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A Reunion of Friends
by President Jay Kesler '58

"Is any pleasure on earth as great as a circle of Christian friends by a good fire?" I am indebted to my friend, Professor Dave Neuhausser, for digging this C.S. Lewis quote out of a book by Angus J. L. Menuge, C.S. Lewis: Lightbearer in the Shadowlands. The rhetorical question brings immediate agreement to my soul. Even the process of being led to it by a brother in Christ like Dr. Neuhausser is part of this circle and its affirming reality over time.

The nuclear Taylor family within the family of God is a close circle of friends who have shared not only the Christian faith, but a unique expression of that faith, intellectually and relationally. Somehow, the fellowship has remained orthodox in relation to the Bible and historic faith without falling into the ditch of obscurantism and fundamentalism on the one side, or antinomianism and relativism on the other. Though over time sometimes we are seduced into one of the "isms" that define the dead ends and cul-de-sacs along our experience, we are somehow drawn back into the circle where conviction and tolerance, commitment and civility, and private interpretations find the "widthness in God’s mercy." Such is the content of this issue.

The story is about the diversity of experience and obedience strengthened by the lasting and enduring friendships forged in the Taylor experience. Friendships, as we know, have a way of turning the corner in such a way that they remain forever—even as months, years and decades pass. This becomes evident at reunions and homecomings as we, in mere minutes, start in again where we left off in a residence hall, a gym, a playing field, a study experience, a tentative romance, a prayer meeting, or any of the experiences that forge the memory and the substance of our formative years.

The coming together is globally, generationally, interculturally and vocationally diverse. People remember, make promises, keep most, and are renewed by the knowledge that indeed the family is the body of Christ himself. The eye and the ear do need each other. The obscure and hidden parts have deep meaning and the visible ones claim both reward and the need of grace. In this issue we honor our fellow alumni and friends and gather together before the glow and warmth of the fire.

Morris Hall residence alumni (clockwise, from left) John Jaderholm ‘80, Terry Harnish ‘77, Don Emery ‘80 and Bruce Grabenkort ‘79 relive favorite memories during the Morris Hall Reunion this spring.
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LIKE MANY PEOPLE, I spend countless hours in airplanes, traveling to and from meetings where I sometimes speak, sometimes listen, sometimes lead and sometimes follow. As I approach the last day of any event, however, my thoughts pull me toward home with almost laser-like focus.

I never tire of going home. It's not because I live in a large, fancy house—hardly an apt description for a two-bedroom New York City apartment. It's not because I won't have to live out of a suitcase or experience another hotel meal. Rather, it's because of who is there; it's because home is a place of memory and peace. It is interesting that the words we use are "going home" instead of "going house."

As children, we lived in a variety of places and in different houses. But home was where we spent time with people we loved and who loved us; home was where memories—mostly good—were born; home was a place where major life-altering decisions were made.

It is with that background that I reflect on coming back to Taylor for Homecoming and our 30th class reunion. Because of my travel schedule, Marylou and I have not been able to make many class reunions. We attended our 20th but regrettably missed our 25th. What is it about Homecoming that we so look forward to?

First and foremost. Homecoming is our opportunity to be with people who have helped shape our lives. Who among us does not remember the many late night sessions in the dorms studying or playing games, or going to Marion or Hartford City for food. Those seemingly insignificant trips were often how relationships were initiated, nurtured or ended. Who could forget the faculty and staff? There were dorm directors, maintenance staff, security, Dr. Rediger and dozens of faculty who impacted and helped shape our lives beyond belief. To see and thank these people; to reflect, to remember, to cry, to encourage, to celebrate and to express gratitude for the lives and memories of those people who have made a difference—these are the reasons that bring us back to Homecoming.

Some may come back for Homecoming to see how good people look (stated kindly!), because in truth, all of us have changed. We've balded, grayed and relocated various parts of our anatomy; more of us wear glasses; some have had surgery for life-threatening diseases such as cancer; and of course, we've aged. But hopefully, we can also look forward to seeing how much we've changed in those areas that matter: Have we become more caring, more sensitive to others? Have we become more patient and joyful? Do we reflect better in our lives the "fruit of the Spirit?" Do we appreciate more God's mercies and His faithfulness? Are we, simply put, more God-like? Of course we want to see how the campus has physically changed and improved. But for most of us, Homecoming is about seeing and being with people.

Homecoming is also a time for remembering. I would guess, if someone were to keep count, that the word "remember" may be the most frequently uttered word during a homecoming weekend. For many, if not most of us, Taylor is a place of wonderful memories. Not that it was perfect; it wasn't. Places populated with imperfect people—both students and staff—tend to find perfection difficult to ever achieve. But most in our class, the Class of 1968, would remember "Hector's Hut," the grill, bikeathon, hayrides, class-float-building nights, prayer meetings, Shreiner plays, singing The Messiah, sporting
Reflections on the Taylor Experience

by Dr. Eugene Hahecker ’68

events, “A Patch of Blue,” chapel, choir tours and Sunday night sings in MCW.

Class competitions in the mid-1960s were fiercely competitive. The May bike races were particularly hard-fought. I would imagine few freshman men from our class who played intramural flag football will forget that we were “flag football class champions” in 1964. This accomplishment is totally unimportant in the larger scheme of things, but there it is—a memory. Some will remember class competition in Maytag. I remember one “spontaneous speaking” competition where the subject I was given was “how to comb your hair with a 2x4.” And remember freshman orientation? It was my first effort at learning time management. These and hundreds of other life-shaping situations at Taylor have left fingerprints all over our lives. These events and the people associated with them are what we remember and celebrate together. After all, Homecoming is about remembering.

Finally, Homecoming is a time for recalling significant decisions. For some reason, God has created us in such a way that the years following high school are some of the most tumultuous. And what better place to wrestle with these changes than at a Christian university where people who love both God and young people are willing participants in helping guide the many decision-making processes? It was at Taylor that I learned the basics of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. I’ll never forget the chapel when Bill McKee spoke to us, not about the importance of Christianity or denominationalism, but about the importance of being a follower of Jesus and the importance of making faith in Christ my decision, not that of my parents. I was never the same after that chapel. For Marylou, life-changing moments came during Youth Conference and hearing the messages of Dr. Leighton Ford. The result was the same—a life-altering decision to follow Christ and to serve Him.

Another significant decision was the choice of a major. I came to Taylor fully convinced I would graduate and go on to a career in counseling. But then I fell in love with political science. I couldn’t believe I could major in this engaging area of study. And I loved it—the courses in political philosophy and the many debates with other students. It was a life-changing decision for me. But most importantly, other than my decision to follow Christ, I made the choice of a life-mate; I married my best friend. This past summer Marylou and I celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary.

Taylor Homecoming is about a lot of things, but most of all it’s about relationships, memories and decisions. Implicit in all of this is a heart filled with gratitude to God, for His goodness, mercies and blessings, and to Taylor and its leadership for being faithful to the God-given vision to be a Christ-honoring university.

What if there had been no Taylor? That’s hard to even contemplate. It’s why we alumni need to continue doing our part to help make a difference for future generations of Taylor alumni yet unborn.

I close with these reminders from Scripture: “Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning, great is your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22,23 (NIV); “Our Lord, in all generations you have been our home.” Psalm 90:1 (CEV, emphasis added)

Dr. Eugene Hahecker is president of the American Bible Society. He will speak at Taylor on Sunday, November 1, for the Homecoming worship service.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (cont.)

1:30 p.m. Football vs. McKendree College (Wheeler Stadium)
4:30 p.m. Reunions for major fields and special interest groups—see Homecoming brochure for groups and meeting places
5 p.m. Student Banquet—Guests are welcome! (Hodson Dining Commons)
8 p.m. Michael Card in concert (Rediger Chapel/Auditorium)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1

8 a.m. Breakfast and Morning Devotions (Isely Room, Hodson Dining Commons)
10 a.m. Sunday Worship Service, with Dr. Eugene Hahecker ’68 (Rediger Chapel/Auditorium)

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EACH YEAR ALUMNI receive a ballot in the mail from the Alumni Association inviting them to nominate outstanding alumni to receive awards. The Awards Committee of the National Alumni Council (NAC) reviews the nominations and submits recommendations to the NAC. The awards are then given to the honored alumni at Homecoming.

Marty (Cleveland ’78) Songer, director of alumni programs, notes that the committee spends significant time thinking and praying about the decisions; it is impossible to recognize everyone deserving of honor, she says. “The committee tries to find a balance between representatives from different walks of life,” Songer says. “We seek to bring honor to individuals who have distinguished themselves in certain areas of their lives. When we choose to honor them, we honor others who are serving in the same way.”

Dr. Eugene Habecker ’68 was chosen to receive the Distinguished Alumnus for Professional Achievement award. Habecker currently serves as president and CEO of the American Bible Society. He served as president of Huntington College from 1979 to 1991, and has authored three books.

“Gene has accomplished much, personally and professionally, to further the kingdom of God,” says Gene Rupp, vice president for Development. “As a college president, he was an excellent fundraiser and helped direct an admissions program that resulted in doubling the student enrollment. Now, using his strong evangelical leadership to oversee the American Bible Society as president, he has revitalized its vision to offer the Word of God to the world in a language and form each individual can understand and afford.”

Janet Berst ’59, who was born without an iris in either eye, has distinguished herself in the field of systems analysis and videography. For her accomplishments, Berst will receive the Distinguished Alumna for Personal Achievement award. She has won four EVVY awards for television productions, including first prize in the religion category for her production of St. Paul’s Ephesus. She is also the author of Christianity and the Real World.

“Janet possesses the conviction of excellence in everything she does,” says Sherry (Perkins ’59) Gormanous. “Her perseverance is, perhaps, her greatest character trait; not only is it evident in her profession, but also in her personal life.”

For strongly promoting Taylor University, Christian higher education and Christian ministry, Char Binkley will receive the Distinguished Friend award. Binkley is the general manager of WBCL-FM 90.3, Fort Wayne. Under her leadership, Taylor’s broadcasting ministry has grown tremendously.

“Char is a very strong and committed friend of Taylor University,” says Dr. Daryl Yost, provost/executive vice president and chief administrative officer of the Fort Wayne campus. “She has a long record of serving Christian education through radio. She has distinguished herself in Christian radio across the country.”

Also receiving the Distinguished Friend award this year is Gloria Muselman. For many years she has been a “behind-the-scenes” supporter of Taylor students, faculty and staff. Muselman was awarded the “Angel of Mercy” award for community service in her hometown of Berne, Indiana. Her husband Art serves on Taylor’s board of trustees. In 1987, Taylor honored the Muselmans as Distinguished Parents of the University.

“Gloria is a well-deserving recipient of the award,” says Jayanne (Housholder ’87) Roggenbaum. “She has been a long-time friend of the University and has performed many behind-the-scenes activities for which she has never been recognized.”

