton in August 1994 with an MA in
clinical psychology. He is at Univ. of North
Carolina in Greensboro working on a PhD in
clinical psychology. Steve’s address is 1521
Bridford Pwy. Apt. 12L, Greensboro, NC
27407. *Jacob* Logan was born on Oct. 13,
1994 to Jonathan & Jill (Hay ’89) Jeran.
Brother Jordan is almost 4. The Jerans are
beginning a new mission work in the Middle
east this fall. They will be back in the US in
1998. To correspond with the Jerans or be
placed on their prayer letter list contact Diane
Rodacker at EMC Headquarters,
1420 Kerrway Ct., Ft. Wayne, IN 46805. *Shelley Rogers* and Gary Maze were
married on Dec. 9, 1995. Gary is an
engineer for Hi Tech Systems and Shelley is
a nanny for the Woodye Residence. The
couple resides at 5210 White River Dr.,
Greenwood, IN 46143. *Scott & Karen
(Hollars) Shellburne* joyfully announce the
birth of Stephanie Elaine born Sept. 25,
1995. Scott is assistant pastor at Faith
Baptist Church. Karen resigned her position
as business manager of the School of
Veterinary Medicine at Purdue to stay at
home. They reside at 107 N 500 E,
Lafayette, IN 47905. *Mike & Rebecca
(Swofford) Yoder* are the proud parents of
Austin Lane born Feb. 6, 1995. Mike is executive assistant to the mayor for the city of
Indianapolis. Rebecca is the director of A
Child’s Day Out program in Indy. Their
home address is 11529 Sterrett Blvd.,
Indianapolis, IN 46236. *Elliot Michael
West* arrived June 1, 1995. Proud parents
are Michael & Kristy (Bradley ’89) West.
He was born 12 weeks premature weighing
only 2 lbs 1 oz. He stayed in a neonatal
intensive care unit for 89 days facing a
number of setbacks, but came through with
flying colors in the end. The Wests say he is
“God’s little miracle.” The family resides at
4168 Brown Rd., Parma, MI 48296. *Lloyd & Amy (Duchemin) Work* have
moved to 708 College Way, Carmel, IN 46032.

1990

Chip Baza graduated from IU Dental School
and opened a new practice called The Smile
Center. It is located in Highland, IN. *Craig &
Sandy (Shimer) Harlament* are proud to
announce the birth of Krista Hope on August
18, 1995. They reside at 5741 Osuna NE #1500,
Albuquerque, NM 87109. *Deborah Sue
Litsch* married Lt. John Paul Hutton on March
18, 1995. In attendance from TU were Wendy
(Carlson) Dellis, Betsy Zehnder, Corinne Willis
’91, Dr. Michael Koostia ’91 and Dr.
Scott Koostia ’91. Deborah is a cytotechnologist
at Miami Valley Hospital, John is a graduate of the US
Air Force Academy and is an
officer at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The
couple’s address is 904-C Greatview Cir.,
Centerville, OH 45459. *Bill Schureman* is a
machine operator for Caterpillar, Inc.
He operated a Mazak FMS producing track links
for a D9-D11 track type tractor. He is also
working with the high school youth group at
Grace Presbyterian Church in Peoria, IL. His
address is 401 W. Stonegate, Peoria, IL 61614.
*Kevin & Gretchen (Burwick) Scoleri
joyfully welcome Michael Joseph born August
7, 1995. Mike is senior pastor at Northbrook
Church. The family lives at N92 W17695
White Oak Cir. #24, Menomonee Falls, WI
53051. *Jenny Dickinson* married Byron
Skaggs on April 1, 1995 in Anderson, IN.
Byron is a youth minister at the White
Chapel Church of God and Jenny is a
guidance counselor for Volusia City Schools.
The couple live at 2080 Oak Meadow Cir., South
Daytona, FL 32199-8821. *Russ & Debby
(Moore) Running* are the proud parents of
Cassandra Jane born Sept. 24, 1995. Russ and
Debby are the owners of Running’s
Yamaha-John Deere. Their address is 3761
County Hwy A, Rhinelander, WI 54501. *Fred &
Cheryl Stayton* are excited to announce the
birth of Caleb Bryant on March 14, 1995. He
is joined at home by sisters Sara (4) and Rebekah
(2). Fred is pastor of North Liberty UM
Church. Their address is PO Box 904, North
Liberty, IN 46554. *Margo Tiede* received an
MAE with a 3.9 GPA from IWU. She taught
kindergarten the last 4 years at New Palestine
Elementary. Her address is 4077 Meander Bend,
Indianapolis, IN 46268.

