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Congratulations, Class of 1997!
Our God is a consuming fire.

A burning fire is a great paradox. It is only when fire engulfs the Jack Pine of northern Michigan that seeds are released from the cone. Without this deadly fire there would be no rebirth. A raging fire sweeps over a prairie and leaves little but scarred stalks and blackened earth. Still, those species that are rooted deeply in the soil emerge, purified by the fire. Such was the case for the Upland prairie, shown in this image, as it burned on April 22. Each spring, in cooperation with local fire officials, the environmental science department coordinates a burning of the restored prairie managed by the University. Humans, like pine trees and prairies, are tried by fire. As students took time to participate in the first-ever Grandparents’ Day at Taylor, they heard stories that testify of the fires of life, and of God’s complete and perfect faithfulness through them all. And like Nebuchadnezzar, when he called forth the three men of God from the very furnace that was meant to destroy them, we too can say, “Praise be to God... who has sent his angel and rescued his servants! For no other god can save in this way.” It is to these godly grandparents that we dedicate this issue.—editor
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In Pursuit of Excellence

What is the North Central Association?

- Established in 1895, the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) is an accrediting organization for elementary, secondary, and postsecondary institutions.
- The NCA serves schools in nineteen states—from Arizona to West Virginia, Minnesota to Oklahoma—as well as government schools and schools in the Navajo Nation.
- Through the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education, the NCA monitors member organizations, involving educators from these schools in all review and decision-making processes.

Taylor University, this requires a commitment to “educating men and women for lifelong learning and for ministering the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need” and a solid commitment to the Lordship of Jesus Christ built upon the belief that “all truth has its source in God.”

The purposes and mission of Taylor University are proven through review by an outside accrediting organization. Taylor underwent such a review in February by the North Central Association (NCA). However, long before the NCA site review team visited the two campuses, a 22-member steering committee—chaired by Dr. Steve Bedi, associate vice president for academic affairs, and composed of dedicated Taylor faculty and staff members—worked diligently to prepare materials for the review. The most notable of these materials is a 360-page report documenting the self-study, which was conducted over the previous 22 months by the steering committee. This report formed the basis of the NCA review team’s evaluation of Taylor. While official notice is not expected until August, the review team has recommended Taylor for unqualified reaccreditation through the 2006-07 academic year.

So thorough was Taylor’s self-study that few surprises remained when the review team discussed its findings with the steering committee. In part, this is due to the steering committee’s adherence to the criteria used by the NCA in evaluating institutions (see sidebar). Taylor was first accredited with the NCA in 1947, and has since maintained continuous accreditation with the organization. Membership in the NCA ensures that Taylor is adequately fulfilling the standards for accredited institutions of higher education, and that Taylor is remaining true to its mission.

In addition to fulfilling NCA requirements, the self-study is intended to help departments on both campuses improve and plan for the future. The steering committee was carefully chosen to represent all departments on both campuses. Information was gathered by the group through personal interviews, meetings, surveys, and through the review of institutional documents. Upon its completion, the self-study report was...
incorporated into the long-range planning process for Taylor through the President’s Council for Assessment, Strategic and Long-Range Planning (PCAP).

The review team visited the Upland campus for three days, and two members of the team spent the second day on the Fort Wayne campus. The review process was comprehensive, involving meetings and interviews with board members, key administrators, and faculty and students from both campuses. A group of alumni on the Upland campus was interviewed as well.

When the final discussion had ended, the NCA review team came to a unanimous agreement that Taylor University should be recommended for unconditional reaccreditation for the next ten years. The rationale for this decision was based upon the review team’s observation that the Taylor mission permeates every aspect of the institution and that the commitment to whole-person education is being fulfilled. The team reported that Taylor had adequate facilities, personnel, and financial resources to accomplish its purposes. They also noted Taylor’s strong vision for the future and its commitment to long-range planning, the sense of integrity present at all levels of the university, the strengthening of the university through the Fort Wayne campus, and the program of student support services.

The review team’s report stated that student support services contribute greatly to Taylor’s high retention rate; “The university’s commitment to the individual learner is impressive, particularly in the well-developed and well-staffed programs to help students who are learning disabled, on academic probation, or in need of academic skills assistance.”

Concern for the long-range plan of Taylor University has been a constant checkpoint throughout the self-study and review. As such, solid plans have been developed for working toward the fulfillment of the NCA recommendations. This process includes an ongoing assessment of how well the University is accomplishing these goals. As President Jay Kesler stated in A Vision for Taylor University, this process involves thorough and comprehensive scrutiny.

“We seek to cultivate diversity, exposure and interchange within our community to challenge our distinctives and uncover our biases,” he writes. “In humility we realize that we are both learners and teachers in this process, but because of our identification as Christians, we are held in greater scrutiny than those who make no Christian profession. For this reason we seek to be constantly involved in both internal and external assessment, evaluation.

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- The NCA site review process is driven by five criteria, intended to ensure that the institution:
  1) has clear and publicly stated purposes consistent with its mission and appropriate to an institution of higher education;
  2) has effectively organized the human, financial, and physical resources necessary to accomplish its purposes;
  3) is accomplishing its educational goals and other purposes;
  4) can continue to accomplish its purposes and strengthen its educational effectiveness;
  and 5) demonstrates integrity in its practices and relationships.
Missionary, Minister: “Mister Bible College”

Safara Winner was born January 31, 1899, to Samuel and Ida Gerig Winner. When the Fort Wayne Bible Training School (FWBTS) opened in 1904, Samuel was one of the first to enroll. Safara also attended the school, years later. Upon his graduation in 1922, Safara accepted a call to serve as an itinerant preacher in rural Western Canada.

Canada was to figure rather prominently in his life at several times. He would return to Western Canada eight years later for a ministry in tent meetings. Much later in life he became interested in the work among the Eskimos of Northern Canada. Even later still he organized the first meeting of Bible institute and Bible college educators in Canada. That meeting began what was to become an ongoing association.

Perhaps Safara’s most significant association with Canada began in the Bible Training School at the “Canadian table” in the dining hall. Since all the places were not claimed by Canadians, Safara seemed drawn to that table, where one young lady from Ontario, Edith McClean, also sat. After her graduation Edith moved back to Ontario. Safara, then a student at Taylor University, began a series of correspondence with her that would eventually culminate in marriage, arranged by mail.

After a brief pastorate, Winner returned to FWBTS at the invitation of President Joseph E. Ramseyer, to teach. He became dean of the college in 1935; in 1945, following a leave of absence for military service, he was appointed president. He provided aggressive leadership for the school until 1957, when he resigned to become the first full-time executive director of the Accrediting Association of Bible Colleges (AABC).

During Winner’s presidency the school achieved accreditation with the AABC and changed names from Fort Wayne Bible Institute to Fort Wayne Bible College. Winner was one of the pioneers in the movement toward accreditation for Bible institutes. His doctoral dissertation focused on professional accreditation and prepared him well for his work with the AABC.

Winner vigorously represented the AABC before other accrediting organizations. This representation fostered understanding of the Bible college movement while cultivating the respect of fellow professional educators.

Winner was diligent in his service with the AABC, even on the day before he died of cancer on Sept. 11, 1962. For his understanding of and contribution to the Bible college movement, Winner became known as “Mr. Bible College.”

source: A Line of God’s Own Planting: a History of Fort Wayne Bible College, by Jared F. Gerig (Fort Wayne Bible College, Fort Wayne, Ind., 1980).

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and outcomes studies with the purpose of seeking objectivity and ever greater excellence.”

Many of the NCA’s recommendations necessitate the expansion of the physical plant on both campuses. Funding for the construction of these facilities is being provided by the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Samuel Morris Hall on April 18 ushered in this new period of physical growth for the University that will change the face of both the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses.

In 1992, following the Summit-Taylor merger, the NCA paid a focused visit to the Fort Wayne campus. Several areas requiring attention were discussed at that time. Over the past five years, according to the NCA review team report, the campus has charted dramatic improvement.

“The Fort Wayne campus is in a better position than it has been in the past, though it is taking more time than originally expected to emerge as a liberal arts institution,” Bedi says.

The steering committee encouraged Taylor’s administration to identify methods for implementing the mission of the University on the Fort Wayne campus. This is especially important as Taylor seeks to better integrate the growing number of non-traditional students on the Fort Wayne campus.

Although the issues facing the Fort Wayne campus are challenging, the NCA review team has placed great confidence in Taylor’s leadership to resolve them thoroughly. “The administrators and the faculty of the Fort Wayne campus have a vision of what that campus can be, and they are eager to make it succeed,” noted the review team.

The past two years have been a rigorous time for Taylor University as all aspects of the institution have undergone review. Following the NCA’s affirmation of Taylor’s strength and integrity, the University stands poised before a dawning millennium, bearing the two-edged sword of spirit and truth, and standing unashamed of its Christian heritage and of the Lord Jesus Christ.—Randy Dillinger ’95
Fulfilling the Mission

Students and faculty share perspectives on faith and learning at Taylor University.

The mission statement of Taylor University proclaims a commitment to "educating men and women for lifelong learning and for ministering the Redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need." An oft-spoken phrase in this context is the "integration of faith and learning." But how does this ideal translate into daily reality for faculty and students?

Dr. Bill Ringenberg, chair of the history department, says faculty members must seek such integration in all areas of life. "Seeking truth is what we are about as individuals, personally and professionally," he says. "One cannot distinguish between the two."

Taylor faculty model the quest for truth in the classroom as they interact with students on a daily basis. Angela Fincannon, head volleyball coach and assistant professor of health, physical education and recreation, believes that Taylor faculty in general "want students to have an active role in the learning process. We don't roll open their minds and dump in the knowledge," she says. "It's interactive." This process is seen in Fincannon's own classes as students teach each other gymnastics techniques and obtain valuable internships in recreation facilities.

Self-motivated students have the opportunity to go far beyond the classroom setting in their academic endeavors. Senior Megan Smillie, a double major in international business and Spanish, took an independent study course in which she read over 900 pages about developing countries in Latin America. As a result, she has gained a broader view of the world.

"Over the years I've had an ethnocentric attitude toward the United States," she says, "but now my attitude has really changed and I've lost a lot of the naivety that I had at the outset of these four years." Smillie's entire Taylor academic experience has challenged her to test her prior conceptions. "I bring everything I've learned from Taylor—from the arts, the sciences, literature, health—into my worldview of God, and I'm able to look at things more openly."