Alyce (Rocke ’48) Cleveland will receive the honor of Distinguished Alumna for Service to Taylor University. She has been a part of the Taylor “family” since 1943, when she came as a student. Her late husband Will ’49 served Taylor from 1956 until his death in 1985. The couple served as hosts for many alumni and departmental functions. Cleveland continues to serve as coordinator and hostess to alumni, students, staff and faculty.
Songer appreciates that the Alumni Association has chosen her mother for the award. “If we searched the world over, we would not find a more loyal and supportive alumna of Taylor University,” Songer says. “Taylor has been an integral part of Mom’s life for more than 50 years. I am pleased that she has been selected for this award; she is very deserving.”

Exhibiting an enthusiastic love for God through diligent service, Doug Baker ’88 will receive the Distinguished Young Alumnus for Professional Achievement award. Baker is the regional director of Royal Servants International. He is married to Mindy (Anderson ’94).

“Doug has been a great friend to me throughout college and since then,” says Rev. Rex Stump ’89. “When we first began Vespers at Trout House (off campus) my junior year, we grew closer as friends. I think it’s awesome how Doug went from teaching mathematics to using God’s Word for multiplication of the saints! Doug has a love for God that is genuine and challenging. His attitude challenges those near him to serve as well.”

Laurie Winterholter ’91 will receive the Distinguished Young Alumna for Personal Achievement award. She is the fitness and aquatics director for the Christian Family Center in Adrian, Michigan. Winterholter has competed in triathlons since 1992. She was named to the USA team for the World Long Distance Triathlon Championship in 1996. She also placed sixth in the 25–29 age group for Mideast triathletes and ranked nationally as well. Winterholter was a Reebok Milk Fit Woman in 1995.

“I have known Laurie for over ten years,” Songer says. “She is truly a woman of integrity in every aspect. Her commitment to personal excellence has allowed her to reach her goals. I’m very proud of her as an athlete and as a leader in the area of fitness and health in her community.” —Jeremie Solak ’99

Long-time Friends Anticipate 50th Anniversary Reunion

The Class of 1948 is celebrating its 50th anniversary reunion this fall; for four friends—Alyce (Rocke ’48) Cleveland, Miriam (Litten x’49) Long, Ruth (Brose ’48) Rogers, and Fran (Johnson ’48) Willert—it will be one of many gatherings they have had together over the past five decades.

Fran and Alyce were roommates for their senior year. After graduation, their husbands both attended Asbury Seminary. Fran and Alyce continued their close relationship. Alyce recalls working on the college yearbook with Ruth, and that Miriam was “the popular cheerleader I admired but didn’t really know. None of us realized at that time that the four of us some day would have special ties.”

Over the years, life circumstances and experiences of grief and suffering touched each of these women and eventually brought them closer together. A year after the death of Fran’s husband, Lloyd ’48, Fran and Ruth were reunited.

“It was when Ruth and I had a mutual wedding to attend that we discovered similar interests,” Fran says. They were soon joined by Miriam, who was grieving the sudden loss of her husband, (Bob ’49).

After the death of her husband, Will ’49, Alyce was asked to join the group. “They provided incredible support as they themselves had experienced grief and suffering,” Alyce recalls. “Their prayers, encouragement, and presence were evidence of how they wanted to help me through the grieving process.”

“I thank God for the blessings I have received and the wonderful friendships that have been formed as a result of a decision that was made a long time ago to attend a unique institution,” Fran says.

The friends have enjoyed traveling together, as well as visiting the Upland campus.

“When I look at the threads and colors that comprise the relationships of my life, I see God’s hand at work,” Ruth says. “This is particularly true of those I have known through Taylor.”

—Marty (Cleveland ’78) Songer
Into the Arms of Eternity
Dennis L. Buroker (October 8, 1953–June 2, 1998)

When faced with the death of a family member or friend, we are often left asking, why? Seldom is there an answer or an antidote to soothe the pain of our loss. Family and friends of Dennis L. Buroker ’78 found themselves sharing the experience of grief when the Muncie, Indiana, firefighter and former Taylor football player died suddenly from heart failure on June 2. He was 44 years old.

Buroker attended Grace Baptist Church in Muncie. He was chosen the 1997 Fireman of the Year in Muncie and was soon to receive a promotion from sergeant to lieutenant.

“Dennis was a quiet leader who led by example,” says Muncie Fire Chief Gary Lucas. “He was a dedicated man and good at his job. He was looked up to by the men who worked with him. I have never heard anyone speak a bad word about him.”

“Dennis was a man of principle,” says George Glass, associate vice president for Alumni Relations. “He was quiet in appearance, disciplined in his lifestyle, and always willing to carry more than his own load.”

Surviving Buroker are his wife Teresa; daughters Natalie and Lauren; parents Robert and Teil; brothers Brian ’79 and Brad ’81; and sister Sue Ellen. Teil worked as a secretary in the athletic department and alumni office for 25 years. While many mourn the loss of Dennis Buroker, we thank God for his life and the friendship and encouragement he gave to so many.—Randy Dillinger ’95
In the fifty years of Taylor football, 459 games have been played, more than 1,250 young men have donned the Taylor uniform, 66 men have served on the coaching staff, and six Trojans either tried out or were in training camp with a National Football League team. The Taylor University football tradition is certainly marked by decades of determination and perseverance.
The Taylor football tradition, though not as long and storied as the University’s 152-year history, indeed calls for celebration. In fact, Homecoming 1998 will offer several opportunities for alumni football players to reunite and share memories with one another, as well as with current players and coaches.

On Saturday, Oct. 31, former football players are invited to the team chapel at 9 a.m. in the Butz-Carruth Recital Hall in Smith-Hermanson Music Building. Former players will be recognized during halftime of the football game. Those in attendance are invited to stand together on the field at that time. The game between the Trojans and McKendree College will start at 1:30 p.m. Finally, football alumni may join current players and coaches for prayer and a post-game meeting in the fieldhouse.

“We want our alumni to feel connected with the football program,” says Trojans head coach Steve Wilt. “We would like to meet them and give them opportunities to fellowship with current players and coaches.”

The opportunity to unite former and current athletes allows the community a chance to reflect on Taylor’s football history. Football in the early 1900s was a much rougher sport than we know it today. In fact, President Theodore Roosevelt warned that if colleges in the United States did not clean up the sport, he would outlaw it by executive order. Needless to say, Taylor officials at the time strongly discouraged the sport, and when intercollegiate athletics began in 1933 the first offerings did not include football.

When Don Odle ’42 became the school’s athletic director in 1947, one of his major goals was to implement a football program at Taylor. After some struggle, Odle’s goal was attained and plans were made for the school to field a team in the fall of 1948.

Odle coached the team but quickly found himself in a quandary—most of his players had never played the sport before. Odle recalls walking through the dormitories trying to recruit players. Another difficulty for the team was the lack of suitable equipment. Odle had procured secondhand equipment from local high schools and sample items from sporting goods stores.

“None of our equipment matched,” Odle recalls. “We played and practiced in the same uniforms. The pants were the cheapest and also the toughest material that we could find. One of our alumni once told me that I was the only coach he had ever known who had to recruit equipment.”

Taylor’s first intercollegiate football game was played against Huntington College on September 24, 1948, in Marion, Indiana, at Memorial Field, before a crowd of 4,000, according to the Marion Leader-Tribune. With the score tied at six in the fourth quarter, Huntington intercepted a Taylor pass and scored with just 30 seconds left to play, securing the victory with a score of 12–6. Taylor’s lone touchdown came as freshman quarterback Bob Beckett tossed a three-yard
pass to John Nelson '52. The Trojans faced significantly tougher competition the rest of the season and finished with a record of 0–8.

The Trojans entered the 1949 season with high hopes, partly because the school was now a member of the Hoosier College Conference (HCC). Again, the season opener was played against Huntington. The Trojans dominated on both sides of the ball, earning a 12–0 shutout over the Foresters. Freshman Rocky Jones led the way for Taylor, scoring both touchdowns. The Trojans recorded 152 yards rushing and 44 passing yards, while holding Huntington to 57 and 27, respectively. Taylor finished the season with a 4–3–2 record.

Mal Cofield '51, a letter-winner from 1948-50, has fond memories of those early years. "It was a very enjoyable time for me," Cofield says. "We got beat quite a bit in the early going, but we improved year-by-year. We had a lot of prayer sessions when the program was starting. The Lord really helped us a lot in those early days."

The early days of Taylor football were lean indeed, but in 1952 the Trojans finally had a field on campus, located on the infield of the track and field complex. Two seasons later, on October 30, 1954, the Trojans played Fisk University in the first interracial football game ever played in the state of Tennessee. In that game, the Trojans rolled to a 32–0 victory. Halfback Don Callan '55 recorded four of Taylor's touchdowns.

The 1957 campaign remains one of the best in team history as Coach Earl Craven's troops produced a 7–1–1 record—a .833 winning percentage that still remains the team's best. Taylor's only loss that season—26–6 vs. Hanover—had been postponed from the middle of the season due to an outbreak of the Asiatic flu. Tackle Robert Davis '58 became Taylor's first All-American on record that season, being selected to the Third Team.

Bob Davenport began an 11-year tenure as Trojans head coach in 1958. Davenport came to Taylor with a storied background as a two-time All-American fullback for the UCLA Bruins and a two-time MVP of the Rose Bowl.

The Trojans began their attack in 1962, producing a 6–3 overall mark and capturing their first-ever HCC championship. That was quickly followed by HCC Championships in 1963, 1964 and 1967. In the spring of 1971, Taylor was named as a charter member of a new athletic conference—the Hoosier-Buckeye Collegiate Conference. Linebacker Dennis McBrier '73 finished his four-year Taylor career in 1972 as an Honorable Mention All-American. McBrier was just one cut away from making the 1973 Washington Redskins squad.

Taylor football found a new home when the Jim Wheeler Memorial Stadium was officially dedicated on October 11, 1980. Constructed at a cost of $350,000, the facility was built with funds donated by John '54 and Jodi Wheeler in memory of their son, Jim Wheeler. Jim died of cancer shortly after his graduation from Taylor. The stadium remains in constant use to this day.

In 1982, Jim Law became the Trojans' ninth head football coach after a 19-year career with nearby Oak Hill High School that produced six conference championships.

"I felt like I had accomplished everything that I could at Oak Hill," Law says. "I always

Quarterback Kenny Locke '96 exemplifies grace under pressure in a home-field match.

Jim Law, head coach of the Trojans from 1982–89, offers some aggressive encouragement to one of his players. Law's 41–34–1 record is second only to Bob Davenport's 60–42–4 in total number of wins.
had admiration for Taylor and for what it stood for. Coaching here, I had the satisfaction of knowing that God was a part of it. We didn’t necessarily reach the pinnacle, but we had some great teams.”

In Law’s debut game—the 1982 season opener—the Trojans whipped Defiance, 42–7. Taylor recorded 564 offensive yards, including 355 passing yards. Randy Yoast x’84 set a school record with seven catches for 194 yards and two touchdowns. Yoast later was on the Kansas City Chiefs’ roster for a brief period of time.