1991

Ann Janette Cuper married Daniel McCorkle
on June 3, 1995. Both serve at the Evangelical
Formosan Church of South Bay. Dan is
associate pastor and Ann Janette is college
director. The couple lives at 23432 Feijoa Ave.,
Lenita, CA 90717. *Elyce Elder* is now living
at 1503 N. Pennsylvania, Apt. 63, Indiana-
apolis, IN 46202. She works at Riley
Children’s Hospital as a child life specialist.
She also became engaged on Dec. 20, 1995
in Joshua Hubler! *Missy Nieven* married David Hines on April 22, 1995 in
Scott City, MO. TU participants were
Jennifer (Settiga) ’92 Urban, Julie
(Belknap ’88) Nieven, Scott Nieven
’88, Kirk Nieven ’93 and Tracy (Toby
’89) Mann. Missy is an English teacher at
Scott City HS and is pursuing her MA in
English at Southeast Missouri State Univ.
The couple resides at 1900 William, Cape
Girardeau, MO 63701. *Scott & Kathleen
(VanHorn ’93) Popejoy joyfully announce the
birth of Elizabeth Grace on Dec. 3, 1995. The
family resides at PO Box 522, Conrad,
IA 50621. *David & Marianne (Koop)
Orme* moved to New York City in Jan. 1995
so Dave could attend Columbia Univ. Along
with his computer science graduate studies,
he does software consulting for the NYC
department of health. Marianne finished her MA
in Old Testament at Trinity in Deerfield, IL
and now works at the NY Public Library’s
telephone reference office. They live at 437
W. 263rd St., Bronx, NY 10471. *Chris &
Inger (Lindberg) Plummer* are the proud
Chris is senior editor of Eagle Video Corp.
They live at 4177 Eastridge Dr., Rockford,
IL 61017. *Caryn Reed* and David Atkins
were married on Oct. 21, 1995 in Newark, DE.
Participating as maid of honor was Penny
Hammond ’92. Caryn is employed with
Zeneca Pharmaceuticals as a programmer
analyst. David works as a production planner
for the nylon division of DuPont. Their
address is 130 Monet Cir., Wilmington, DE
19808. *David & Amy (Ecklund/93) Romig*
are the proud parents of David Paul III (Trey)
born Sept. 7, 1995. The family resides at 3009
Sagegrove Rd., Millthorpe, VA 23112. *Ernesto & Carmen (Conley) Flores* joyfully
announce the birth of Victoria Elisabeth on
August 20, 1995. Carmen is now regional
project manager for Latin America at Chore-
1992

Tim Hildebrand is a 6th grade teacher and varsity basketball coach at Valley Christian School. He lives at South 705 Jefferson, Apt. 10, Spokane, WA 99204. He would love to hear from other Taylor alums in the area. Laura Paul and Jeff Harmon '93 SCC were married on June 24, 1995 in Sturgis, MI. Cathy (Itzels '93) Miller, Lisa Paul, Bob Roggenbuck and Brian Wright '90 TUFW participated in the wedding. The Harmon's live in Wabash, IN. Ty & Brenda (Kaufman) Platt are the proud parents of Kyle Steven born Oct. 31, 1995. Ty is a teacher and varsity boys basketball coach at Columbus East HS (IN). Brenda is a junior high social studies teacher at Southwestern Jr/Sr HS in Hanover, IN. Zach Pryor is completing work on an MDiv. Julie (Taniis) is working on a master's in counseling at Covenant Seminary. The couple's address is 8439 Atherton Dr. #1E, St. Louis, MO 63132-1028. Pamela Reeder served as the Alliance Theological Seminary intern to the Evangelical Church of Bangkok, Bangkok, Thailand from June 1994-June 1995. Pam is currently working on her master's degree at the Seminary in Nyack, NY, preparing for overseas ministry. Her current address is Alliance Theological Seminary, 1 S. Blvd., Nyack, NY 10960.