For junior Micah Lackland, a focus on experiential learning is one of the factors that kept him at Taylor. After two years on the Upland campus, Lackland transferred to Fort Wayne in order to pursue a criminal justice major. His education has taken him into prisons, a boot camp, and a diagnostic center where prisoners are classified as either dangerous or not dangerous. "The experience I've gotten has been crucial," he says. "The Fort Wayne campus is here in the city; it's in an urban environment. It's good to learn in class, but we can go right out and apply it because we're right there."

Students are not the only ones who benefit from the academic program. Taylor is strongly interested in faculty development, and not so much in the popular idiom "publish or perish." Dr. Buelah Baker, for example, has traveled broadly, taking leave from her normal responsibilities as professor of English. One summer she taught English in China, and also taught in Singapore.

Doug Barcalow, chair of the Christian ministries department on the Fort Wayne campus, says the strength of Taylor's academic program lies in the combination of academic disciplines with the practical, applied portion of one's education. Barcalow realizes, however, that an emphasis on practical experience can, at times, conflict with a liberal arts philosophy.

"The combination of liberal arts and professional development is a strength," he says, "but that also means there will be a battle between the two schools of thought—one that says education is for the liberating of the mind, and another which says education should prepare one for a career."

Related to the whole process of integrating faith and learning is another familiar concept to the Taylor community: whole-person education. This is a vital characteristic of education in Western society, which according to Dr. David Neuhausk, professor of math, has tended to compartmentalize knowledge and truth. Taylor University, however, has done well to maintain an environment of education which encompasses the human experience in whole rather than just in part.

Taylor faculty have also done well to model for their students lifestyles of genuine and sincere faith. Lackland has grown to appreciate the way his professors pray before classes, and the way they integrate faith and scholarship. Smillie also has had good experiences with her professors. "What I have appreciated the most, other than my liberal arts education, are the relationships I have with my professors," she says. "It has helped me to know that I can go to them with prayer requests and problems. It's an open-door policy, and that has been very encouraging to me."

Over the years, Taylor University has kept strong its commitment to the mission of the University, constantly seeking to apply and reapply it as changes occur in society. Ultimately, though, it is the faculty and students of Taylor who stand as the best testimony of the mission.—Amy Eversole '98
A VERY Special

Caleb Moan '99 met his friends at the Center Morris table of the Hodson Dining Commons on Friday, April 25. This was more than just a typical lunch, though, as the men were joined by a special visitor—Caleb's grandfather, Glenn Moan. The conversation centered around Glenn as the students listened intently to stories of his youth and of a much younger Caleb.

"Caleb has been pretty solid from the start," Glenn says. "Taylor is continuing what was already begun in him."

This was the first time Glenn was able to visit Taylor, and his initial impression was very positive. Glenn was not the only grandparent that day visiting Taylor University. More than 400 grandparents were on campus to take part in the first Grandparents' Day in the school's history.

Some grandparents, like Gordon Zimmerman, wondered why it had taken so long for the event to take root. "I don't know where in the world it's been all these years," he says. Zimmerman, who offered a prayer in chapel, observed from the platform of the Rediger Auditorium how many students sat with a grandparent on either side. Gordon's wife Ruth (Steiner '16) enjoyed a slightly different feature of chapel: "The jazz band played all our songs."

Young and old alike gathered to hear the words of President Jay Kesler '58, introduced as "Taylor's favorite granddad." Kesler spent time encouraging students and grandparents to appreciate each other, and to learn to better understand one another.

Having Gordon and Ruth on campus was a special treat for granddaughter Erin Zimmerman '99. For Ruth, Grandparents' Day offered the opportunity to revisit her alma mater. While Gordon did not attend Taylor, he still gleans joy from the long-lasting relationships he built while serving as academic dean at Taylor from 1965-73. "Lots of different memories come crashing in when you come back for something like this," Gordon says.

Erin also enjoyed the privilege of sharing the day with her other set of grandparents. Don and Vurla Miller. Don first came to Taylor as an employee of Caterpillar Inc. He spent a year of study in the business department. Part of the motivation for his coming to Taylor was that Vurla was a student at Fort Wayne Bible College. "We wanted to be close together," Vurla recalls. "We were engaged."

Erin is now the third generation in her family to attend Taylor. Don explained how Erin's parents, Roger '72 and Judy (Martin '73) Zimmerman, also met at Taylor. "Which is sort of a typical story," Gordon interjects. "Judy was an elementary education major and our son was an art major."

This was indeed a special day for grandparents and their grandchildren to reminisce together.

When we live the life of Christ with our families and our grandchildren, we plant the seed of a new and brighter future.

—Jay Kesler, from Grandparenting: The Agony and the Ecstasy

Kristin Anderson '97 enjoys a moment in the sun with her grandparents, Robert and Betty Kregel.
Several activities helped to make the day enjoyable for everyone. These included a welcome session where grandparents listened to student leaders and administrators, chapel with President Jay Kesler as featured speaker, class visitation, and an afternoon reception in the galleria.

The reception gave grandparents an opportunity to meet and interact with Kesler and Provost Daryl Yost, and his wives. The Keslers and Yosts thoroughly enjoyed their interaction with the grandparents, says Priscilla (TenEyck '68) Wynkoop, director of parent programs.

Organizers of Grandparents’ Day did not forget about those students whose grandparents were unable to attend. For these students, a phone bank was provided where they could call their grandparents free of charge for a five-minute call. Over 50 students used the phone bank, some making international calls to their grandparents.

When the day was done, many grandparents expressed a sense of fulfillment. And many could affirm these words, prayed by Gordon Zimmerman that morning in chapel:

Eternal God, we rejoice in the wonderful opportunities that life affords us, that we are never too old to keep growing young. We thank thee that, though we were the children of the Depression, and our sons and daughters the product of the turbulent fifties, sixties and seventies, and now these, our grandchildren, the product of dysfunctional families and government—still, underneath us are the everlasting arms. We thank you that your faithfulness extends from generation to generation. And in these moments now we worship you as the God of our fathers, whatever the generation. We thank you for Taylor and we thank you for the leadership that is currently giving direction through inspiration and strength from you, and as your Spirit guides, may together Taylor remain faithful as a place where Jesus Christ is exalted and praised."

In the spirit of a new tradition, a second annual Grandparents’ Day is being planned for next year. Further information will be available in future editions of Taylor.

Bob and Lu Barnes, of Dover, Ohio, visit a classroom with their granddaughter, Christina McGlothlin '00 (pictured in the foreground); John Munna, an exchange student from Tanzania, takes advantage of the phone bank made available to students; Jay and Janie Kesler spend time with students and grandparents at a reception in the Engstrom Galleria. Carri Starch '97 stands proudly beside her grandparents, Willard and Mary Beron.
Remember the Lions & the Bears
Students and grandparents challenged to love and encourage one another.

Introduce by campus pastor Charles Gifford '63 as Taylor's recent granddad, Dr. Jay Kestler '58 addressed the chapel audience on Taylor's first-ever Grandparents' Day, April 25. The following are excerpts of that address.

From Genesis to Malachi, from Matthew to Revelation, the one consistent illustration in the Bible that describes God's relationship to humankind is a family illustration: God is our father; we are his sons and daughters, we are brothers and sisters; Christ is the bridegroom, we are the bride. Both of our political parties talked about family this last election. Few people would do away with either side totally. But the real issue is not about taxes, it's not about crime in the streets, it's not about aid to dependent children, it's not even about abortion. The real issue at stake is the eternal, everlasting, never-dying souls of human beings.

If this goes much further in our culture and we do not understand such words as love, commitment, fidelity and loyalty, people will not understand, "God, our Father, which art in heaven." I had an earthly father; so did you. My earthly father wasn't perfect. But I'll tell you, when I think about God, and when I think about my earthly father, a lot comes together: nurture, protection, provision, love, loyalty, concern, prayer.

At Taylor University, we do not believe it's necessary for each generation to hate its parents. We don't feel it's necessary to have social distress in order to make progress in civilization.

It is interesting to me that the great truths are in the great stories. Jesus was criticized because He told stories. He spoke in simple words and simple stories. The Bible is built on these.

The Old Testament tells us of the faithfulness of God through unbelievable, difficult circumstances; it tells what God has accomplished in the past, and reminds us in the present that the same God is faithful today. I call it the hinge principle: the past is the story of God's faithfulness, the present is ours to live, and the future belongs to God. One story with which you are all very familiar is the story of David and Goliath.

Remember, Goliath was over nine feet tall. (Boy, if we could recruit him!) Into the scene comes David, a young shepherd. And David says to Saul, "Your servant has been keeping his father's sheep. When a lion or a bear came and carried off a sheep from the flock, I went after it, struck it and rescued the sheep from its mouth. When it turned on me I seized it by its hair, struck it and killed it. Your servant has killed both the lion and the bear; this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he has defied the armies of the living God. The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will deliver me from this Philistine." (1 Samuel 17: 34-37, NIV).

Students, listen to those who have killed the lion and the bear; listen when they tell you about growing up in the Great Depression, what it was like when only the elite young people in America could even dream of going to college. Listen to them talk about places with funny names like Corregidor, Iwo Jima, Bataan, Normandy. Some of these grandparents have buried their own children; they face debilitating cancers and terrible struggles; they're growing old. Visit them when they are on their backs and can hardly speak; hold their hand by their bedside and watch them enter the kingdom of heaven; let them know you're listening.

Grandparents, I want to say something to you about these young

people. If you could only see the things I see day by day on this campus—the way they accept responsibility, the way they have a sense of the appropriate, they really want to change their world; they also are quite naive about how they are going to do it. Most of them are willing to throw themselves on problems like falling on a grenade. But we're trying to get them to take a longer view so they can get up and fall on another grenade. We want them to learn a strategy and to go after it.

What do they need from you, Grandparents? You can pray for them. Would you covenant to pray for your grandchild every day? It's a powerful thing. They need your sense of perspective. Encourage them about the longer view. They are not going to freeze in their present condition. Pray for them, give them the long view, and tell them what you think and how you feel about things. You don't have to say it 30 times; tell them once and tell them clearly. And if you don't think they heard, take them aside and say, "Honey, we need to talk about this. This is what I've observed and it frightens me." Then let them tell you why it doesn't frighten them. Then pray together, love one another, and look to God for His help for the future.

I pray that by the time we finish this day, there will be a connection at Taylor—one that goes across the generations. And let's do this to the glory of God for the purpose of defeating this giant. If we can learn to love each other across the generations—if we will demonstrate these principles—then we can say to the world that's in doubt, "Remember the lions and the bears." Grandpa and Grandma, tell us about them...tell us about the lions and the bears.
Standing on Broken Ground

Sunshine showered down upon the people gathered on April 18 to celebrate a new beginning at Taylor. The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Samuel Morris Hall was a milestone in the history of the University as it was for the Morris Hall tradition.