Among the standout players of the Law era was Wade Russell ’86, a first-team All-American in 1985, a two-time All-District performer, and NAIA Scholar Athlete. He went on to play several games with the Cincinnati Bengals during the strike season of 1987.

Law’s 1988 troops produced an 8–2 record—the best since Davenport’s 1967 team, which ended with a 7–2 record. The 1988 Trojans scored 294 points—an average of 29.4 points per game. In a 40–36 win over Anderson, Brad Oliver ’92 kicked a 52-yard field goal that remains the longest in the program’s history.

Taylor was accepted into the Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference (ICAC) in 1988, ending the team’s independent status. On November 5, 1988, in a 42-14 triumph over Manchester, running back Mike Woods ’90 set a new school record—which still stands today—with 339 yards rushing, carrying the ball 33 times and scoring four touchdowns. As a team, the Trojans totaled 406 yards rushing. Woods ended the season as Taylor’s all-time leading rusher, with 3,594 yards. He remains No. 1 on the rushing list.

No. 2 rusher Matt Widdoes ’93 accumulated 2,168 yards.

Law retired from coaching after the 1989 season with a cumulative record of 41–34–1, second only to Davenport’s 60–42–4 record.

When the ICAC voted in 1991 to require all of its members to affiliate with the NCAA Division III, Taylor withdrew from the conference, preferring to retain its tradition with the NAIA. The 1991 season also brought an end to Oliver’s career, who had produced three kicking records, two of which still stand today. Oliver tried out with the San Francisco 49ers, but was not signed to a contract.

Taylor went just 2–7–1 in 1992, yet for all of the disappointments, freshman quarterback Kenny Locke ’96 dazzled the Trojan faithful and frustrated opponents. Locke set seven school records and ranked fifth in the NAIA with 282.1 passing yards per game. In all, he threw for 2,821 yards on the season, a school record. Against Olivet on September 19, Locke tallied 367 passing yards, setting another Taylor record.

In April 1993 Taylor again ended its independent status by joining the Mid-States Football Association as a charter member, although conference games would not begin until the 1994 season. The 1993 campaign proved to be one of the most prolific in school history. Despite a 4–7 team record, Locke and wide receiver Doug Bonura ’96 kept the record keepers busy. Bonura ended the season with 1,610 receiving yards, 85 receptions, 18 touchdown receptions, 126 points scored, 813 kickoff return yards and two kickoff touchdown returns—all new school records. Bonura earned his first of two First Team All-American awards that season.
No. 2 all-time rusher Matt Widdoes ’93 charges through the defense to gain a few of his 2,168 career yards.

Locke threw for 1,823 passing yards—third on the TU all-time list—and tied his own mark of 29 pass completions in a game against Anderson.

In March 1994, Steve Wilt became the Trojans’ 11th head coach. It was also the inaugural season of the 11-team Mid-States Football Association (MSFA), which quickly became one of the toughest conferences in the NAIA. Five MSFA teams were ranked in the national polls at some point during the season, with four earning post-season playoff bids.

That year, Bonura ended his career, leading the team in five offensive categories and tallying his second consecutive season with more than 1,000 yards rushing. Among the 15 records he set was career receiving yards (3,096).

Two record-setting players ended their careers with the 1995 season. Locke finished with 13 Taylor records, including career passing yards (6,827). Kicker Bill Silva ’96, a four-year starter, ended his career with four records, including career extra points (88), and later had a tryout with the New England Patriots.

The glory of Taylor football is not only confined to the past, however. Following a dismal one-win season in 1996, the Trojans enjoyed one of their best seasons ever in 1997. With a young squad, Coach Wilt’s team produced a 7-3 record and ended the season ranked No. 24 in the NAIA poll.

With 50 years of unforgettable moments behind them, the 1998 Trojans are now leading the way into the next 50 years of Taylor football. And with sincere gratitude, we thank all those who gave of themselves on the field and off to bring Taylor football to the place it is today.—Mark Varner

Upland, Indiana, is hot and dry in August . . . Sweating out to make the travel squad for the first game at Indiana Central my freshman year . . . Beating Hanover 68-0 at Homecoming . . . Conference Champs ’63 & ’64 . . . Losing in the last six seconds when I went for the interception (and missed) in a tie game at Earlham . . . Losing Al Lang (the best natural athlete I played with at Taylor) before the ’65 season began . . . Tootsie Pops—the ultimate reward for a good game played . . . Senior year, beating highly-ranked Georgetown on Parents Day on Joe Romine’s field goal . . . Kaspar Fitins’ 92-yard, record-setting punt . . . Four years ending in the snow in Defiance, Ohio . . . In closing, Taylor football leaves a mark on you. To those whom I did not mention by name, I did not forget you . . . To Bob Davenport, you were an inspiration and a joy to play for.

Bob Lovell (1963-66)

I remember vividly the first time I punted; it was against Butler on the hottest day anyone can remember (the temperature was well over 100 degrees). Although it was a hard loss for our team, it felt good to be a contributing member. I experienced many victories at Taylor, including a championship season and a 92-yard punt. Interestingly, though, when I consider my football career, it is often the failures that stand out. When we played Defiance of Ohio, there had been a blizzard the day before; there were four-foot...
snow banks at the edge of the field. It was warm when we arrived, which made the field mucky. Late in the game, I had to punt from our end zone. The ball was muddy and hard to hold. I got the punt off, but the referee signaled a safety. When I objected, he pointed to a spot of mud on my knee pad, and the game was lost. But I will always remember the support I received from all the players and coaches. It was extraordinary!

**Kaspar Fittins (1965-68)**

The four years I played football at Taylor were the highlight of my athletic career. The game I remember most was against Earlham in 1973. It was their homecoming and the game was played in a downpour on a very muddy field. As a place-kicker, I rarely got onto the field, except for kickoffs, extra points and field goals. By the end of the game, nearly every player on our team was covered with mud—everyone except me, of course. The game came down to a final play where we had a chance to win the game with a field goal. The field goal unit consisted of center Kevin Butcher, holder Rod Shafer, and me. A great snap by Butcher, a perfect hold by Shafer, and a line that kept the Earlham defense at bay, allowed me to kick the game-winning field goal. We won, 17–16. As soon as the football cleared the goalpost, Wade Thompson—so filthy you couldn’t make out his number—came roaring back to pick me up, and with the other members of the field goal unit, helped to get my uniform as dirty as everyone else’s.

**P. Eric Turner (1970, 72-74)**

Without a doubt, the highlight of my football years was our 13–12 victory over nationally-ranked Hanover College in the fall of 1976. Because of the distance, our team had to make the trip overnight. I remember having a severe migraine headache the morning of the game, which wasn’t helped much by seeing signs that read Hanover 150–Taylor 0. You see, it was Hanover’s 150th anniversary as well as their homecoming weekend. Add to this the fact that their football team had a winning streak of 28 or more games. But Taylor prevailed, with both offense and defense playing very well. Needless to say, it was a great game, a sweet victory, and a very enjoyable ride home to TU! My memories of Taylor football also include a great coaching staff, led by Coach Tom Carlson, and a great group of teammates. Most importantly, it was about people and their commitment to Christ.

**J. R. McFarland (1974-76)**

Taylor football is not just about the game of football; it is about changing the lives of young men. I remember the godly men who gave of themselves as more than coaches but as mentors to the young men on their teams; men like John Bonham, Tom Carlson, Joe Romine, Elliot Johnson, Sam Sample, and the guy I loved the most who taught us about God and life while patching us back together, Dick Gates. Then there were the guys I had the privilege of playing with; guys like Kevin Butcher, who showed me that a tough, hard-hitting guy could also love Jesus. We would stand in the shower room after a practice or game and Kevin would lead us in singing hymns. It was through the influence of guys like Kevin, Gordon Pritz, Doug Day, and Craig “Sweet Pea” McManah that I made a personal commitment to follow Christ. Thanks, guys, for all you meant to me.

**Lee Whitman (1975-79)**

When I think of my time at Taylor, it is impossible for me not to think of football. The experiences I shared with 100+ other Taylor men will always be with me. Football fosters many good qualities in young men, including leadership, perseverance, commitment, discipline, loyalty, respect for authority (I occasionally had a problem with this one), a competitive spirit, teamwork, and many others. I know no better way to develop character than through days of grueling practice led by tough, but fair, coaches with the ultimate test coming in a battle on Saturday afternoon. I remember most of us having a desire to prove that a Christian university could succeed in football despite the secular perception that we were wimps. I am proud to say that we were relatively successful during my days at Taylor.

**Kevin L. Doss (1987, 89-91)**
WBCL Features Students, Faculty

IT WOULD BE HARD TO SAY who benefits most in the relationship between Fort Wayne's WBCL-90.3 FM and Taylor University. While the radio station daily promotes Taylor to its wide listening audience, the University supplies WBCL with interesting topics and personalities, especially when it comes to WBCL's popular Mid-Morning program.

Airing weekdays from 9:05–10 a.m., Mid-Morning features a wide variety of subjects, and days that feature Taylor students and programs are among its more popular and interesting shows. Over the last six months, one or both Taylor campuses have been featured on five Mid-Morning shows.

On March 12, TUFUW students who spent Christmas break sharing the Gospel in Kenya and Trinidad spoke about their experiences. The students included sophomores Teresa Pancake, Russ Pawlowski, Jeff Spence, Polly Arnold, and junior John Engler. The trips were led by Dr. Roger Ringenberg, associate professor of Religion and Ron Williams of Fellowship Missionary Church. Corey Laster TUFUW’93 spoke the same day about the 1998 Youth Conference on the Fort Wayne campus.

“Crime and Punishment” was the topic of the April 13 show, featuring TUFUW Police Specialist Neil Moore, Dr. Tom Beckner, director of the Center for Justice and Urban Leadership at TUFUW, and Dr. Rick Gray, associate professor of Christian Ministries. The trio discussed crime in America and how Christians can make a difference in the fight against crime. They also promoted the annual summer Law Enforcement Chaplaincy Program. Listeners called in with questions for the Mid-Morning guests.

WBCL General Manager Char Binkley hosted the April 30 show, featuring opportunities on both Taylor campuses. TUFUW Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management Herb Frye and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs Dr. Ron Sloan were Binkley’s first guests that morning. Frye and Sloan discussed TUFUW’s progress and plans for a three-year academic program, high school students earning “credits-in-escrow,” the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning, and other programs for nontraditional students. Sloan and Frye were followed by TUFW basketball coaches Paul Patterson and Tena Krause, who gave details regarding the girls’ and boys’ summer basketball camps.

On May 29, Ain Lasas ’01, a Lithuanian student on the Upland campus, was featured. Lasas spoke about his first semester at Taylor, told of his experience growing up in Lithuania, and shared his faith. Described by the WBCL staff as intelligent, winsome, energetic, and possessing a vibrant faith, Lasas entertained everyone with stories of his homeland. Also in the studio that day was Upland student Jennifer Fletcher ’99, who told the listening audience about her role last fall as Joy Davidman in the Taylor production of Shadowlands. Due to her outstanding performance, Fletcher was asked to play the same role in England.