1993

Jace x & Cassie (Miller x) Carlson joyfully welcome Mylon James born June 6, 1996. Brother Rowland is 3. Jace is a computer analyst at the Bank of Boston. The family resides at 5500 High Top Cir., Charlotte, NC 28269. Amy Dys and Kevin Torrans '94 were married in Ft. Myers, FL on July 8, 1995. Attendees included Lorilynn Dys '97, Joel '95 & Danielle (Homendy '95) Gilbert, Jess Hotmire, Sarah Siesennop, and Christa (Williamson) Siegelin. The Torrans reside in Upland, IN. Kevin is completing his MBA at Ball State Univ. Amy works with college students at World Gospel Mission, Marion, IN.

1994

Sara Banks and Mark Hubbard '95 were married on May 20, 1995. From TU in the wedding were Mark Jones '96, Jason Giger '97, Mark Hess '95, Ava Archibald, Dr. Jerry Giger, Jr., and Shannon (Meiboom '93) Thompson, Joe '88 & Rebecca (Hubbard '91) Manglila. Mark is a stockbroker with OLDE Discount, Inc. The couple lives near Cincinnati, OH. Angela Cox and Jason "Phubbs" Fortner were married on March 25, 1995 in Sharpsville, IN. Maid of honor was Molly Jones '95. Bridesmaid was Laura Fortner '98. Jason is teaching Spanish at Frankfort middle and high schools. Angela is also employed by Community Schools of Frankfort. They live at 1250 E. Wabash St., Frankfort, IN 46041. Matt & Sherri Whitcroft have taken teaching positions at Sunshine Bible Academy in Miller, SD. Matt is the Christian ed. director and teaches senior Bible. Sherri teaches math and science. Their address is HC 63, Box 29, Miller, SD 57362. Mark Wilson is serving with the Peace Corps in Panama and has been there for over a year. He is working in the forestry/agriculture aspect, along with teaching. His address is Marcos Wilson PCV, Entrega General, Chitre Herrera, Republica de Panama.

1995

Scott DePlante married Scott Westrum '96 on August 12, 1995. TU participants were David Steiner, Susan (Ludema) Dunham, Krista (Janes) Thomson, Kyle Good '94, Jackie Sevier '94, Craig Goodwin '97 and Heather Foster '97. Chris is an internal auditor for STAR Financial Group and Scott is finishing his degree at TU. The couple's address is Taylor U., Box 1306, 540 W. Reade Ave., Upland, IN 46989. Julianna Gurley and Joel Fletcher '94 were married on Sept. 2, 1995 in Canton, OH. Participating from TU were Timothy Drake, Max Fulwider, Matthew Hartwell '96, Mark Rudy '96, Debbie Bowers '96, Cindy Shuler '96, Kathy Anderson '97 and Jen Anderson '97. Joel is an account for DIRECTV and Julianna is a management trainee for Enterprise Co. They live at 2239 Stablehouse Dr., Sterling, VA 20164. Matthew Strid is in computer resales at Lewan & Associates. His address is 2114 S. Richfield Way #K206, Aurora, CO 80022.

Friends gather to celebrate the marriage of Jason '94 and Angela (Cox '94) Fortner.

Mark '94 and Sara (Banks '94) Hubbard stand together with their wedding party.

Joel '94 and Julianna (Gurley '95) Fletcher are joined by friends from TU.