Before the crowd had assembled, President Jay Kesler '58 walked about the perimeter, getting a feel for the new structure. Kesler reminded the crowd that this will be the third, not the second, structure to be named after Samuel Morris.

"The first Samuel Morris I saw was a frame building that sat behind Swallow Robin," he said. "During the First World War, 163 soldiers were there preparing to go to the trenches of France. Then we built this brand new Morris Hall. It was supposed to be the technology of the future."

Kesler talked of the importance of the Samuel Morris name as it brings meaning to a new building. The name, he said, speaks of Taylor's history as an institution committed to world missions and cross-cultural understanding. It speaks of Taylor's desire to foster racial reconciliation, and to encourage the pursuit of holiness and life in the Spirit. The name of Samuel Morris also suggests Taylor's desire to welcome students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

"Samuel Morris was poor," Kesler said. "There was a time when this place was called the Methodist Poor College. Some saw that as a imperative - I wear it as a badge of honor. Taylor will always be a place that welcomes the poor."

As part of the Taylor Tomorrow campaign, the new construction project brings to life the fundraising efforts of the University. The event marked the "first tangible results of the Taylor Tomorrow campaign," said Gene Rupp '58, vice president for development.

"What we are doing today is just the tip of the iceberg. This is evidence of Christians committed to Taylor and to the mission of the University, and we thank God for that."

Rosie (Baugh '55) Kerlin, chair of the board of trustees of Taylor University, also related the importance of the groundbreaking ceremonies to the overall efforts of the campaign. The campaign, she says, offers assurance that "Taylor's future is greater than the past or present."

Dick Gygi '67, spoke of his own residence life experience at Taylor, as it formed the basis for developing some close friendships. Accenting his stories were images of a Morris Hall lost to the modern observer, but still keen to the mind's eye.

"The building that you see today is quite different in appearance," he said. "We called it the Yellow Submarine. Some of you may remember that - it was a yellow sheet-metal building. It had windows, but it was difficult to see out of them in the winter as they were usually covered with frost."

Greater than the memories of the physical structure, though, are the relationships that develop in the residence hall and the strong traditions which tie generations together. For Gygi, there is no better way to kick off a capital campaign than by renewing at Taylor University the same commitment to humility and service which characterized Samuel Morris.

"It is a great launching pad for today and for Taylor Tomorrow," he said. "This residence hall is rooted in community, steeped in the tradition of the past, and full of promise for the future."

As if taking the lead in honoring the tradition of Morris Hall, the men of Morris, along with Morris Hall housekeeper Bonnie Wilson, joined voices in singing "On Christ the Solid Rock I Stand."

Construction of the new Samuel Morris Hall is now underway; current freshman and sophomore residents will have the unique opportunity to have resided in both the old and new Morris halls during their years at Taylor, when the new hall opens for occupancy in the fall of 1998. The hall will house 280 male students. - Randy Dillinger '95
The Light Shines Brighter in the Dark

Incoming freshmen often bring to their college experience a clear vision for the future. Many find fulfillment of that original vision. Others, such as Dan Baltzer '93 and Scotty Miser '91, experience a reshaping of that vision, often leading them to worlds far removed from Taylor's rural Upland campus.

As a student majoring in art education, Baltzer wanted to use his gifts as an artist and teacher to "take over a whole city; to change the city with the gospel." But he soon realized that his vision was merely a small part in God's greater plan. "Even Christ's ministry took time to establish," he says.

Baltzer is in the process of realizing how important patience and time are in establishing such a ministry. In June of 1996, he joined the full-time staff of Milo-Grogan Recreation Center in the inner-city of Columbus, Ohio, as the recreation leader and art instructor—a position he has found great personal satisfaction in filling.

"I have little kids come in and ask almost every day if the center will be open tomorrow, because that is their hope," he says. "There are so many people in their lives who just use them up and discard them. I treat these kids with discipline, with kindness, and with love that says, 'Please, motivate yourself; please look for truth.'"

Baltzer doubts he will be the one to lead most of the children he works with to Christ, but he finds joy in the role that God has given him at the center. "My role in the place where I am at right now is just sowing seeds, meaning that it is just a part of a plan that obviously has a greater purpose. I am not a reaper; I am not a harvester. I am merely a sower of seeds."

Although he is content in his present situation, Baltzer feels that his role will change in the future, perhaps through the avenue of his own art. He has developed a compassion for artists and musicians who are searching for the truth. Still, he realizes the importance of the place in which God has placed him for the present time. And in this he has found great meaning. "What gives me joy in my work is that I'm loved," he says, "and that I have purpose in my life because of Christ."

Like Baltzer, Miser has had great plans for the future. He has wanted to use his math education degree to teach at an international school in Latin America, but he has also realized that God may have something different in store for him. "Truth to tell, my mind has conceived some pretty exciting career options and world-wide adventures for myself," he says. "But I'm coming to a point where my aim is to empty myself of my plans and wait on God's invitation to join Him where He is at work already." For the present time, God has invited Scotty to join Him at work in prison.

After an unsuccessful job search in Columbus area schools, Miser was invited to interview for a math teaching position by the Christian principal of the Ohio River Valley Youth Center in Ironton, Ohio. Following a positive interview he accepted the position. The center is a medium-security prison for 12- to 18-year-old felony offenders, most of whom are serving sentences of three to six months, while some are serving up to several years.

Miser underwent six months of training from July of 1996 to January 1997 before the first students arrived. He struggled at first to find a proper balance of discipline and grace with his students. "I put a lot of pressure on myself to do it all and hold the young men to a high standard," he explains. "But I made a lot of rookie teacher mistakes and wasn't very flexible with the youth."

Miser spent time in prayer, though, and gained wisdom from some of the more experienced teachers. As a result, he has become a more effective teacher. "God has given me many opportunities as kids ask hard questions and show an interest in spiritual matters," he says. "I enjoy the kids. even the knuckleheads at times. I used by the prison staff to describe the more incorrigible young men — and try my best to make learning fun while equipping them with some skills they would not ordinarily receive in the larger, less structured classrooms they rarely attended on the outside."

A great source of inspiration for Miser in his work are the writings of Jim Elliot. "Jim Elliot once said, 'Wherever you are, be all there. Live to the hilt every situation you believe to be the will of God.' And right now I'm in Ironton, Ohio, working with kids in a place and time where they need to make some life-shaping decisions," he says.

While their original visions may have changed, Baltzer and Miser have come to a knowledge of God's will for the present time. As seed-sowers, both are seeking to exemplify godly character to young men in places largely devoid of goodness and light. And the light still overcomes evil, even in the prison and the city. — Amy Eversole '98
he ride back to Elizabeth City was excruciating, both physically and emotionally. So many things were going through my head. I pressed my face to the glass, hoping to catch a glimpse of something in the water, even though I knew we were miles away from the site of the accident. I prayed harder than I ever had before, but at the same time I felt incredibly insignificant and alone.

I so desperately wanted to trust God to perform a great miracle by bringing Harold and Keith home safely. I knew that He could and that He would if I just had faith—even faith the size of a mustard seed. At the same time, though, I wondered who I thought I was to expect the almighty God to listen to me and answer my prayers. One minute I would be at peace, and in the next I would be devastated and in tears, thinking about life without Keith.

Then a terrible realization struck me—was Keith truly a Christian? Had he accepted Christ as his Savior? He never really told me anything. He always said that his relationship with God was his own concern and no one else’s. But what if he wasn’t saved? What if he died out there not knowing Christ? What about all of the times that I had been with him and had refrained from saying what I truly believed lest I offend him or scare him away? Never in my life had I wanted so badly to trade places with someone as I did then. If only I could have been out there and not he.

When we arrived at the Coast Guard station, a barrage of media awaited us. I could only think about Keith and Harold, still out there in the ocean, wondering if they were ever going to make it home. I called my mother to let her know what was happening. After all, no one knew what was going on at all... or so I thought.

After we had radioed the Coast Guard, a local talk radio station in Norfolk, Virginia, broadcast the information. My grandfather happened to be up that morning because he could not sleep, and he heard the information and recognized that it was about us. He then proceeded to call my aunt and my mother who, in turn, called our church prayer hotline and the prayerline for the 700 Club. Little did I realize that while I was feeling insignificant and alone, there were over 300 people praying for our safety and still praying for Keith and Harold!

I spent the next few hours at the clinic recovering from hypothermia and awaiting news about Keith and Harold. I was in the recovery room, picking at my boxed lunch, when we received word that Keith and Harold had both been found... alive! Seven hours had passed since the sinking of the Alexandria, and they were both found within thirty seconds of each other. They had been no more than 200 yards apart the whole time, but could not see each other. I was so relieved and thankful to God, who had proved faithful to me once again.

In the days following the accident, it became more and more evident that God definitely had his hand on that boat and the people in it. Although the boat itself was destroyed and both of the dogs drowned, all seven people aboard were saved, by the grace of God.

If that were not enough there were other “coincidental” things, such as the fact that both the pilot and the rescue swimmer on the third rescue helicopter were devout Christians who had just finished praying moments before they found Keith. The rescue swimmer said that through all the twenty-six rescue missions he has been on, Keith and Harold were the only people he had ever found still alive.

Keith had a lot of time in the water to think and pray. As a result of his experience, he has chosen to recommit his life to the Lord. I, too, had a lot of time to think and pray, while I was on the boat, in the helicopter, and at the clinic. As a result of my experience, I am realizing the incredible power of prayer as direct communication with our God!! If I could express anything to others by sharing my story, I would encourage them to pray, because it accomplishes much. And we will see that our God is indeed faithful—Rebecca Grandi ’96
Communication arts department putting technology to good use

The rate at which new technology emerges has created a never-ending struggle for colleges and universities as they seek to equip future leaders of the workforce. Keeping pace with changes in the communications industry, the communication arts department at Taylor upgraded equipment this year. Yet it is nearly impossible ever to be fully “caught up,” according to Dr. Dale Jackson, chair of the communication arts department. “What we have now will soon be obsolete,” he says. “But we do what we can to keep up-to-date. It is an ongoing process.”

The new equipment included a Power Macintosh computer with a color image scanner and a color printer, each installed in the journalism lab. According to Laurel Gnagy, assistant professor of communication arts, this was the “first step toward improving the lab.” The next step is being taken this summer with the replacement of older Macs by newer models that are more suitable for class projects.