On July 23, Jim Coe, associate professor of Business, Accounting, and Economics, and several visiting students and faculty members from Nizhni Novgorod University in Russia, were featured on Mid-Morning. It was the Russian group’s second visit to Taylor.

Binkley expresses her enthusiasm about the relationship between WBCL and Taylor University. “Our goal is to show the public the excellence of Taylor,” she says.—Greg Mengels TUFUW’00

1 Non-Indiana residents, please note: Indiana does not observe Daylight Savings time.

2 An article featuring Jennifer Fletcher and her on-stage experience in England as Joy Davidman will appear in the winter magazine.
Corduan Recognized as Distinguished Professor

His success as a professor, philosopher, and man of faith is no secret to the Upland campus community. Dr. Win Corduan, professor of Religion, was named Distinguished Professor of the Year during Honors Chapel in May. It was the second time Corduan received the award; the first was in 1985.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Dwight Jessup praises Corduan's character and contribution to the University. "He is a devoted teacher," Jessup says. "He reads, thinks and teaches all the time."

"I am very humbled by the recognition," Corduan says. "With my sons Nick ('99) and Seth ('01) attending Taylor, I really appreciate how many incredibly good professors we have."

Corduan joined the Taylor faculty in 1977 and has served in various capacities from chairing committees to leading interterm trips for students to Singapore. He currently serves as associate dean and director of general education, in addition to his responsibilities as a full-time professor.

Corduan has authored numerous book reviews, articles, and books. He has written six books, of which the two most recent, Neighborly Faiths: A Christian Introduction to World Religions and Shepherd's Notes: First and Second Chronicles, were published in the spring of 1998.

"He is a model of the academician who continues to improve," notes Dr. William Heth, chair of the Department of Biblical Studies, Christian Education, and Philosophy.

"He has always encouraged thought-provoking discussions among students and faculty," adds Marty (Cleveland '78) Songer, director of alumni programs. "I'm really pleased the committee chose to recognize his commitment this year."

Corduan regularly teaches Contemporary Christian Belief, Eastern and Western World Religions, and other philosophy courses ranging from Logic to Philosophy of Religion. He received his Ph.D. in Religious Studies from Rice University, Houston, Texas; his M.A. in Philosophy of Religion from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, Deerfield, Illinois; and his B.S. in Zoology from the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland.

A native of Germany, Corduan currently resides with his wife June in Alexandria, Indiana. —Jeremie Solak '99

Faculty Update

This list represents research and publications by Taylor faculty members. Each listed individual provided information regarding his or her own activities.

CCCU, Mercy Corps Develop Collaborative Curricula

In September 1997 Taylor University joined a unique partnership between the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) and Mercy Corps International. With the goal of introducing future Christian leaders to the connection between economic development and social trust, the two organizations created the Business, Economics and Civil Society (BEACS) Project. Developed as a five-part curriculum, the material is written primarily for business and economics students, although the material could easily prove relevant in political science, history and sociology courses.

Mercy Corps, a Christian relief and development agency based in Portland, Oregon, has provided about $300 million since 1979 to alleviate poverty and help communities recover from civil war and ethnic or religious conflict. Since that time, Mercy Corps' field workers have become convinced of a strong link between economic growth and the social conditions that build trust. Rebuilding communities requires cooperation among businesses, voluntary organizations and government to promote a rule of law.

"Civil society" is a system of non-governmental associations by which private individuals voluntarily serve the public good. In the process they develop trust. Political thinkers such as John Locke and Alexis de Tocqueville emphasized the importance of civil society to democracy; but until recently, modern social scientists paid little attention to this concept. The nature of politics and economics was thought to depend on the power of governments or corporations. About ten years ago, however, events in different parts of the world led them to rediscover the idea of civil society.

When a movement of organizations independent of state control emerged in Poland and elsewhere in Eastern Europe, Communism began to collapse. In the United States, meanwhile, there was a growing realization that communities were dying as people abandoned voluntary activities to focus on their careers and other private interests. In less-developed countries it became clear that neither government economic programs nor free enterprise was sufficient to overcome poverty.

In all of these situations it became evident that the trust associated with a healthy civil society was crucial to both effective government and economic growth. Insofar as they motivate individuals to value cooperation and service in obedience to the Lord, churches can be among the most significant associations in civil society.

An interesting feature of this project is that it is partially funded by the US government. For some time the government has been channeling relief and development funds through private organizations, including Christian ones like Mercy Corps. Funding BEACS and other educational programs is another dimension of this public-private partnership. Grants given to a program carried out by faculty from evangelical colleges reflect the new thinking about church-state relations evident in recent welfare reform legislation.

This legislation contains a "charitable choice" provision that permits faith-based organizations to receive government funds to support such programs as job training, food pantries or drug and alcohol rehabilitation. It is an acknowledgment that faith can be an important source of personal responsibility, care for the needy and other virtues foundational to civil society.

Much of the integration of faith and learning has to do with ethics, or how to put values into practice. The working conditions of some of those who are employed overseas to produce many of the goods sold in the United States raise human rights concerns. As trade becomes more globalized, many American workers feel they have no voice in decisions that could threaten their livelihood. Developers and environmentalists disagree on how to manage the earth's resources justly. Corruption undermines democracy and economic growth and is affected by the moral climate of a society. Issues like these are "naturals" for Christian higher education.

The impact of the BEACS project will depend on how effectively individuals at Taylor and other institutions use the material. The CCCU has distributed the curriculum to business, economics and social science professors at member colleges. The modules will stimulate discussion from a Christian perspective of how economics, politics and culture interact.

In 1996, the Taylor faculty named civic-mindedness as an outcome for assessing the effectiveness of the University's general education program. The most extensive study to date of civil society by evangelical scholars, the BEACS project can assist the University in fulfilling this outcome.

The project also contributes to the University's efforts to enhance the curriculum with service learning, a national movement to use field experiences in a wider range of courses to help students integrate theory and practice. In 1996, President Jay Kesler '58 initiated a study of how service learning might be expanded at Taylor. Since the BEACS modules emphasize discussion of real-world situations, they offer a model of how instructors might help students reflect on their field experiences in the classroom.

—Dr. Stephen Hoffmann, professor of Political Science

Hoffmann plans to use the BECS curriculum when he teaches at the Russian—American Christian University in Moscow next summer. Through classroom discussions and community interaction, Hoffmann hopes to document the relationship between churches and communities as a step toward further collaboration of Russian and American scholars.
Journalism, English Students Published Nationally

The word from Fort Wayne these days is that it is an easy place to snag a byline, as professors Michael Smith, Dr. Dennis E. Hensley and Dr. Pam Jordan ’78 rally students to move beyond campus publications. Students have submitted dozens of articles to various publications, and several have already been published. “In just 18 months of training, we have had phenomenal success helping our students break into print,” says Hensley, associate professor of English.

This summer, Rebecca Green ’99 wrote several articles for the 28,000-circulation daily Elkhart Truth (Elkhart, Ind.), where she worked as a full-time reporter. Having worked as a reporter for nearly two years before returning to Taylor to complete her degree, Green furthered her professional experience this summer. She also participated in the Summer Institute of Journalism in Washington, D.C.

Morris Scholarship Begins Second Year with 26 New Students

Twenty-six new freshmen from all over the state of Indiana have come together for the Samuel Morris Scholars Program. Now in its second year, the program gives Indiana high school graduates who normally would not have the opportunity to attend Taylor an opportunity to do so. To qualify for the program, the students must either be first-generation college students or have met an income eligibility requirement.

The six-week Samuel Morris Scholars Summer Bridge Institute offered these students an introduction to the Taylor community. The session is designed to help students with the transition to college. Students were required to take four classes: Biblical Literature I, Fitness for Life, Scholars’ Seminar, and either Computing and Information Concepts or Mathematics.

The students had a change of pace on July 15 when they came to the Upland campus to tackle the Escape to Reality ropes course. Prior to the experience, the students set personal and group goals. Some personal goals were to simply have fun, to not give up, and to walk the length of “the catwalk,” which consists of a log suspended 40 feet off the ground. Group goals included having good communication and cooperation among team members.

Lasting memories of the summer session will include much more than the ropes course. Brandy Ford appreciates the focus on personal development and the opportunity to have group devotions. “That really helped me,” she says. “It inspired me to do my work and stay involved in classes.”

Tyisha Eldridge and Amy Gearhart say they enjoyed the opportunity to get a head start in college. Yewubda Mannkot also appreciates the opportunity to go to college. “I could not have afforded to attend college had it not been for the Samuel Morris Scholars Program.”—María Chacón

Ciara Wade ’99, Polly Arnold ’99 and Tiffany Newcott ’01 worked in Washington, D.C. this summer. Wade and Arnold completed internships at The Washington Times. “Being in a real newsroom was very active,” says Arnold. “I would see an article on someone’s terminal and it would be published the next day.” Wade filed three byline articles with the newspaper and landed a cover story on advanced computer education for a section on special education.

Newcott wrote a number of byline articles for the Dallas Morning News, including an article on cartoonist Charles Schulz. Although her office

Summer Institute of Journalism Instructors (from left) Sue Crider and Terry Mattingly pause for a picture with Institute participant Rebecca Green TUFW’00 and Associate Professor of Journalism Michael Smith.

was in Washington, D.C., Newcott’s articles had to contain a Texas angle. She also worked with Hensley on an article for Writer’s Journal.

Richard Merrill ’98 wrote 15 published stories in the Marion Chronicle-Tribune, as well as book reviews and articles in national Christian periodicals such as Live, Contact, Fellowship Today, Conquest, Spirit, Evangel, and Church Libraries.

Hensley, who serves on the editorial boards of five national magazines, actively assists students in gaining access to markets. He finds great satisfaction whenever a student receives his or her first check for an article. “We make a big deal of it,” he says. “If that student is in a morning class, I bring in doughnuts and orange juice for everyone. If the student is in a night class, I bring in pizza and soda pop. We celebrate!”

Other students who have enjoyed the satisfaction of being published include David Sylvester ’98, Jennifer Munns ’01, Jill Wellbaum ’98, Greg Mengelt ’00, Lance Stiver ’99, Hans Kinsgrab and Jeanette Hensley ’01.

The calibre of the Journalism Department has increased even further with the recent addition of adjunct instructor of Journalism and Public Relations Rev. Jim Watkins. The former Amy Award-winning writer has authored eleven books and over 1,000 published articles.

Dr. Jordan, director of English and Communication Arts at TUFW, hopes that more budding writers will find their way into print this school year and that both journalism and English students will find avenues for developing their writing skills.—María Chacón with Randy Dillinger ’95
Honors Program Offers Taste of College Life to High Schoolers

What better way for high school students to find out what college life is like than to experience it firsthand? Nicole Lindner, a Summer Honors Program participant, says this is the best way. Taylor University has offered this annual opportunity to high school juniors and seniors since the program began sixteen years ago.