Scott '96 and Chris (DePlante '95) Westrum with Taylor friends.
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Finding contentment in the life that God has given

I suppose I consider myself a “typical” Taylor University graduate. Typical because I am none of the following:
- A distinguished alumna (unless, of course, they have a new category for “most unusual visit to a hospital emergency room”—my son swallowed our bath stopper at age four. He’s now in the gifted program at his school. Go figure.)
- A consistent contributor to the Alumni Fund (I’m working on it, but right now my kids are lucky if I remember their lunch money).
- A supermom who sews all her children’s clothing, is working on her PhD in her spare time, has a month’s worth of nutritious meals in hermetically sealed bags in the freezer and carries a day-timer that would make Ted Turner look like a deadbeat.

What I am is a 37-year-old homemaker with two (almost) perfect children, a great husband and two dogs, one of whom runs under the kitchen table every time you say “come” (the dog, not my husband). My house is, on most days, a cross between Better Homes and Gardens and a war zone. My intellectual stimulation comes from Mr. Rogers (hey, the guy’s got a PhD) and Barney the dinosaur (don’t ask). I stopped referring to myself as a “stay-at-home mom” because I live in my car. In short, I’m a typical ’90s suburban housewife. With one big distinction: I carry Jesus Christ and Taylor University in my heart every day.

I learned so much in my four years at Taylor—some has been forgotten, some still waits to be put to use. But one thing I still use every day is my ability to question, a skill which was honed in college. For so many of my professors, it was never enough to simply know. The why was an equally significant component in the learning process. That skill certainly has no better application than in the Church today. With so much false teaching, so many half-truths, we as believers have an obligation to know not simply what we believe, but why. I will be forever indebted to godly teachers who knew that if God’s word was the ultimate truth, it would stand up to any amount of scrutiny and questioning.

I must say, however, nothing quite prepares you to plumb the depths of theology with an eight-year-old boy. My son Matt’s latest entry in the “Impossible Questions for Mommy to Answer” category was, “If we have a Father in heaven, how come we don’t have a Mother in heaven too?” After a quick (albeit desperate) prayer for wisdom, I looked at my darling boy and replied, “Because God gave me to you, sweetheart.” Needless to say, my son was less than impressed. Forgive me Dr. Nygren, but I doubt even if two semesters of Philosophy and Christian Thought could have rescued me from that abyss.

The great thing about experiencing the kind of love and acceptance that I found at Taylor is that you get addicted to it. It’s an addiction that’s actually good for you, too (I suppose I’d be stretching the analogy if I included chocolate). My life has taken an awful lot of twists and turns in the last 15 years, and that “addiction” to God’s people—staying close and accountable with a group of loving, supportive believers—has sustained and strengthened my faith (it’s called “The Body of Christ” for a good reason!).

That kind of support has been no more significant than in the last three years. My precious daughter, Amanda, was diagnosed with autism, a communication disorder with often debilitating effects. I can’t say it’s been easy, but I’ve certainly put into practice many of the truths I learned while at Taylor. God had been preparing me through all the “defining moments” in my life (Taylor being a big one) to minister to a three-year-old girl who would need all the love, patience, and tenacity God could provide. And in the process, He gave me the privilege of knowing Him in a deeper, more intimate way than I ever thought possible. He has also opened new doors as I work with other families through a special needs ministry at my church in Texas.

Taylor University is a small, Christian liberal arts college in the Indiana heartland. But Taylor University is also a stay-at-home mom in Dallas, TX, who lives in her car, has a son who is eight going on twenty-eight, and a daughter who today lights up the world and sings about the Jesus who loves her “just because”. Taylor University is me. And it’s you. It is those who travel to foreign lands to proclaim the Gospel and those who proclaim it in their kitchens over a cup of coffee. It is those with PhD’s who discover a new treatment for a disease and those with BA’s who discover a new way to remove gum from a jeans pocket. I’m often reminded of Richard Halverson as he spoke in a Taylor chapel meeting. He said very simply, “Everywhere you go today, Christ is sending you.” For better or worse, we are all ambassadors of Christ and of Taylor University. I, for one, am thankful and proud to be identified with both.

And who knows? A PhD may yet be in the cards for me. I’ve been assured by friends that brain cells can regenerate after your children are grown. Right now, however, I think I hear life calling me—or the upstairs bath overflowing...—SS
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