Students in Gnagy’s classes have welcomed the changes. Advanced public relations students worked on the new equipment to produce publications for clients in the local business community. In the past, written publications had been emphasized for class projects, but this year students could concentrate more and more on design and the use of color. Utilizing industry-standard software such as QuarkXPress and the Adobe lineup of Photoshop, Pagemaker and Illustrator, students were able to produce quality portfolio materials.

“I’ve actually been able to do something,” says Kristen Anderson ’98, “rather than just being told about these programs.” Anderson and Heather Roberts ’98 worked closely with the Upland Health and Diagnostic Center, designing a variety of materials for the new facility. These included a brochure, press releases, and invitations to an open house.

Jan Pletcher, assistant professor of communication arts, also put the new equipment to use in her corporate communication class. Each student in that class was required to produce visual aids for in-class presentations, using Powerpoint software, she says. Aaron Nichols ’99 appreciated the advantages of the software. “Added to the speed of the new computer, Powerpoint helped us produce a real-world presentation,” he says. “It would not have to change much to suit a true corporate proposal.”

The new equipment benefited not only the coursework of the department, but student publications as well. This spring, The Echo became part of Taylor’s on-campus intranet. Edited by Kevin Frew ’97, the online newspaper included article summaries on the homepage with separate pages designed for the full articles. The online newspaper can be viewed through on-campus, networked computers at www.online.taylor.edu, but cannot be viewed from off-campus sites.—Abigail Reese ’99

Heath continues

Biblical scholarship

The Greek Old Testament has been the official Old Testament text of thirty million Orthodox Christians throughout the world. It was commonly used by New Testament writers as a reference, but in the Western world, familiarity with the text faded as it was replaced by Latin translations.

Hoping to accommodate greater understanding, Dr. Dale E. Heath, professor emeritus, pursued a lengthy study of the Greek Scriptures which resulted in a recently published, two-volume edition.

Heath’s study on the Greek Old Testament, along with his three volumes on the New Testament, is available in the Zondervan Library. The materials may also be obtained through correspondence with Dr. Heath at Eastside Village, Rt. 12, Box D-188, Lake City, FL 32025.

Christopher Bennett was elected to the Grant County Economic Growth Council, beginning Sept. 1, 1997. • Dr. Jeremy Cass presented “Degenerate Principal Series,” at the Automorphic Forms Conference in Boulder, Colo., in March. • Dr. Nancy Dayton presented “Cognitive Dissonance and Cultural Differences: The Demands of Community in Toni Cade Bambara’s The Salt Eaters,” delivered at the Indiana College English Association meeting in Oct. 1996; “You Don’t Control the Story: Wisps of Narrative as Trickster Tools for Survival in Louise Erdrich’s Tracks,” delivered in Nov. 1996 at the American Studies Association meeting; and “Victorian

Tze Wei Ong ’97 works on the new system in the journalism lab.
Music department receives positive evaluation

On March 10 the music department of Taylor University hosted a site review by the National Association of Schools in Music (NASM), an organization of which Taylor is a member. Final word had not been received by the end of May, but initial positive comments leave little room for doubt concerning Taylor’s standing with the NASM.

Dr. Richard Parker, professor of music, was teaching at Taylor when the music department first received accreditation with the NASM in 1970. “As our governing body, the NASM wants to ensure that we have a quality music program,” he says. “But they also want us to keep up to date.”

For the music department, keeping up to date has involved the introduction of a new bachelor of science degree with an emphasis in management, marketing and theatre arts. “There is a changing conception of the way music works in society today,” says Dr. Albert Harrison, music department chair. “We initiated this new degree to remain current with the trends in society, and to give Christian young people a chance to participate in those venues as well.”

Currently, eight full-time music faculty teach 61 majors and 15 minors. In addition, 273 students are involved in ensembles and over 200 study music through private lessons. The ensembles provide many opportunities for students to perform for audiences across the country and around the world, as well as on-campus performances.

Many students receive practical experience in teaching through private lessons offered to the local community, and 90 percent of music education majors receive jobs upon graduation. A contributing factor to this figure, according to Harrison, is that “students see teaching as a ministry. They go into teaching as committed professionals, but have an eye toward the ministry aspect of working with young people and making an impact in their lives.”

Taylor’s music department is known not only for its ministry orientation, but also for its quality. Whether it be the concert chorale, Taylor Sounds, jazz ensemble, symphonic band, or any number of musical ensembles, audiences are assured of an enjoyable experience with quality performance. But for Harrison, a demanding art requires a disciplined study and performance.

“As artists in the field of music, we want to accomplish everything we can to the highest degree,” he says. “We don’t want our students to be intimidated by the art, but we want them to be challenged and to understand that God has given the gift of music to be used for worship, enrichment and enjoyment.”

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Images of Home: The Political Memorabilia of Cleveland and B. Harrison,” delivered in March 1997 at the meeting of The National Popular Cultural Association. • Mary Rayburn received promotion from instructor to assistant professor, effective fall 1997. • Dr. Paul Harms had problem solutions published in the Jan., March, and April 1997 issues of School Science and Mathematics. • Dr. Larry Helyer is writing a book on Jewish literature of the Second Temple and its relevance for the New Testament. Helyer spoke at a Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary chapel in April. • Dr. Dennis Hensley has authored the book, Millennium Approaches. This will be his 29th published book and will be released nationwide in Oct. by Avon Books. Hensley has been named to a full-time faculty position on the Fort Wayne campus effective fall 1997. • Dr. Joseph Jones presented a workshop on outcomes and assessments at the April conference, Partnerships: Community, Service and Learning in Indiana. • Philip Loy authored “Dustin Farnum: The Forgotten Cowboy,” published in the Feb. 1997 issue of Classic Images. Loy presented “1935: A Remarkable Year in the Evolution of Small Budget Westerns,” at the Popular Culture Association Annual Meetings in March. Loy also presented “Integrating Biblical Perspectives into the American Government Course,” for The Christian Mind in Politics and Political Science, a conference held in June at Furman University, Greenville, South Carolina. • Dr. David Neuhouser presented “The Role of Mathematics in a Christian Liberal Arts College,” at the May 28-31 meeting of the Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences, at Wheaton College. He will be leading a three-session seminar on George MacDonald at the Cornerstone Festival in July. Neuhouser lectured on fractals in two calculus classes, taught by Eric Smith ’91, at Heritage Christian High School in Indianapolis. • Dr. James Spiegel presented “What Sort of Vice is Hypocrisy?” at the central meeting of the Society of Christian Philosophers, held in April. • Dr. Lois Webster became president of Indiana Reading Professors for a one-year term beginning this spring. She served on the Fort Wayne Mayor’s Literacy Commission for 1996-97. She has also been active in the Three Rivers Literacy Alliance. Webster presented “The Fourth-Grade Slump (reading in the content areas for elementary classrooms),” “Every Elementary Teacher a Diagnostic Teacher of Reading,” and “Children’s Literature for Adult New Readers,” at the March 1997 conference for the Indiana State Reading Association, in Indianapolis.
Graduating class encouraged to put first things first

Under a sunny sky at Jim Wheeler Memorial Stadium, 404 members of the Class of 1997 gathered for commencement ceremonies on May 24. Addressing the graduates and the many friends, parents, faculty and staff in attendance were President Jay Kesler '58 and Senior Class President Dave Burden.

Burden spoke to his graduates about maintaining a Christ-centered life after graduation. Quoting Christian author C. S. Lewis, Burden told the crowd, "If you put first things first, and second things second, God will give you the first and maybe some of the second. If, however, you put second things first and first things second, God will give you neither."

The Class of 1997 received a total of 226 Bachelor of Arts degrees and 171 Bachelor of Science degrees. Forty-nine members of the class completed more than one major, while seven earned both Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees. Nineteen graduates maintained a grade-point average of at least 3.9 while one class member had a perfect 4.0.

Continuing a tradition at Taylor, administration, board members, faculty, and graduates assembled at the Rice Bell Tower for the near quarter-mile walk to the stadium. A moment of surprise came to Rachel Furgeson, who was honored as the 14,000th graduate in Taylor history (not including the Fort Wayne campus). An English major from Gaithersburg, Maryland, Furgeson was given a commemorative plaque for the occasion.—Jim Garring

Bishop Taylor arrives in Upland

It takes God a long time to grow a tree, and it takes a long time for a man to become a legend. On Thursday, April 10, the Upland campus received the fruit of both with a gift from the Class of 1946—a beautiful life-sized statue of Bishop William Taylor.

The idea for the gift began with Nelson Rediger, associate director of the William Taylor Foundation, and Dr. Alan Winquist, professor of history, who realized the historical impact that the Samuel Morris sculptures had on students, faculty and staff. Rediger discussed the idea with Mike Williams '59, who helped plan the details for the project. It seemed appropriate that the statue be cut from redwood as it was the redwood out of which Taylor made his first home in California.

The Class of 1946 welcomed the project as their 50th anniversary class gift to the University. The sculptor, Steve Blanchard, has been carving redwood sculptures for over eight years. He used Stanley Koskinen, great-grandson of the Bishop, as a model. Though it is uncertain whether or not the Bishop ever visited campus in his living years, his image has now found a resting place at the University which bears his name.—Mary Ann McDaniel
Commencement 1997 in review

Fifty-four men and women received diplomas from the Fort Wayne campus on Saturday, May 24. Perhaps most significant about this year’s graduating class is that they are the first group of students to have spent all four years of their college experience at Taylor University Fort Wayne, following the merger with Summit Christian College.

Gathered in the Gerig Activities Center, guests and graduates were addressed by Dr. Dwight Jessup, vice president for academic affairs. Jessup entitled his address “Connecting Belief and Behavior,” based on Steven Garber’s book, Fabric of Faithfulness.

Performing artists scheduled for 1997-98

A variety of artistic experiences is on the schedule for the 1997-98 Performing Artist Series (PAS).

Classical guitarist David Burgess, an international guitar competition winner, will start the season with a concert on November 1. He performs music from Spain and Latin America.

The River City Brass Band, often called “The Boston Pops—in Brass,” will present a concert on November 22. Their program ranges from folk songs, show tunes and marches, to classical transcriptions and original compositions by today’s leading composers.

In conjunction with Taylor’s observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, PAS will present “Echoes of the Past,” a one-woman play that focuses on five African-American women of remarkable strength and courage. The play takes viewers on a dramatic historical journey which begins in the early 1800s and ends in 1976. The season concludes March 7 with the memorable jazz sound of the Dorsey Brothers Orchestra. Band leader Clem DeRosa, a Jazz Hall of Fame inductee, has arranged all the Dorsey Brothers hits to continue their great musical tradition.