Students participating in the program experience the full spectrum of life on a Christian college campus. The program also provides an ideal setting for prospective students to meet Taylor faculty, staff, and students enrolled in summer classes.

Forty students from seventeen states—including Alaska—and the Bahamas, participated in the program this year. Twenty of these students are either children or siblings of, or otherwise related to, alumni. For several years, a separate honors program was offered to relatives of alumni, but four years ago, the two programs were incorporated as one.

During the program, students took two classes. They chose their first class from a list of five: World History, Calculus, Expository Writing, Biblical Literature and Natural Science Research Methods. The second class, required of all students, was God, Humanity, and Knowledge.

On Tuesday and Thursday nights, students attended a series of light comedy films, such as "The Princess Bride," "Roxanne," and "Much Ado About Nothing." Viewing the films was a requirement for God, Humanity, and Knowledge. According to Dr. Mark Cosgrove, professor of psychology who taught the course, the purpose of showing the videos was to provide relaxing entertainment for the students which also pertained to the course material.

In addition to the classes, Honors students braved the challenges of Escape to Reality, the ropes course on the Upland campus. For participants like Brittain Bollenbacher, who was a team leader, the ropes course reinforced the value of teamwork and the importance of good communication skills.

Bollenbacher says his experience was very positive, offering the opportunity to make new friends. Bollenbacher had not previously considered applying to Taylor, but as a result of his experience, he plans to consider a future with Taylor.—Maria Chacón

Twenty of the forty Summer Honors Program participants are, in some way, related to alumni of Taylor University. They include (bottom row, l-r) Inga Gardner, Anna Parris, Jared Thompson, David Conrad, Havilah Pauley, Kristin Coon; (middle row) Leslie Bradford, Anne Mahan, Bethany Monales, Jansen Day, Deb Norris, Brittain Bollenbacher; (top row) Erica Jenks, Jason Crow, and Seth Wilson.

Nussbaum Science Center Renovation Completed

For the past three summers, renovation of the Nussbaum Science Center has been an inescapable reality for students, faculty and staff. But the inconveniences turned to blessings this summer as the $2.45 million project reached completion. "Everything but the walls and some furnishings are new," says Bill Stoops, director of the physical plant.

Seventy-five through-the-wall heating and cooling units, which had cost Taylor nearly $96,000 per year in electric bills, were replaced with a more cost-efficient system. An external shaft was built to house a boiler room, general equipment and air handlers. Tim Burkholder ’63, professor of Biology, has noted the difference. "It really is a big improvement," he says.

In the first year of the project, the three upper floors of Nussbaum were completely gutted. The following summer, new duct work, plumbing, painting, and visual and technological aids, including a multimedia computer/VCR projection system, were installed. The final stage of the project targeted the lower level, research room, lecture wing, and clean room, used primarily for designing and constructing satellite instruments. The building now boasts new ceilings, lighting, and electrical systems; it also features additional office space and handicapped accessibility.—Jeremie Solak ’99

NASM Grants Ten-Year Reaccreditation

The Music Department received reaccreditation from the National Association of Schools of Music in July, a process which occurs once every ten years. In addition to approving the four existing majors in the department, the NASM granted approval for a B.S. in Music.

"Reaccreditation speaks not only of the quality of the program," says Dr. Steve Bedi, associate vice president for Academic Affairs, "but also of the dedication of our faculty who worked hard under the leadership of Dr. Al Harrison."—Amber Anderson
Steele, Youngstrom Chosen for Annual Athletic Honors

Natalie Steele ‘98 undoubtedly was one of the greatest athletes in the history of Taylor University. This year, Steele became the University’s first four-time recipient of the Lady Trojan of the Year award. An Honorable Mention All-American in basketball, Steele ended her four years on the basketball team with a NAIA record for career rebounds. In volleyball, Steele was named First Team All-American and First Team All-Tournament at the National Championships in 1997. In her four years on the volleyball squad, Steele set a national record for career kills at any collegiate level.

Track-and-field athlete Darren Youngstrom ‘00 was named Gates-Howard Award recipient as Male Athlete of the Year at Taylor. Youngstrom was the 55-meter hurdles National Champion and finished second in the pentathlon at the NAIA Indoor Track and Field Championships. In the outdoor nationals, Youngstrom placed second in the 110 meter hurdles.

—Greg Mengelt TUFW’00

Trojans Defend All-Sports Trophy

Having earned its fourth straight Mid-Central Conference (MCC) All-Sports trophy last year, the Athletic Department began another title defense year on Aug. 28 as the volleyball team participated in the Palm Beach Atlantic Tournament.

It will be difficult for Coach Angie Fincannon’s VOLLEYBALL team to top last year. The team entered the NAIA National Championships with a 47-1 record and finished among the NAIA Elite Eight. A strong group of returning players includes senior Heather Pickrell and junior Brittany Huyser. The Lady Trojans were ranked No. 12 in the NAIA preseason polls.

The MEN’S TENNIS team finished last season with a strong 11-2 record. Juniors Craig Evans and Trent Jackson and sophomores Dan Rocke, Dan Jacobson and Matt Prentice will spearhead a young but experienced team. Last April, the team was ranked No. 29 in the NAIA. Their season opened Aug. 31 at Bellarmine.

The MEN’S CROSS COUNTRY team finished eighth in the NAIA National Championships last year. The Trojans will push for a fifth straight MCC title. All-MCC runners include junior Josh McMullen and sophomores Sammy Siratei, Timothy Kintonyi and Tim Hoeflinger. The season opened Sept. 4 at the Anderson Invitational.

The 1998 WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY team follows an outstanding 1997 season with a strong set of returning runners. Junior Jody Thompson and sophomores Julie Nor and Amanda Brown each finished in the MCC top-12 last year. The Lady Trojans began their season on Sept. 4 at the Anderson Invitational.

Returning from the 14-6-1 MCC-champion MEN’S SOCCER team this year are senior forwards Dan Rhodes and Daniel Hernandez, senior midfielders Ryan Ermisse and Chad Dale, sophomore backfielder Stuart Davis and junior goalkeeper Nathan Marquardt. The Trojans hosted the University of Indianapolis for their season opener on Sept. 1.

The WOMEN’S TENNIS team also returns with a solid lineup. Finishing second in the MCC Championships last year, the Lady Trojans hope to steal the title from Marian. Returning players include seniors Carrie Johnson and Sarah Webb, junior Emily Tipton and sophomore Natalie Cook. The Lady Trojans hosted St. Francis for their season opener on Sept. 3.

Coach Steve Wilt’s FOOTBALL team finished last season with a 7-3 record and a No. 24 national ranking, a significant turnaround from the 1996 season, which the Trojans ended with a dismal 1-9 record. Returning players include junior quarterback John Jenkins, junior running backs Quinn Hirsch and Anwar Smith, senior center Ryan Mitchell, defensive ends Jonathan Lembright (senior) and Chad Wilt (junior), junior linebacker Justin Heth, and junior cornerbacks Andy Krider. The Trojans were ranked No. 22 in the NAIA preseason polls. The season began Sept. 12 at Anderson.

At 7-9, the WOMEN’S SOCCER team was the only fall team with a losing record. This year, however, may be quite a different story. Led by All-MCC sophomore Jessica Green, the Lady Trojans have a solid core of returning players, including junior Elaina Wolfe and seniors Jennifer Fisher and Melanie Mannix. The team hosted Spring Arbor for the season opener on Sept. 2.—Greg Mengelt TUFW’00

Varner Receives National Acclaim for Media Guides

Sports Information Director Mark Varner coordinates publicity for all fifteen athletic teams on the Upland campus. The College Sports Information Directors of America took notice of Varner’s work this spring, with “Best Cover” recognition for the women’s basketball media guide, and “2nd in the Nation” overall, within Taylor’s Division. Photographs were taken by Jim Garringer, campus photographer.

—Greg Mengelt TUFW’00
ANCHORED IN THE PAST... FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

Taylor Tomorrow

The Taylor Tomorrow Campaign is going strong, and it is my privilege to bring you a report on the last quarter’s progress. As of August 31, 1998, pledges, gifts and other commitments totaling $38,750,000 have been made. We rejoice with this accomplishment.

It is exciting to know that with the beginning of the 1998-99 school year, results of the campaign are tangibly evident. The Samuel Morris Residence Hall is completed and occupied with 280 students, an academic chair in Art History is in place with the addition of Dr. Rachel Smith to the Taylor faculty and a new wooden playing surface is being installed in the Odle Gymnasium providing an important enhancement to this structure. In addition, funding has been achieved for additional scholarships, including significant giving to the annual support, commonly referred to as the Taylor Fund or Annual Fund.

Yet there is much to be done. The Fort Wayne Campus is waiting with great anticipation for the total funding for the library expansion and the construction of a student services center. While substantial funding has been received for a new Visual Arts Building in Upland, additional funding is required to complete this structure. Great things are happening with the development of Taylor University. I want to offer my deep appreciation for all that have helped, and respectfully ask for the support of others when called upon by Taylor staff and volunteers.

I was thrilled to hear that Taylor moved up a position to the number two rated Liberal Arts college in the midwest by U.S. News and World Report. Of course, I have always felt that Taylor is number one.

Please pray for Taylor and the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign. I am proud to be associated with this important effort for Taylor University.

Dick Eddy '67
General Chairman
Taylor Tomorrow Campaign

Tangible results of campaign seen on campuses

As students services are moved into the new facilities, space for estimated to be ten million dollars.

Jeremie Solak '99

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Richard W. Eddy

Amber Anderson as Development when Rupp is not on campus.
CURRENT AND UPCOMING PROJECTS

Progress

This fall the Upland campus welcomed Dr. Rachel Smith, Gilkison Family Chair in Art History and chair of the Art Department. She is the first Taylor faculty member to be funded through the endowment of an academic chair.

First phase of student activities center project underway

Samuel Morris Hall opens to residents

took notice of varner's work this spring, with "Best

pus photographer." — Greg Mengelt TUFW'00

Spring Arbor for the season opener on Sept. 2.— Greg Mengelt TUFW'00
THE PEOPLE THAT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Profile

Keith and Linda Brown
vice chairs, Leadership Gifts phase

Former Parents Cabinet members lend time, talents as vice chairs for Leadership Gifts phase

The Taylor Tomorrow Campaign represents more than just the efforts of the Development staff at Taylor University. Among the members of our team are volunteers who have committed their time and resources.

Keith and Linda Brown are vice chairs for the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign Leadership Gifts phase for the western United States. The Browns assist George and Jan Glass, co-chairs of the Leadership Gift phase, presenting the campaign goals and requesting support from constituents.

“We believe each donor’s gift is an opportunity to extend God’s kingdom here on earth,” Keith says.