All programs will be held in the Rediger Auditorium and will begin at 3 p.m. Season tickets are available for $150, twenty-five percent off the normal ticket price. To order or renew season tickets, or for more information, call (765) 998-5289, after August 18.

WBCL adds station translator in Muncie

Residents in the city of Muncie can now receive WBCL’s broadcast by tuning in to 106.1 FM. The radio station is simulcast from a translator installed atop the Radisson / Roberts Hotel in downtown Muncie. In other news, WBCL is once again sponsoring a Summer Likewise Project, from June 20-July 20. Donations of wheelchairs or collapsible walkers are requested at the following collection sites on the dates listed: Tues., July 1, at the Kruse International Auction Center, Auburn, Ind.; Wed., July 9, at the Michindoh Conference Center, Hillsdale, Mich.; and Sat., July 19, at the Sauder Farm & Craft Village, Archbold, Ohio.
Servant-leadership rooted in the character of Christ

Consider the housekeeper in Wengatz Hall who offered to water Jeff Ramsdale’s plants while the 1995 graduate went home for Christmas break one year; or the computer science professor and landlord who graciously and patiently repairs the furnace and washing machine for students living in his home. Though not, perhaps, the most visible of persons on campus, still these individuals represent, through their attitudes and actions, the type of servant-leadership that Taylor is encouraging in the campus community.

This metaphor also applies to communities of believers, and to the Body of Christ as a whole; each believer has his or her particular gifts which are necessary to the overall effectiveness and health of the Body of Christ. Biblical leadership is by nature imbued with servanthood. Jesus said, in Mark 9:35, “If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.”

Incidentally, this was the Taylor Student Organization’s theme verse for 1996-97. Brent Ellis, director of student programs, says this should be the motivation for leadership positions.

Kevin DeVries, student body president of the Fort Wayne campus for 1997-98 says, “A servant-leader is someone who is a servant first and foremost.” Jon Stanley, 1997-98 student body president on the Upland campus, agrees: “It’s not so much about seeking leadership or positions as it is just serving people. It’s an attitude you apply to life in whatever role you find yourself.”

Although servant-leadership is relevant to all areas of life, applying it is as difficult as defining it. It calls for a daily consciousness, an awareness of one’s motives for serving. “It should not confound us that the words ‘servant leadership’ sound like an oxymoron,” says Wynn Lembright, vice president for student affairs. “Like all great truths, it requires us to live in the tension of seemingly opposing realities.”

It also requires one to live in opposition to the world’s understanding of leadership as an individualistic notion of grandeur. Leadership is too often displayed as self-aggrandizing, but Christ’s view of leadership is quite to the contrary. Says Felicia Case, ethnic student recruitment coordinator. “Leadership in the world means, ‘I’m the leader, you cater to me.’ In the Biblical sense it means, ‘I’m here to serve you, and to work as hard as you, if not harder.’ It’s not done easily.”

Just ask Nathalie Cowells ’98, who has struggled with her motives in applying as a PA for Swallow Robin Hall, a position she will fill for the 1997-98 school year. “I want to serve, but I’m not sure, in my heart of hearts, that this is my motive. But I’m trying to bring this into the proper focus.”

One way that Taylor helps students like Nathalie apply servant-leadership is through a class called Developmental Processes in Leadership. In this class Nathalie was taught that to be a leader she must first be a follower of Christ. “To me, that’s where leadership begins—as a follower and not a leader.”

Walt Campbell, associate vice president for student affairs, is in the midst of a study of servant-leadership development at Taylor. “The eight goals of general education at Taylor University coincide well with Biblical teaching and with research that is being done in developing servant-leaders,” he says. “The goals of general education at Taylor University are that students would be critical thinkers, competent communicators, responsible stewards, lifelong learners, spiritually-active, scientifically and aesthetically literate, and civic-minded. As these goals are met, a fertile ground is prepared for developing servant-leaders.”

Having mentors to model servant-leadership is vital, according to Cowells. “One of the ways Taylor has prepared me to be a servant-leader is by giving me examples to follow,” she says, “whether they are housekeeping staff, professors, or other students.”

Dr. Rick Gray, assistant professor of Christian ministries on the Fort Wayne campus, seeks to be such an example. “I have to model what I’m teaching my students,” he says.

Each believer is a part of the Body of Christ, and to each Christ has given a unique calling. Not all are called to serve in urban communities, nor are all called to serve as top-level corporate administrators. Regardless of the circumstances, though, each one can follow the example of Christ, removing the outer veneer of power and position and bending to wash from the feet of others the dust and dirt of the earth.

—Abigail Reese ’99
Season of joy, season of sorrow for 1996-97 Trojans

When the 1996-97 men's basketball season ended with a disappointing 20-point loss in the national tournament to Tabor of Kansas, coaches, players, and fans were left to ponder what might have been. While the Trojans posted a solid 22-13 record, they searched all year to find consistency.

In what could be called a Dr. Jekyll/Mr. Hyde type of season, Coach Paul Patterson's team demonstrated that when they were good, they were very good—a fact evidenced by two wins over the national champion Bethel Pilots. But the Mr. Hyde-side of the team's personality reared its head during home court losses to Indiana Wesleyan—snapping the Trojans' 16-game winning streak over them—Huntington, Spring Arbor, and Tri State. The Trojans sported only one senior: 6'3" center Steve Wit, who was only playing his second year in Upland after spending his first two collegiate seasons in the junior college ranks. "As a coach, what you want to see is the best you've got. If you don't win, you can say why and evaluate," Patterson states, "a lack of maturity goes along with a lack of consistency."

The two wins over Bethel, the second of which made the Trojans Mid-Central Conference champions and propelled them into the NAIA nationals in Nampa, Idaho, showed that Taylor had the ability to win at the national level. But then came the Trojans' opening-round blow-out loss in the national tournament. "We played at a really high level in the conference tournament and then reverted back to old habits in the national tournament," reflects Patterson.

Although the home-court losses were disappointing to Patterson and the team, Patterson recognizes that the team won 22 games while defeating the eventual national champions. "I would not want to downplay the significance of making it to a national tournament," he says. "More than anything else, when we beat Bethel we played together and maximized our strengths while minimizing our weaknesses."

Taylor was led in scoring and rebounding by all-conference selection Steve Wit with 19.0 and 8.8 averages respectively. Junior guard Jon Beukahman's 78 assists just edged out sophomore guard Drazen Jozic's 74 for team leadership in that category.—Jim Garringer

Trojans retain All-Sports Trophy

A successful year in athletics was capped by good spring campaigns and Taylor University's retaining of the Mid-Central Conference (MCC) All-Sports Trophy. Senior Murage Njoroge received the Gates-Howard Award for the third consecutive year, and junior Natalie Steele, Lady Trojan of the Year, claimed the all-time kills record in NAIA volleyball history.

Both men's and women's tennis advanced to the NAIA national tournament. Senior Andrea Nielsen and junior Sara Nederfeld advanced to the second round of the tournament. The golf team finished with a record of 29-27, capturing fourth place in the conference meet. Sophomore Ben Metzger was team medalist with a 78.6 stroke average.

The softball team finished 9-20, with sophomores Melanie Mannix and Lindsey Lund leading the team with batting averages of .398 and .394 respectively. First-year coach Joe Lund was named MCC Coach of the Year. The baseball team finished 23-21 overall (15-11 in the MCC). Stellar pitching was provided by juniors Mario Hernandez (6-2 record) and Joel Davis (71 strike outs). Senior Andy Rowell's .342 batting average was tops for the Trojans.

Freshman Danielle Swift set a school record at the NAIA national track meet with a 140-foot javelin throw, and Sophomore Jody Thompson ran the second-fastest 1500-meter run (4:52.9) in school history. The men's team had a fine season, winning the MCC, NCCAA and Little State meets, and placing 10th at the NAIA nationals, where Njoroge claimed two events and junior Shadrack Kilingba finished seventh in the marathon with a school record time of 2:34:23. Freshman Darren Youngstrom placed second in the 110 meter high hurdles. Chris Coy received Coach of the Year honors.—Jim Garringer

Senior Murage Njoroge was featured in Sports Illustrated (April 26) in the "Faces in the Crowd" section. The magazine, which bears Uga V, the mascot of the University of Georgia Bulldogs, on the front cover, featured Njoroge for being named Outstanding Performer at the NAIA indoor track and field championships for a second straight year.
Trustee emeritus Gilkison funds art history chair

 Barely out of high school, Bob Gilkison had already achieved a great deal of success. By the end of his first year of employment at a chemical factory in New York, he had tripled his original salary. As Bob recalls, he “had the world by the tail.” He was content to continue advancing through the ranks at the factory. But in the midst of this success, Bob’s boss pulled him aside and said something that would change the course of his life forever.

 After explaining that there was no more room for Bob to advance in the company unless he had a college degree, his boss told him, “I’m going to do you the biggest favor of your life—you’re fired.” Although the job was lost, Bob did not lose his mentor. On the contrary, his boss encouraged him and made it possible for him to attend Word of Life Camp in upstate New York. There he met camp counselor and Taylor alumnus Ken Dunkelberger ’52, and through that relationship, Bob decided to apply to Taylor.

 Although he had become a self-made entrepreneur as a young man, he chose not to pursue a business major. “I really felt at the time that it was not full-time Christian service,” he says. “I even pre-enrolled in a seminary.”

 Bob chose to study history at Taylor, and enjoyed the strong liberal arts education he received. Of equal importance to his academic experience was the emphasis Taylor placed on “the service motive: of giving more to the world than you take away from it.”

 This philosophy has remained with Bob throughout his life. He has given much back to Taylor University, serving on the Board of Trustees for 19 years. In addition, his son Stuart attended Taylor, graduating in 1990. One of the greatest rewards for Bob, during his years as a trustee, was the opportunity to see Taylor move from a place of unsure financial standing to one of great strength. “The fruit is hanging off the tree now,” he says, “but you can never grow complacent.”

 Bob continues to be active with Taylor as a trustee emeritus. His most recent involvement was a gift to the University in the form of an endowed academic chair in art history. Bob and his wife Joan (Lloyd ’57) completed the funding of the chair in May. To fund an academic chair, Bob needed to invest $1.25 million.

 Interest earned from the endowment will pay for one full-time faculty member’s salary and all other costs associated with that position.

 A solid foundation in the arts is necessary for any institution seeking to offer a quality liberal arts education, Bob says. Such a foundation helps one understand the value of good art.

 “Not all art is good,” he says. “But we have committed faculty members at Taylor who can guide students through the minefield, showing them what’s good, what’s bad, and why. I hope that this chair will bring another faculty resource in to help with that process.”

 Still, education is a lifelong process, says Bob. It may have its roots at Taylor University, but it doesn’t end there—as we learn more and continue to grow, we are better able to serve others and contribute to society.

 His lifelong education has led Bob into many different areas of service, each presenting a new challenge for him. He was offered a presidential mid-career fellowship from President Lyndon B. Johnson, through which he attended the University of Wisconsin in Madison. Further studies led him to American University in Washington, D.C., where Bob learned of career opportunities in the government that seemed to match his goals at the time. “If you have an entrepreneur’s inclination and you want to get a lot of authority when you’re real young, then the government offers some interesting opportunities,” he says.

 This became very evident to Bob when he became budget director for the National Urban Renewal Program. “I had a 900 million dollar budget,” he says, “and offices reporting to me from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to San Francisco. I went before congressional committees. There aren’t many places a 28-year-old can do that in the private sector.”

 Bob later served as deputy director of finance for the department covering college housing, urban renewal and public housing—this time representing the government on Wall Street. “I sold bonds on Wall Street with full authority to negotiate for the United States of America,” he says. “I got to the point in my early 30s where the next step up the ladder involved political endorsement, and I didn’t want that.”

 At that time, Bob left his job and returned to the private sector, starting a company of his own—Kahn Brothers Investment Management Corp., a subsidiary of Kahn Brothers & Co., Inc. “The first year I took an 80 percent cut in pay,” Bob recalls. “Everybody told me it was a very foolish thing to do, but now my company has a little over $700 million, so it has worked, though the first few years were pretty tough.”

 In retrospect, Bob sees how losing his job at the chemical factory in New York was for his long-term benefit. He speaks highly of his Taylor experience, particularly of the relationships he had with professors. “They nurtured me in the Christian message of the institution, and encouraged me to carry that out of Upland and apply it somewhere else in the world,” he says. “It was important, and it worked.” — Randy Dillinger ’95
Career banker partners with TU through estate plan

Bob Renner has long enjoyed the fruits of his labor. He was for 27 years the president of Citizens First State Bank in Hartford City. Though he is now financially well-off, Bob has not forgotten the lessons he learned in the formative years of his life—years of struggle during the Great Depression, and years of service in the military during the Second World War. Still, he knows that all good things have come from God, and in return, he and his wife Betty have carried a desire to bless others out of the blessings they have received.

"Coming from a very poor family, I've realized that we can't take it with us," Bob says. "We wanted to do something with our money that would be meaningful."

After careful consideration, the Renners decided to invest in Taylor University, first with an annuity in 1992, followed by a unitrust the ensuing year. "Of course, we're planning on doing more at some point in time," Bob adds.

Although the Renners are reaping great benefits from their gifts, through tax deductions and a reciprocal income paid to them by the University, the true motivation for the couple is seeing the quality of the individuals who graduate from Taylor—individuals who, according to Bob, are desperately needed in the world today.

"We looked around and thought of a number of places," he says, "and finally decided that Taylor was the best place to contribute."

One of seven children, Bob had to work hard to help support his family during the Depression. Using all the industry he could muster, Bob worked a variety of jobs in his hometown of Ligonier, Indiana. He remembers working one summer on his hands and knees in an onion field, six days a week. He earned 75 cents per day, and at the end of the week, Bob would give all but a quarter to his mother.

Though tough in many ways, the Great Depression was also filled with great promise for Bob. He was in the sixth grade when he met Betty, who at the age of two, had moved to Ligonier from Idaho with her family. Thus began a lifelong friendship that culminated in marriage years later, while the two were serving in the military.

Bob never thought he would be accepted for military service due to leg injuries he suffered in a childhood accident. Still, his employer at the time encouraged him to enlist. He put on a suit and tie and soon found himself undergoing physical examination for the army. Ironically, one of the doctors performing the exams knew Bob's father, and despite Bob's injuries, the doctor approved him for service.

By Monday morning, Bob, wearing the same suit and tie, was shoveling gravel for the army. He had no time to pack up his belongings—"My folks had to get all the things out of my room at the YMCA in South Bend"—nor to say goodbye to his sweetheart. "I received a telegram that read, 'I'm in the army now,'" Betty recalls.

Bob served in a tank destroyer battalion at Camp Forest, and later transferred to Fort Hood, Texas. Then he moved his service to the Air Force. Although he flew bombers and attack planes, Bob never saw active duty during the war.

Following in her father's footsteps, Betty also enlisted in the army and received her basic training in Georgia. "I loved every minute of it," she says. She was later transferred to Fort Des Moines, Iowa.

Despite the great distance between them, Bob and Betty frequently met somewhere in between on the weekends. It was during one of those weekends that Bob proposed to Betty under a streetlight. "And the streetlight looked like a moon," Betty recalls. The two were wed in October 1944 and served in the military until April 1945.

A civilian once again, Bob returned to the banking career he had begun prior to his military service. He worked in South Bend and Muncie until 1959, when he and Betty moved to Hartford City. Bob was president of Citizens First State Bank from 1964-91, and managed the main offices in Hartford City and branches in three other locations.

Bob and Betty have four children and five grandchildren, with one more on the way. Daughter Beverly Green attended Taylor for two years in the early 1980s. The relationship between the Renners and Taylor University began many years earlier, however. As local business and community leaders, they took a personal interest in the University and have supported its mission through the years.

"We've been to Taylor enough to see the Christian philosophy they pursue and how they work with young people; and it fits like a glove on a hand," he says with a smile. —Randy Dillinger '95
1942
Dr. Gordon Beck x died on Jan. 19, in Xenia, OH. His wife preceded him in death. Dr. Beck received an honorary doctorate from TU in 1962.

1945
Dr. Earl Pope x, prof emeritus of Lafayette College, was presented the Andrew E. Murray Peacemaking Award. He was particularly recognized for organizing and directing a summer seminar in 1996 with the theme The Role of the Religious Communities as Peacemakers.

1948
Robert & Lucretia (Hoover x) Whitehead are both now retired. He is still involved in Alpha Prison Ministries and archeology, mainly studying in the area of prehistoric Indian artifacts. Lucretia teaches Sunday school and serves in some social service agencies. They still climb mountains in Colorado! They live at 4559 Curwood SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

1949
Dr. Maurice & Marlene Coburn celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in May. Maurice is pres of Eagle Broadcasting Group, Ltd. They have moved to 7179 E Belmond Ave, Paradise Valley, AZ 85253. We wish them 25 more years of health and happiness.

1951
Lucille Hagen, wife of Jim Hagen, died Jan. 7 after a 2-yr illness with lung cancer. While Jim attended Taylor, they lived on the college farm and she worked as an asst librarian at the school. Jim is a semi-retired UM pastor who resides at 6501 N Riley Rd, Evansville, WI 53536.

1952

1960
George Kloch was recipient of the annual pastoral service award presented by the Capital Area Council of Churches (in Albany, NY). He is in his 8th yr as pastor of the Voorheesville UMC, a congregation of nearly 800 members. He & wife Margaret live in Voorheesville, NY.

1962
Dr. John Cromer was selected as one of 8 members on the Natl Commission on Allied Health Implementation Task Force by the US Dept of Health and Human Services. Art Deyo continues to travel worldwide with Youth for Christ, specifically in the Asia-Pacific area. Lois (Staub x’63) has been presenting seminars for the National Institute for Learning Disabilities and is a therapist. Their US address is 17059 Motzenbocker Way, Parker, CO 80134.

1966
Robert Casey is superinten-

dent of Fredericktown Local Schools. He had previously served as asst superintendent of Tiffin City Schools before assuming his new position.

1967
Richard B. “R.B.” Davis, Jr. was presented the prestigious Outstanding Career Armed Services Attorney award by the Judge Advocate’s Assoc. Davis is a lieutenant colonel in the Florida Natl Guard, where he has served since 1984. He & wife Cecil live in Gainesville, FL.

1968
Dr. Larry & Susan (Winey ’69) Correll live at 1724 Crescent Dr, Beloit, WI 53511. They recently returned to the US from Great Britain where Larry served as field dir for United World Mission. Larry is now exec dir of Timothy Ministries, a missions training agency specializing in training and preparing local church teams for short-term cross-cultural missions. Susan is teaching kindergarten in Beloit. If local churches and pastors are looking for field-tested help in training people for missions work, the Corrells may be reached at their home address.

1969
On July 27, Bob Diller’s 49th birthday, he caught a 44
lb. king salmon while staying with friends in Alaska. Bob & wife Helene (Murfin '70) live at 1160 Shady Ln, Merritt Island, FL 32952.

1973
Dr. James VanOosting was named dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Seton Hall Univ. VanOosting assumed the post on Feb. 17. Prior to this appointment, James was prof and chair of the dept of speech communication at Southern Illinois Univ. He resides in South Orange, NJ.

1976
Cindy Durr was promoted to purchasing mgr for KLF Business Communications Systems. She has been with the company since 1990. She resides at 81 10 Brookmont Ct, #205, Indianapolis, IN 46278.

1978
LCDR Bryan & Shelly (Buckhalt '79) Weaver live at 215 E Lakeside Dr, Vernon Hills, IL 60061, with their 3 boys: Grant (10), Kurt James (5), and Trent (3). Bryan just completed a 3-yr tour with the Coast Guard in Puerto Rico and transferred to Illinois. He graduated from Trinity Evang Div School in June and will be assigned to the Great Lakes Naval Training Command as a Navy chaplain. Shelly homeschools their boys. They would be glad to hear from their TU friends!

1979
Steve & Barb Dowell are proud to announce the birth of Bradley James on July 21, 1996. Brother Danny is 12. Steve is employed at Wheaton College as an of fice mgr. The family lives in Wheaton, IL.

1980
Dr. George McClane is a partner at Sharp Grossmont Hospital in San Diego, CA. Grossmont is the busiest ER in the city, a multi-level/ multi-discipline medical center and a teaching hospital.

1981
Zane & Shelley Huffman are the proud parents of Austin Nathaniel born July 31, 1996. He was welcomed home by brother Alex (2). The Huffman's reside in Indianapolis, IN.

1982
Kate Elizabeth was born to Kurt & Peggy (Weeden '83) Hauser on March 21, 1996. Siblings are Drew (8) and Melissa (4). The family lives in Wheaton, IL.