“Keith and Linda have an enthusiasm and deep love for Taylor that is very gratifying,” says George Glass.

The Browns attribute this enthusiasm to their children, Sara Waddel ’95 and Mike Brown ’97. Sara lives in North Platte, Nebraska, and works for Mid Plains Community College in the department of college and career planning; Mike is a financial analyst at Merrill Lynch in New York City.

“Our kids had a terrific experience at Taylor,” Keith says. “They had a good spiritual experience and a good classroom experience, which pulled Linda and me into a place where we became involved with the Parents Association.”

The Browns served on the Parents Cabinet from 1993 to 1998. During the 1996–97 school year, Keith served as president of the Cabinet.

“You don’t need to be an alumnus to fall in love with Taylor,” Keith says. “Linda and I look at the opportunity to serve Taylor as a slight repayment for the experience of our children.”

Keith and Linda Brown reside in Lincoln, Nebraska. Keith is chief financial officer at Lincoln Electric System.

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Praise

Great is Thy Faithfulness

When I pause and think about the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign, the words that immediately go through my mind are Great is Thy Faithfulness. God truly has shown His faithfulness through the campaign. How can we doubt that there is a God who is concerned and cares for Taylor University! In previous campaigns, the most that was ever raised was around $9 million. In a little less than two years of the seven-year campaign, over $38 million have been identified. Great is His faithfulness to us, and great is the faithfulness of so many Taylor friends. God working through you has helped make the impossible task possible.

There are some large gifts in that $38 million, but there also are a multitude of smaller gifts, that combined make the total possible. Thank you! Your faithfulness is a great encouragement to us. Thank you for continuing to support Taylor through your prayers and finances as we work toward the goal! Because we’ve reached the halfway point, many think that it becomes easier. It continues to be an uphill struggle and it will take determination and stamina to climb to that goal of $75 million. Please pray for each of the professional and volunteer staff who seek gifts for the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign.

Pray for the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign

2 Corinthians 8:7

“But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” NIV

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Spring Arbor for the season opener on Sept. 2.—Greg Mengelt TUFW’00

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—Greg Mengelt TUFW’00

plus photographer.
Harter, Helyer Named Associate Vice Presidents

AFTER YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE, two staff members were recently named associate vice presidents for Development. Sherri Harter received her new title on the Fort Wayne campus in late April; three months later Joyce Helyer was named to the same position on the Upland campus.

Gene Rupp, vice president for development, is complimentary of the work both Harter and Helyer have contributed to the University. “Sherri and Joyce have been involved with Taylor University for many years,” Rupp says. “Each has gained a deep appreciation for the school as members of the development team and each has done outstanding work over the last few years.”

Harter first came to Taylor in 1980 as a staff writer for the public relations office of Fort Wayne Bible College. In 1984, she was named assistant director of public relations. Harter left the college in 1985, but returned in 1988 to serve as the director of public relations. Four years ago she became the director of development and university relations.

“Sherri has been at the Fort Wayne campus for years,” Rupp says. “She knows the history of Fort Wayne Bible College and Summit Christian College. As the school assumed a new personality, she was a Taylor person from the first day. She understood the transition and was one of the forerunners for the merger.”

According to Rupp, the new titles indicate new responsibilities for the women in addition to those which they had already been doing. Under her new title, Harter will oversee Taylor Fort Wayne’s offices of University Relations, Development and Alumni Relations, and the campus switchboard and mailroom areas. “I am honored that they feel I have done a job worthy of the title,” Harter says. “That’s very important to me and is an affirmation for me.”

Joyce Helyer is now serving in her new position on the Upland campus. Rupp believes that Helyer’s experience at Taylor has prepared her for her new responsibilities as an associate vice president.

“Joyce began her Taylor career in an office setting and later became a member of the Admissions team,” Rupp says. “When she came to the Development Office, her background at Taylor was already in place. When she became the director of the annual fund, she hit the ground running; there was no lag in the Taylor fund efforts.”

Helyer began working at Taylor in 1985 as an executive secretary. She was soon promoted to the position of campus visitation coordinator, and in 1988 became the assistant dean of Admissions. In 1992, she moved to her most recent position as director of Taylor’s annual fund.

“I am excited about the opportunity and grateful for the confidence the administration has in me,” Helyer says.

Helyer is responsible for coordinating the annual giving program for the Upland campus. This involves organizing efforts to meet or exceed an annual fundraising goal of more than $1 million. Helyer also oversees the on-campus duties of the vice president for Development when Rupp is not on campus.

Yost Anticipates Start of Fort Wayne Construction Projects

TAYLOR FORT WAYNE could see the beginning of the construction projects earmarked for that campus within the next 12 to 16 months, says Dr. Daryl Yost, provost/executive vice president and chief administrative officer of the Fort Wayne campus.

These projects include the renovation of and addition to the Lehman Library and the construction of a new student commons, which will provide a centralized location for a variety of student services, including the campus bookstore, post office and dining facilities.

“We feel that these two projects can be extremely helpful to us in encouraging students to consider Taylor Fort Wayne,” Yost. “It will allow us to service students in a much more satisfactory manner.”

As students services are moved into the new facilities, space for additional offices and classrooms in Witmer Hall will be provided.

These projects will be the first of several Taylor Tomorrow Campaign projects to be completed on the Fort Wayne campus. Future projects will include the construction of a new chapel/auditorium and the renovation of Witmer Hall.

Fundraising efforts for these capital campaign projects received a boost recently with an anonymous gift of one million dollars, designated for the Lehman Library and student commons project, the cost of which is estimated to be ten million dollars.

—Jeremie Solak ’99
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1930
Ruby Bourquard passed away on Sept 23, 1997. Surviving is husband Alex ‘31, to whom she was married for 64 yrs. Her family has created a scholarship entitled the Ruby E. Bourquard Memorial Annual Scholarship.

1936
Margaret Louise (Cline) Chappell passed away after a mercifully short bout with cancer. After serving the Lord beside her husband, Rev. VanNess Chappell, for 40 yrs of full-time service in Indiana, she continued part-time service in Florida during their retirement. VanNess died in April 1996, but Louise continued her talented music ministry in Inverness, FL, until one month before her demise on Jan 7 at 83 yrs of age.

1941
Dorothy (Anderson) Swearingen died on June 29 in her home. Her husband Noble preceded her in death.

1942
Rev. Albert Clarke died in the Warren (IN) United Methodist Home on April 6. He was 94 yrs of age.

1944
Pearl Dobson retired from teaching Bible and English in a Bible college in the West Indies in 1986. The next 10 yrs she traveled frequently to Florida to care for family. Now at 90, she has moved into a senior citizens home. She praises the Lord for His unfailing love and for Taylor University! Pearl’s address is 508–602 Melita Crescent, Toronto, ON M6G 3Z5.

1948
In a surprise ceremony at the Alpena (MI) Combat Readiness Center, Rev. Bill Stone was promoted to Lt Col in the Civil Air Patrol, the US Air Force Auxiliary. He is a chaplain. The requirements for CAP chaplains are the same as those for Active Duty or Reserve Air Force chaplains. Bill is also a certified Rural Chaplain. In addition, Bill & wife Helen were recognized on June 21 for 50 yrs in the ministry. Their church held a surprise celebration in their honor. Another noteworthy event for the Stones was the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug 9. The Stones live at 7357 Lakewood Dr, Oscoda, MI 48750.

1949
Dr. Norval Rich was presented the Sagamore of the Wabash award in Jan. It is the highest award the governor of Indiana may bestow upon a private citizen. Dr. Rich recently retired after serving as county health officer for Adams County (IN) for 32 yrs. He was also a longtime physician and anesthesiologist. He & wife Margie (Billet ‘47) live at 3660 N Shady Ln, Decatur, IN 46733.

1951
Avis (Morehead x) Hassel passed away on Aug 8. She is survived by husband Carl ‘50, long-time member of the Taylor Board of Trustees. Carl lives at 29731 Nova Woods Dr, Farmington Hills, MI 48331. • Le Roy & Mary (Weber ‘48) Lindahl celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 21. Their children hosted a party in the couple’s honor. The Lindahls live at 30938 Novel Ave, Kendall, WI 54638. • Rev. Calvin x & Twyla (Bergman x) Marcum celebrated 50 yrs of marriage on Aug 22. They are retired and live in Montgomery, IL.

1952
Doris (Oswalt) Brause celebrated her 67th birthday and 45th wedding anniversary last May. An open house was held at their church. Doris is recovering from multiple myeloma. Husband Dorsey is a trustee of the Capistrano Unified School District Board of Education. The couple resides at 23846 Villena, Mission Viejo, CA 92692.

1955
Dr. Charles Good, Toccoa Counseling Ctr, was elected president of the Licensed Professional Counselors Assoc of Georgia at the 1998 annual spring convention. Good has served as a psychologist and counselor at Toccoa Falls College since 1966, and still works at the college on a part-time basis. He founded the Toccoa Counseling Ctr in 1982. Besides his busy therapy schedule, he is in demand to provide workshops and seminars throughout Georgia. He also has served as the consulting psychologist at the Stephens County Training Ctr for many yrs.

• Nancy Jacobson recently retired after 41 yrs of service at Delaware
County Christian School, Newtown Square, PA. Her roles at DC included teacher, librarian, and field hockey coach. She had the longest tenure of any employee in the school’s history and was a treasured employee, friend, and mentor. Nancy resides in Newton Square, PA. • Rev. Ron x & Hope (Dakin ’54) Thompson both retired from their vocations in 1995. Ron was a United Methodist pastor for 36 yrs and Hope was a teacher at Mt Pleasant HS. They live at 101 Tee Dr, Weidman, MI 48893.

1958

Arlene (Frelke) Konley sang with the Hoosier Chorale during a 2-wk tour in Europe during July. The chorale sang in Holland, Germany, and Austria. Arlene & husband George live at 105 Ln 101 Lk Minifentoeek, Fremont, IN 46737-9173.

1961

Stewart & Marlene (Silvis) Georgia are on home assignment from Pakistan until Jan 1999. Their address is 2028 N 7th St, Sheboygan, WI 53081. They serve with TEAM. • As of July 1, Dr. Janet (Watson) Sheeran was named provost and vice president for academic affairs at Saint Michael’s College in the Burlington area of Vermont. Sheeran will be the chief academic officer at the college and is charged with coordinating all college activities that contribute to student learning and faculty teaching at the institution.

1962

Art & Lois (x’63) Deyo continue their ministry with Youth for Christ in the Asia-Pacific Region. Art travels worldwide in his efforts to reach young people for Christ. The Deyos’ home address is 17059 Maesenbocker Way, Parker, CO 80134. Email is ADeyo@yfc.net. • Judy (Carlson) Vande Kieft died on Christmas Day 1997 after being taken off life support from a massive brain aneurysm. Surviving are husband Bob, daughter Jill and sons James, Mark, and Jon. Bob’s address is 4633 Morningside Dr SE, Kentwood, MI 49512.