1983
Kerry & Melissa Bowman joyfully announce the arrival of Zachary Cole on Aug. 15, 1996. Brother Ryan is 4. Kerry is senior pastor of Eagle Alliance Church, a dynamic growing community located at the West 71st exit of Indianapolis, IN. Drop by if you are in the area or visit the church's web site at eac.goindy.com. Kerry's e-mail address is kdbec@aol.com. Michelle (Sample) Fulton went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 23. She is now totally healed from the scleroderma she suffered with for over 5 yrs. Surviving Shelly are husband Ben '84, children Jacob (9), Anna Marie (7) and Luke (5), 2 brothers, and sister Robin (Sample '86) Bacon. Her parents are Sam (former TU football coach) & Judy Sample. Ben would like to extend thanks for continued prayers and friendship. Taylor has been and continues to be a mile Stone in his life. The Lord has blessed his family with Kristen Haas '96 to act as a nanny for the children. Taylor people are making a difference! Richard & Elizabeth (McDuffie) Lambert live at 1809 Paces River Ave, Apt 5101, Rock Hill, SC 29732, with their children Amanda (7) and Cooper (5). Rich is a prof at Univ of North Carolina.

1984
Lisa Egolf married Al Gonzalez on July 13, 1996 in West Palm Beach, FL. Tammy (Hinman) Scott participated in the wedding. Al works in screening at the Mental Health Ctr and Lisa teaches 6th gr math at Wellington Landings MS. Their address is 209 Foxtail Dr Apt F-3, West Palm Beach, FL 33415. Jon & Cylinda (Monroe) Ring proudly announce the birth of Kari Joy on June 14, 1996. Siblings are Kaydi (9), Colby (6) and Kelsi (5). The family lives at 500 Inglewood Dr N, Baxter, MN 56425. Janell Wohlegemuth lives at 1630 Mariners Dr, Newport Beach, CA 92660. Her e-mail is JanellwW@aol.com. Are there any other alumni in Southern California? Get in touch with her!

1985
Dave Burns has moved south to pursue a career in television. He'd love to hear from you! His address is 3702-S Drybrook Rd, Charlotte, NC 28269. E-mail is contactdave@msn.com. Timothy Pettigrew MD announces that he & wife Theresa have created a nurse consulting firm, EDUCA TIONAL NURSE CONSULTANTS, specializing in CPR classes for the general public, as well as for nursing/medical personnel. The firm also provides audio cassette study guides for nursing students, and preparation of day-care sites for State Board of Health inspections. For more information, please write to EDUCA TIONAL NURSE CONSULTANTS, PO Box 34595, Indianapolis, IN 46234-0595 or call 317-297-0412 or 800-227-2909.
Scott & Jodi Swan are saddened to report the death of infant son Calvin Henley on Feb. 15. He was 17 days old. Son Jackson is 2. The Swans live at 1501 Jamestown Rd, Williamsburg, VA 23185. Scott is a prof at The College of William and Mary. • Jeffrey Weber has moved to Pittsburgh, PA and is dir of computer risk mgmt for Arthur Andersen.

1986

Greg & Renay (Rossi '84) Billing are the proud parents of Drew William born Aug. 30, 1996. Sisters Paige (7) and Taylor (4) are thrilled to have a new brother! The family lives at 525 Nauhghtright Rd, Long Valley, NJ 07853, and can be reached via e-mail at gbilling@juno.com or rbilling1@aol.com. • Jon & Kendra Campbell are the proud adoptive parents of Nathan Ryan born Oct. 16, 1996 and arrived at home on Feb. 6, 1997. The family lives at 6436 Midfield Dr, Ft Wayne, IN 46815. • Jayne (Stockman) Cash was promoted to dir of infant services at Rosemont Ctr in Columbus, OH. This residential unit serves pregnant women and teen moms with emotional difficulties. Jayne & husband David live at 169 Powhatan Ave, Columbus, OH 43204. • Tim & Pam (Filby) Ferris joyfully welcome Brian Timothy born March 4. Brothers are Brandon (4) and Andrew (2). The family resides at 11419 Thwing Dr, Chardon, OH 44024. • Dean Hill is a sales professional with J&H/Marsh & McLennan. He & wife Kara (Stanley '87) and family live at 2668 Brentwood Dr, Lake Orion, MI 48362. His e-mail address is drhill@christcom.net.

1987

Peter & Luci (Best '87) Bowman live at Rt 1, Box 218, #5, Espanola, NM 87532. His e-mail address is pjb@pvs.k12.nm.us. • Dr. David & Dr. Brenda (Seman) Lozowski are the proud parents of twin girls Rachel Lee and Elizabeth Anne born Jan. 31. Both David & Brenda have finished their residencies and are family practitioners. They live at 336 Eim St, Coshocton, OH 43812. • Chris & Teresa (Swanson '89) Meredith, along with sons Joshua (5) and Taylor (4), welcome Justin Caleb born Feb. 7. They would love to hear from TU friends! They live at 5509 S Marietta Rd, Shelbyville, IN 47176. • Ken & Kathleen Siegle proudly announce the birth of Taylor Rose on Oct. 29, 1996. Sisters are Amber (6) and Katie (5). Ken is assit vice pres-commerical appraisal dept at Standard Federal Bank; Kathleen is a homemaker. They reside at 48631 Hunter Rd, Macomb, MI 48044. • Paul & Colleen (Powell) Watson joyfully welcome Matthew Allan born Oct. 23, 1996. Sister Abigail Lynn is 3. Their address is 191 Guernsey Ave, Columbus, OH 43204. E-mail address is pwatson49@aol.com. • Quinn & Julie (Bagley '89) White proudly announce the birth of Keenan Quinn on April 9. They live in Van Wert, OH. • Jerald Yeager is mgr of financial planning for SYM Financial Corp. His primary focus is on personal financial leadership and counseling, including customized recommendations and solutions.

1988

Mark & Anne (Wagner) Leeper are the proud parents of Samuel Carlton born Aug. 1, 1996. Anne is a full-time mom and Mark works for the Dept of Justice. They live at 533 3rd St NE, Washington, DC 20002. • Paul & Faith (Stauffer) Murphy proudly announce the birth of Abigail Erin on Nov. 4, 1996. Paul is a pilot for Southwest Airlines and Faith just started a graphic design business out of her home called Graphix Solutions. The family's address is 5724 E Campo Bello Dr, Scottsdale, AZ 85254. Their e-mail address is Murlaz@aol.com. • Brian & Jennifer (Jurgensen) Peters joyfully welcome Bryce Leland born Aug. 7, 1996. Sisters are Brielle (5) and Linnea (3). Brian works at St. Vincent Hospital as a project mgr in the info systems dept. Jennifer is a homemaker, busy raising 3 kids! • Jamey Schmitz is chief exec officer of WLMB TV-40, the first Christian television station in Northwest Ohio. Wife Rachel is employed at home and enjoys being with daughters Sophia (3) and Chloe (2). The family resides at 200 N Ridge Dr, Perrysburg, OH 43551. • Navy Lt Oren Townsend saved a man's life while flying from Honolulu, Hawaii. He volunteered when a stewardess announced she needed someone with medical expertise to assist a passenger. Dr. Townsend diagnosed the problem, a severe and critical asthma attack, and administered treatment until the plane made an emergency landing. Oren currently serves at Naval Hospital in Okinawa, Japan. • Mark & Ruth (Plumb '87) Wenger are the proud parents of Sarah Christine born Feb. 25, 1997. Brothers are Daniel (4) and Luke (2). The family resides at 8470 Whippoorwill Dr #G, Indianapolis, IN 46256. • Lloyd x & Amy (Duchemin) Work proudly announce the birth of David Alexander on Oct. 28, 1996. Brother Isaac is 3. Amy stays at home with the boys and Lloyd is a computer consultant. Their address is 708 College Way, Carmel, IN 46032. • Michael & Rebecca (Swofford) Yoder joyfully welcome Alec Dean born Jan. 21. Brother Austin is 2. The family lives at 11529 Sterrett Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46236.

1989

Chris & Becky (Smith) Ancil are the proud parents of Katherine Elizabeth born Sept. 12, 1996. They reside at 6178 W 147th Ave, Holland, MI 49423. • Michael & Carolyn (Schumacher) Aragon live at W174 N9446 Joper Rd, Menomonie Falls, WI 53051, with children Michael Joseph (2) and Anne Elizabeth born Jan. 9, 1997. Michael is assoc pastor of youth and family ministries at Northbrook
Church. Carolyn is a full-time wife and mom and assists Michael at church. • Marc & Ruth (Hunter) Henn joyfully welcome Rachel Helen born Feb. 21. The family lives at 6679 Kennedy Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45213. • Troy & Katie (Hardin x’90) Mounsey are the proud parents of Callie Marisa born Oct. 14, 1996. Sister Megan is 3. Troy is a systems specialist for Monroe Guaranty Ins. They reside at 7734 Kemble Ct, Fishers, IN 46038. • Ethan Theodore was born Sept. 20, 1996 to proud parents Nate & Melissa (Miller) Peterson. Nate graduated from North Central College in Naperville, IL with an MBA. Their address is 1419 E Forest Ave, Wheaton, IL 60187; e-mail address is nate_peterson@compuserve.com. • Paul & Gail Stath live at 7600 Spotted Coat Ln, Midlothian, VA 23112. His e-mail is paul@ccity.com.

1990

Tom & Michelle (Yoder) Halleen live at 20520 Romar Ln, Saugus, CA 91350. Their e-mail address is eehv93c@prodigy.com. • Darryl & Susan (Cosson x) Kizer proudly announce the birth of William Dalton on July 4, 1996. The family resides at 927 Glespans Dr, Knoxville, TN 37922. • Steve & Pam (Hoeckema) Mallett are the proud parents of Sara Anne born Jan. 22. Steve is the corporate sales mgr for the Milwaukee Brewers. They live at 304 Congress St, Neenah, WI 54956. • Todd & Lisa (Besecker ’91) Morgan proudly announce the birth of Alyvia Christine on May 31, 1996. The family resides at 5504 W Sudbury Dr, Muncie, IN 47304. • Todd & Janette (Wilson) Shoemaker joyfully welcome Cameron Jarrett born Feb. 8. Sister Haley is 4. Todd works at Anchor Bank and Janette is a kindergarten teacher. They live at 106 Gilman St, Verona, WI 53593.