1964

Jim & Vivienne (Mitchell ’63) Evans, son Jim, and Brian Yost, son of Dr. Daryl & Joenita Yost, both HA ’96, posed for a picture taken by Bob Blume x’62. Bob was in Florida working for Promise Keepers.

The Taylor community lost a longtime friend when Velma (Vernier ’56) Rediger died on June 14, at the age of 84. She was the wife of former president Dr. Milo Rediger ’39, who led the University through the post-World War II era and served as president from 1965 to 1975. Dr. Rediger died in 1988.

Rediger is remembered as a woman who held firmly to her commitments to Christ, husband, family, Taylor University, and teaching. “To all of these,” says Alice Holcombe ’39, “she dedicated her best efforts.”

“Though she was by temperament a shy person, she rose to the challenge of a very public life as Taylor’s first lady,” says President Jay Kesler ’58.

The Redigers raised two sons, Wes ’68 and Nelson ’67, and enjoyed traveling with their neighbors, Gordon and Ruth Krueger, both honorary alumni of Taylor. Rediger taught in the Marion public school system.

“Velma was dedicated to her family,” Ruth Krueger says. “Besides her devotion to her boys and their families, she was very supportive of Dr. Rediger in all his endeavors as president of Taylor University. She was the one who sacrificed behind the scenes to help him earn his doctoral degree.”

Kesler also offers high praise of Rediger’s devotion. “Velma was a great example of the modern woman,” he says. “She balanced the role of mother, professional woman, and ‘helper.’”

For Holcombe, Rediger reflected the biblical example of a godly woman. “Velma’s life exemplified the requirements set forth in Proverbs 31 for a virtuous woman and a capable wife,” Holcombe says.

For five decades, Rediger provided numerous friends and colleagues such an example to imitate.—Amber Anderson
1970
William & Betsy (Ferguson) Hochstine live at PO Box L, Rt 119N, Crabtree, PA 15624. Email is ivymark@westol.com.

1972
Mike McGowan was named 1998 Citizen of the Year in Pitts Grove, NJ. Mike is a physics teacher and sports coach and was chosen to receive the award because of his community service, especially to children and teens. McGowan has also been chairman of the Pittsgrove Township Municipal Alliance since its inception in 1990 and began several programs in the school district to educate the young residents about drugs and alcohol. He & wife Beverly (Good) live at 11 Oaklyn Ter, Pittsgrove, NJ 08318.

1973
Deborah Carnefix/Needler, husband Jim Needler & sons Woody (17) and David (15) live in Louisville, KY while Jim earns his master’s at the Univ of Louisville Kent School of Social Work. Deborah teaches English and communications at N Bullitt HS, Shepherdsville, KY. They travel to Monticello to remodel their home on weekends. Anyone looking for a place to rent near Lake Cumberland? Will exchange rent for carpentry and painting skills! Email is dblynn@aol.com.

1974
Wheaton Hewes & Kathy Miller-Hewes now reside at 4720 Crestwicke Dr, Lakeland, FL 33801. Email is katmilhew@aol.com. Kathy is an elem art teacher for the South Central Area Schools and is also a hostess at the Coral Reef Restaurant in EPCOT at Walt Disney World. Wheat is a cashier with Home Depot.

Don & Kathleen Johns have 3 children: Nathanael (5), Emily (4), and Alina (1). After 11 yrs in business, several years in seminary and overseas, Don is now pastor at an Evangelical Free church. He started an outreach to inf students at the Univ of Montana 6 yrs ago. That has grown into a non-profit ministry where Don has served as its director. Kathleen also teaches ESL within the public school and university systems. Between their 3 pre-schoolers, 2 ministries, and Kathleen’s teaching, they keep busy! The family’s address is 3705 S 7th W, Missoula, MT 59804.

1975
After watching and volunteering during the Ironman Races, BG (Betty–Gene) Johnson qualified for a slot in the Oct 3 race. She will be swimming 2.4 miles, biking 112 miles and running 26.2 miles. Family and former roommate Fran Janowicz will be at the finish line. BG works as a captain/divemaster/manager for Jack’s Diving Locker. Her address is 74–5074 Kii Opuu St, Kailua–Kona, HI 96740. Email is tathom512@juno.com.

Marian Russell married Lee Femenna on Aug 7, 1997. Her children are Lindsay (17) and Brad (14). She works for Radio Bible Class Ministries. The family resides at 1926 Cross Bend NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505. Email is Merg45@aol.com.

1977
Rev. David McMahon, pastor of First Baptist Church of Cadillac, MI, was selected as a Grow Scholar by the Board of Dir of the Theodore W. Grow Ctr for the Renewal of the Church. Area ministers submitted nominations of outstanding ministers in the Midwest who are making significant contributions to the renewal of the church. David & wife Karen (French ’75) live at 33 S Simon St, Cadillac, MI 49601.

1978

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Sandra and her husband, Dr. Michael Neely, live in Danville, Ind. They have two sons—Christopher (22) and Michael David (17).—Maria Chacón with Randy Dillinger ‘95

Climbing Kili
Last fall, Sandra (Ruegsegger ’72) Neely climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro, in Tanzania, Africa—a dream she had ever since flying over the mountain on her way home from Swaziland in 1990. The climb itself was a notable accomplishment. It was even more so considering Sandra was diagnosed with two primary breast cancers earlier that year.

Neely and good friend Linda (Kukuk ’72) Habold joined 26 other Americans on a climb of the 19,341-foot mountain in November 1997. The group’s ascent took three days. During the second day, several climbers were afflicted with altitude sickness. Neely was among those who suffered from the symptoms of nausea, light-headedness and vomiting. By the time the group had reached 15,450 feet, they were walking through snow.

Although Neely was able to fulfill her goal of climbing Kili, she has set aside her dream of opening a private counseling practice. (She had earlier worked for two years as a court-ordered divorce counselor.) Rather, she has chosen to focus on enriching relationships, particularly with God.

“What I needed, first of all, was not more head knowledge, but a practical out-working of my faith,” Neely says.

“I needed to spend more time in prayer, meditation, and reading the Word of God.”

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Sandra (Ruegsegger ’72) Neely fulfilled a dream when she climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro.
hydrocephalus, and a heart defect and endured eight surgeries during his first 2 yrs of life. Douglas is a happy, bright little boy who walks with braces and an orthopedic walker. Ken is earning his doctorate in psychology at Wheaton College. Dawn is an ICU nurse. The family resides at 1621 Castbourne Ct, Wheaton, IL 60187.

1979

Robby Richardson was named director of Gospel Communications Network (www.gospelcom.net), a strategic online ministry alliance that is one of the top 500 web sites on the Internet. Robby & his family live at 302 Third St, North Muskegon, MI 49445. Email is robbys@gospelcom.net. • Jeff & Mary (Rupp) Shadowen and children Sarah (13) and Micah (11) have returned to the US after 13 yrs of missionary service in the Dominican Republic and northern Spain. Their new address is 6047 Inwood Ln, Ft Wayne, IN 46835.

1980

Karen (Stacy x) Doxsey was thoroughly surprised on her 40th birthday by her husband Bob! He put together a reunion of 2nd East Olson girls and their families. Those attending were Kim (Summers) Slade, Carol (Keiser ’79) Bishop, Lyn Berkebile, Phyllis (Burnham x) Worsowicz, and Jane (Strine x) Knight. They spent Friday night together and all day Saturday, with friends around Karen (Stacy x’80) Doxsey (far right) on her birthday. They are (l–r) Kim (Summers ’80) Slade, Carol (Keiser ’79) Bishop, Lyn Berkebile ’80, Phyllis (Burnham x’80) Worsowicz, and Jane (Strine x’80) Knight.

1981

Harold & Elizabeth Akers are the proud parents of Katherine Grace born July 14, 1997. Siblings are Rachel Elizabeth (6) and John Raymond (4). Their address is 850 W Maplehurst, Ferndale, MI 48220. • Jim & Sharon Stimmel joyfully announce the birth of Annie Elizabeth on Jan 22. Brother Joshua is 2. Jim teaches math and is an assistant basketball coach at Hilliard Davidson HS. Sharon is staying home with the children. The family lives at 4885 Hawkstone, Hilliard, OH 43026. Email is jim_stimmel@fcasst.hilliard.k12.oh.us.

1982

Keith & Jaimie (Schwietert) Hebda joyfully welcome Andrew Carl born Nov 14, 1997. The family lives at 2000 NE 55 Ct, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33308. • Brad & Karen Kahle are the proud parents of Karolina Ruth Nichole born Dec 4, 1997. Brother Andrew is 4. Brad earned a PsyD from Forest Institute of Professional Psych. He is a clinical psychologist at a Christian counseling clinic in Wheaton, IL. They reside at 730 Lexington Ave, St Charles, IL 60174. • Anita (Yoder x) Kehr earned an MDiv from Associated Mennonite Biblical Sem. She & husband Bryan have 3 children: Hannah (13), Mayeken Irene (10), and Elias Daniel (8). The family lives in Elkhart, IN. • Alvin & Janice (Hallford) Myers are the proud parents of Andrew Reece born Dec 9, 1997. The family lives at 9 Carolina Ave, Thomasville, NC 27360. Please write or call when you’re in the area! • Doug & Kandy Oliver live at 4207 NW 2nd Ter, Boca Raton, FL 33431. Email is dugkan@falcongate.com. • Several TU alumni celebrated Jeff Perrine’s 38th birthday. They were (front, l–r) Kim (Wheaton ’83) Hoffman, Jeff Perrine, Dori (DeSmit ’83) Perrine; (middle, l–r) Keith Duncan ’83, Teresa (Walker ’83) Duncan.

Taylor friends gather to celebrate the 38th birthday of Jeff Perrine ’82 (front row, center).

Frank Grotenhuis, Donna (Carlburg ’84) Harper, Dawn (Engle ’78) Fabbro, Dave Carlburg ’80, Steve Nelson; (back row l–r) Jane (Van Dyke x’84) Shevlot, Dave Albright ’81, Bob Engel, Dave Harper x, Jay Avery ’81, John Fabbro, and Rob Shevlot ’81. Not pictured are Shawn ’91 & Shari (Plueddemann ’91) Maxwell. Jeff is currently suffering from central nervous system tumors. His 3-yr struggle could be nearing the end. Dori & Jeff have greatly
appreciated the prayers and support of the Taylor community. They live at 1737 Carlson Ln, Wheaton, IL 60187. ●

Tom & Peggy (Hishmeh x) Smith welcome Lena Joy to their family. After 18 months as a foster child, Lena was adopted on March 20. Siblings are Joel (16), Allie (14), and Anna (12). Tom is associate pastor at Napa Valley Evangelical Free Church and Peggy works for the school district and a home health care agency as an RN. They reside at 3672 Diablo St, Napa CA 94558. Email is Tsmith1334@aol.com.