1991

Matthew & Stephanie (Taggart x) Jardine reside at 2051 The Circle, Washington, PA 15301. Her e-mail is stephanie@ons.org. • Todd & Amy (Fischer) Maggini announce the birth of Chloe Jo on Aug. 12, 1996. Amy received her master’s degree in counseling psychology from Western Michigan Univ in Aug. ’94. After graduation she worked at Bethany Christian Services as an intensive outreach therapist. She is now a stay-at-home mom. The family’s address is 1552 Stockington Path, Zeeland, MI 49464. • Sharon & Maria (Mithaler) Odman are the proud parents of McKenzie Mariah born Feb. 8. They live at Taichung Kang Rd Section 3, Alley 128 20-3 Apt 16B-1, Taichung 407 Taiwan, R.O.C. • Dr. Todd & Crystal (Lambright) Page joyfully announce the birth of Naomi Grace on Jan. 22. Todd is a family practice resident and Crystal is a full-time mom. Their address is 919 E Irvington Ave, South Bend, IN 46614. • Steve & Karin (Feige) Wood are the proud parents of Carter Steven born Oct. 21, 1996. The family lives at 38520 N Shagbark Ln, Wadsworth, IL 60083. • David & Tracie (Evans) Zander are happy to announce the miracle of Hannah Elizabeth born 5 weeks early on Nov. 18, 1996. They reside at 11600 Brimley Rd, Webberville, MI 48892.

1992

Brad Ash is a group therapist at Hoffman Houses for Youth, an adolescent residential treatment facility. Tracy (Workman) is an asst dir of ed with Sylvan Learning Ctrs. They became proud parents of Chandler Bradley on June 20, 1996. He is being taught all the fine traditions of First East Wengatz! • Sharon Baker married Mark Holland on Sept. 7, 1996 in Cincinnati, OH. Sharon’s father Steve Baker ’64 performed the ceremony. Also participating were Beth Parker-Sloat ’91 and Sharon and Sherri Kaluf. Beth is a 2nd gr teacher at Murfreesboro City Schools and Scott works for Nissan Mfg Corp. The couple lives at 1902 Black Fox Crossing, Murfreesboro, TN 37127. • Emily Brailey and Mark Vanest were married in Dayton, OH on July 13, 1996. TU participants were Amy Brailey ’95, Ronda Vanest ’98, Laura McDowell ’93, Jael Norman, Kathy Massot, Heather (M yers) Day, Joy Coffelt x’94, Jane (Moore x) Wilson, Travis Vanest ’94, Matt Brummund, Mike Potter, Mike Reed, Kenyon Knapp, Ben Wilson, Thomas Arnott, and Jeff Unruh ’91. Mark & Emily are completing master’s degrees and teaching at IU in hopes of returning to the Middle East in Dec. 1997. Their address is 1603 E 3rd St, University East-232, Bloomington, IN 47401. • In Aug. 1997 Lisa Curless will be teaching language arts and humanities at Damascus Comm School, an intl school in Damascus, Syria. Her address is Damascus Comm School, c/o US Embassy, Dept of State, Washington, DC 20521-6110. • Treg & Stacey (Higerd ’91) Gilstorf are the proud parents of Jeremy Phillip born Oct. 19, 1996. The family lives at 559 Summit Dr, Plainfield, IN 46168. • Tim & Jennifer Hildebrandt joyfully announce the birth of Taylor Christian on April 9. Tim is teaching 5th gr in Middlebury, IN. Their address is 116 S Lakeview, Sturgis, MI 49091. • Matt & Chrissy (Jessup ‘93) Jarvis proudly announce the birth of Mark William on Jan. 31. They reside at 23280 CR 32, Goshen, IN 46526. • Tom & Angela (Johs) Lockwood joyfully welcome Landon born Feb. 7, 1996. Tom works as a claims adjuster at Grange Mutual. Angie worked as the social service dir at Woodcrest Retirement Ctr, but is now staying home with Landon. Their address is 318 W Wabash St, Bluffton, IN 46714. • Heather Myers married
Joshua Day on June 8, 1996. TU participants were Kathy Massot, Jacl Norman, and Emily (Bradley) Vanest. Joshua works at Eli Lilly and Heather works for Pike Township Schools. Their address is 2121 Dohich Ct Apt F, Indianapolis, IN 46260. Mike Potter is pastor of student ministries at FairCreek Church in Fairborn, OH. He & wife Michelle (Matheny) and children Emily (6), Alexi (2), and son Taylor (1) live at 3060 Axc Dr, Fairborn, OH 45324. His e-mail address is mpotter@faircreek.org. Lynn & Laurell (Erb) Swing are the proud parents of Andrew Norman born Aug. 21, 1996. They live at 1707 N SR 101, Woodburn, IN 46797. His e-mail address is ljsis@triplecrownsvc.com. Larry & Jacqueline (Jenkins) Wiles proudly announce the birth of Rebekah Arlene on Dec. 12, 1996. They reside at 1149 Fisher Dr, Piqua, OH 45356. Ben & Jane (Moore) Wilson, along with Hannah (4) and Samuel (2), are proud to announce the birth of Elasah Lane on Jan. 3, 1997. Her name means “God is Dearer” and “From the narrow road.” It is their desire that she trusts God to lead her down the narrow way to glorify Him. The family’s address is 59 Meadows, Nappanee, IN 46550.

1993

Mark Bagley married Rachelle Amstutz on June 8, 1996. TU participants were Jeff Bagley ’84, Quinn ’87 & Julie (Bagley) ’89 White, Mark Syswerda, and Dave Long. The couple lives in Van Wert, OH where Mark teaches jr high math and Rachelle is an RN. Melissa (Slough) Peterson is a residence hall dir at Moody Bible Institute. She & husband Jon live in Chicago, IL. Jonathan & Missy (Wolgemuth) Schrader are the proud parents of Abby born Feb. 1, 1996. The family lives at 4205 Manchester Ln, Monroe, NC 28110. His e-mail address is jschrader@juno.com.

1994

Janell Brubaker and Jeremy Nordmoe were married on May 18, 1996 in Germantown, MD. They now reside in Nashville, TN where Jeremy works at Vanderbilt Univ medical archives and Janell is a clerk for Int’l Paper . Jeremy’s e-mail address is Jeremy.nordmoe@mcmail.vanderbilt.edu.

Jeff & Krista (Hasenmyer) Burden live at 4967 Llly Ln Apt 112, Indianapolis, IN 46254. E-mail address is jburden@cord.iupui.edu. Clark & Robin (Niedermeyer) Holland are both in grad school. Clark is getting an MBA from Rice Univ and Robin is studying occupational therapy at Texas Woman’s Univ. They would love to hear from TU friends! Their address is 8181 Fannin Apt 1315, Houston, TX 77054. E-mail is holland@rice.edu. Martha Smith married Philip Berg on March 30, 1996. They had a small family wedding with Bryan Bartow x’88 officiating. Other attenders were Lisa (Smith) ’88 Bartow, Bryan Koorey.

Kurt x & Jennifer (Spencer ’94) VandenBrink have relocated to New Jersey after spending several months in Bozeman, MT while Jennifer completed an internship. She received an MS in occupational therapy and is employed at Kessler Institute for Rehab. Kurt has changed careers from advertising to construction and is working in new residential construction and remodeling. They live at 608 Peachtree Vlillege, Hacketttsown, NJ 07840. John Williamson graduated from med school in May 1996. He is now doing an OB-GYN residency in Chattanooga, TN. Wife Carrie (Boyd ’92) stays home full-time but does volunteer work with Crisis Pregnancy Ctr. Daughters are Christina Marie (4) and Abigail Kay (1). Their address is 1008 Lower Mill Rd, Hixson, TN 37343.

1995

Jonathan Geisler is working on a PhD at Northwestern Univ in computer engineering. His address is 21 18 Ewing Ave Floor 2, Evanston, IL 60201. E-mail address is geisler@ece.nwu.edu. Dave x & Becky (Long x’96) Helsby are the proud parents of Hannah born Sept. 30, 1996. Dave is a landscape designer and Becky loves being at home as a mom. Come visit them anytime! Their address is 1606 S Rouse, Bozeman, MT 59715. April Hunter married Jonathan Claggett ’96 on Dec. 21, 1996 in Greenwood, IN. Jonathan works for Cornerstone Solutions Group. The couple resides at 12359-N Cross Creek Cove, St. Louis, MO 63141-6447.

Kari Jordan and Jason Diller ’93 were married on May 4, 1996. They are preparing to work in Africa with Wycliffe Bible Translators. Their address is 7500 W Camp Wisdom Rd, Dallas, TX 75236. Staci Lowell was promoted to contemporary women’s issues database coordinator at Responsive Database Services, Inc. She lives in Willoughby Hills, OH. Her e-mail address is staci_lowell@rds.com.

1996

Kathy Caldwell married Mark Johnson on July 20, 1996 in Spartanburg, SC. TU participants were Lisa (Gates ’95) Johnson, Amanda (Landin) Greene, Kristina Martin ’97, Kathleen Stark, Eric Johnson ’95, Jeff Acton, Tom Hoffrage, Mark Rudy, and Brack Helms. The couple resides at 440-220 Taylor / Summer 1997
From right, and clockwise, we welcome some of the newest members of the Taylor family: Chloe, daughter of Todd and Amy (Fischer '91) Maggini; Rebekah Arlene, daughter of Larry and Jackie (Jenkins '92) Wiles; Taylor, daughter of Troy and Sheri (Lemons '96) Rychner; Christina (I.) and Abigail, daughters of John '93 and Carrie (Boyd '92) Williamson; Hannah Elizabeth, daughter of David and Tracie (Evans '91) Zander; and Nathan Ryan, son of Jon '86 and Kendra Campbell.

Magnolia Branch Dr, Winston-Salem, NC 27104. ● Joshua Carney lives at 639 Woodruff Pl Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46201. His e-mail is Edenwood@aol.com. ● Tina Hopp and Matt Aalsma '95 were married on July 27, 1996. Matt is pursuing a PhD in psychology at Ball State Univ. Tina teaches at North View Elem in Gas City. Their address is 3428 N Tillotson Ave Apt 277, Muncie, IN 47304. ● Danielle Jarrett lives at 136 Willow St, Hamilton, MA 01982. ● Nathan Larsen is an analyst for British Telecom. ● Troy & Sheri (Lemons) Rychener are proud to announce the birth of daughter Taylor Kay on July 19, 1996. The family resides at 253 Maple St, Box 148, Pettisville, OH 43553.

1997

Stacy Miles and Nick Christian were married on Dec. 28, 1996 in Findlay, OH. TU participants were Melissa Pawley, Nat Baker, Steve Walsman, Ronda Vanest, and Nicole Franz. Nick is working on a master's at Ball State Univ. ● Joy Noe married Ted Carpenter '95 on June 8, 1996 in Marion, IN. TU participant was Tony Yoder '94. The couple resides at 744 Bluff St Apt 104, Carol Stream, IL 60188.

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