1983

Dr. David & Debbie (Sheron) Entwistle are enjoying life in OH after 7 yrs in New England. They recently moved to 125 19th St NW, Canton, OH 44709. Any football fans are welcome to drop in when they visit Canton’s NFL Hall of Fame! David is chair of the psych dept at Malone College. Debbie is at home with children Kristen (8), Lauren (5), and Cameron (2). Email is dentwistle@malone.edu. ● Shelley Lucas & husband Jon Cantor joyfully announce the birth of Samuel Wolf on June 4, 1997. Sister Ellen is 3. Shelley works part-time as lead counsel for water and crisis management issues for Mobil Oil Corp. Email is shelley_v_lucas@email.mobil.com. ● Tom Mortland married Jaime Schlagenhalt on May 2. TU participants in the wedding were Steve Mortland ’85, Jeff Ryan, and Paul Branks. Tom is director of development at Timothy Christian School in Piscataway, NJ. The couple lives at 205 Flatiron Ct, Edison, NJ 08820. Email Tom at tmortland@timchris.com. ● Carrie (Greene) Porter and daughter Erin (7) have moved to 40 Roton Ave, Rowayton, CT 06853. Carrie runs Porter Computer Service, a small computer business. ● Edward & Lynn (Bowman) Tabb announce the arrival of Cameron Henry, born at home on Feb 22. Siblings are Mallory (11), Kassondra (8), Adelyn (5), and Gavin (3). Ed supports the family through his advertising company, Tabb Design. Lynn is directing the children as they learn at home. The family resides at 17N 105 Marney Dr, Hampshire IL 60140. Email is LynnDT@aol.com. Cameron may be viewed on the family’s website at www.tabbnet.com. ● Brian & Becky (Dossett ’87) Zehr & children Connor (4) and Bailey Ann (1) live at 1650 Schiedler, Batavia, IL 60510.

1984

Randy & Amy (Peterson) Bennett announce the births of Samantha Lynn on June 14, 1996 and Lucas Scott born Sept 29, 1997. Sister Sarah is 7. The family lives at 807 Pinehurst Ct, North Aurora, IL 60542. ● Clark Cowden is the executive/evangelist presbytery for the San Joaquin presbytery of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in central CA. He is supervising the ministries of 38 churches and 10 potential new churches, helping them focus on evangelism and being a pastor to pastors. He & wife Linda (Britton ’83) & children Ryan (11) and Justin (10) now reside at 3425 W Sunnyside Ave, Visalia, CA 93277. ● Michaelle (Walters) Downey is enjoying the challenge of teaching 3rd grade at Mooresville Christian School. She & husband Chris have 3 daughters: Brooke (11), Amber (8), and Paige (6). The family recently moved to 204 Ridgeview Ct, Mooresville, IN 46158. Email is cdowney@surf-ICl.com. She would love to hear from Taylor friends! ● Tom Emmons lives in Delaware, OH with wife Leigh Ann & sons Jordan (8) and Austin (5). Tom is employed with Lord Sullivan & Yoder Advertising as vice pres, director of interactive development. Email is emmons@juno.com. ● Burt & Nancy Kaper proudly announce the birth of Reed Philip on Nov 3, 1997. Siblings are Grant (7) and Allison (3). Burt works at family-owned Kaper’s Hardware and Building Materials. They live at 1547 N 2300 E Rd, Water, IL 60970. ● David & Claudia (Prestel) Riewald are the proud parents of Christopher David born April 15. Sisters are Anna (6) and Jill (3). Claudia is a stay-at-home mom. The family lives in Wilsonton, OR 97070. ● Phil & Karen (Inman) Schultz are the proud parents of Sadie Rose born Dec 20, 1997. The family lives at 17260 W Woodland Dr, Grayslake, IL 60030. They would LOVE to hear from any TU grads living in the area or passing through!

1985

Ross & Patti (Thomas) Avery are the proud parents of Ezra Thomas born Jan 22. Siblings are Ben (7) and Noah (4). Ross works for Chicago Trolley and Duck Tours and Patti is at home. The family resides at 743 N LaGrange Rd, LaGrange Park, IL 60526. ● Barbara Askeland married Craig Steven Pedersen on March 28 in Succasunna, NJ. TU participants were Carol (Askeland ’82) Chauvette and Gordon Pedersen ‘x74. The couple lives at 10 Larsen Dr,
Kuhnle ’92), and wife Theresa is an RN at IU Hospital, working in ICU. In his “spare” time, he has recorded a CD titled Fall River Acoustic Guitar. It is comprised of all original acoustic guitar music, leaning toward blues and folk. For more information email FallRPro@aol.com.

1986
Tim Pettigrew ’85

Susan Taylor & Christine Oliveira Grube & sons
Emmanuel (3) and Joshua (1) live at 14751 Keller Ter, Carmel, IN 46033. Email is dgrube@us.oracle.com. Becky (Hensley) Habig is starting her 14th yr of teaching at Greenwood Schools. Children are Hayli (4) and Jake (3). Becki would love to hear from TU friends! Email is haylijake@aol.com. Don & Sharon (Davis) Wiley joyfully welcome Claire Joy born Aug 19, 1997. Brothers are Mitchell (5) and Matthew (3). They are currently serving with Greater Europe Mission doing youth ministry in Dublin, Ireland. They have been working alongside Jeffrey ’88 & Susan (Popham ’90) Wetherill. They work to provide training and support to national youth workers, as well as being involved with local youth work themselves. Their address is 5 Swords Manor Dr, Swords, Co, Dublin, Ireland. Email is 106543.1477@compuserve.com.

1987
Kent & Darla (Griffith) Nelson are the proud parents of Zachary Allen born Feb 27. Sister Katy is 2. Kent is a corporate recruiter w/MCI, supporting Denver and Dallas customer service centers. Darla is a stay-at-home mom and loves ministering to her kids. They miss their TU friends and would love calls or visits from the class of 87. The Colorado mountains are beautiful anytime of the year! The Nelsons live at 11055 Hill Gail Ct, Parker, CO 80138.

Jeff & Sherry (Pomeroy ’88) Petersen joyfully welcome Joel Christopher born July 26, 1997. Brother Jeremy is almost 4. Jeff is director of athletics for Los Alamos Public Schools and completed his PhD in sports admin from the Univ of New Mexico. Sherry is happily “retired” from teaching. Their address is 1441 11th, Los Alamos, NM 87544.

Pamela (McRae) & Michael Prell are thrilled to announce the birth of Michaela McRae Prell on April 28. Her brother James (2) declares, “She’s so cute!” The family lives at 504 Kauffman St, Philadelphia, PA 19147. Email is prell@bellatlantic.net.

Dave & Debbie (Springer) Wesner are the proud parents of Sarah Jo born Jan 15. Brother David is 2. Their address is 434 W Cherry Tree Dr, Warsaw, IN 46580.

Les & Janet (Porfilio) Westlake have moved to begin a 5-month volunteer experience with the Appalachia Service Project. ASP specializes in bringing in HS youth groups to repair homes in the Appalachian mountains and to discover God’s love as experienced through service. Janet is spending her time in program development, curriculum writing, and staff training for ASP’s newer ministry with adults, college students, and families. Les is busy helping to keep a fleet of 110 donated vehicles on the road which support the staff at 21 sites in a 4-state area. All of this was made possible by Les’ retirement from the US Coast Guard. Their new address is PO Box 1171, Jonesville, VA 24263. Email is diaconal@juno.com.

Steve & Beth (Miller ’89) Wild proudly announce the birth of Camden Davis on April 19, 1997. Brother Tegan Jacob is 4. They live at 4925 Live Oak Ct, Ft Wayne, IN 46804.

1988
Cornelius & Cherylyne (Duncan) Davis now reside at 103 Ocean St, Lynn, MA 01902. Email is cdavis@corporateink.com.

Robert Hanlon IV & Jodi (VanderMeulen) Hanlon proudly announce the birth of Robert Hanlon V, who will be called “Quinn,” on May 2. Rob is a vice president with Technology Solutions Co and Jodi is a full-time mom. Grandparents are Gordon ’65 & Elaine (Brunz ’62) Vandermeulen. The Hanlons live at 26W450 Churchill Rd, Winfield, IL 60190. Email is hanlon4@ntsourc.com.

Michelle
Roberts is assistant desktop publisher at Sun Ind's Atlantis (largest resort in the Caribbean). Her address is PO Box SS–5653, Nassau, Bahamas. Email is MRoberts@pid.sunint.com. • Kirby Tipple is assistant to the president, assigned to special projects, at Astral Industries, in Lynn, IN. Email is kipple@aol.com.

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Chris & Becky (Smith) Ancil announce the birth of Olivia Kay on May 17. Sister Katherine is 2. They live at 6178 W 147th Ave, Holland, MI 49423. • Kent & Becky (Litwiller) Lehman proudly welcome Sarah Katherine born Nov 11, 1997. Sister Jessica is 2. The family resides at 4353 S 200 W, Berne, IN 46711. • Joe & Lisa (Miller '90) Moritz are grateful to God for the birth of Grace Marie on June 10. Their address is 242 W Tansey Crossing, Westfield, IN 46074. Email is jemiller@bakerd.com. • Troy & Katie (Hardin x'90) Mounsey & children Megan (4) and Callie (almost 2) live at 14777 Beacon Park Dr, Carmel, IN 46032. Troy is policy systems manager with Monroe Guaranty Ins Co. Katie stays home with the girls. Email is kmounsey@monroe-guaranty.com. • Dave & Marcy (Roost) Nielsen are the proud parents of daughter Riley Johanna born March 26. They live at 114 38th St No B, New Port Beach, CA 92663. Email is denielsen@aol.com. • Doug & Lisa (Snapp) Rice joyfully welcomed Ethan Allen on Aug 24, 1997. Doug is employed by National City Bank in Warsaw and Lisa enjoys being a full-time mother and part-time substitute teacher. They recently purchased a home at 3910 E 1000N, North Manchester, IN 46962. • Thor & Kristen (Heisler '90) Thomsen are the proud parents of Audrey Elizabeth born March 19. The family lives at N4492 Ware Rd, Waupaca, WI 54981. Email is thor@pinet.net. • Jeff & Lisa (Gammage '90) Wallace happily announce the birth of Brendan John on Dec 19, 1997. Sisters are Megan (3) and Adrienne (2). Jeff is employed at the Clinton Twp Police Dept where he was recently appointed detective in the Criminal Investigations Division. His achievements in the past 5 yrs with the dept include being named Police Officer of the Month for Macomb County, 2 life-saving awards, numerous letters of commendation, and involvement in the state of Michigan Police Officers’ caravan to Oklahoma City following the bombing. He is also a member of the dept’s public relations team. The Wallace family lives at 13118 Whitfield Dr, Sterling Heights, MI 48312. Email is Jl3Wallace@juno.com.

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Michael & Lisa (Loy '92) Belcher joyfully announce the birth of Bradley Michael on April 10. Proud grandparents are Taylor professors Phil '62 & Jan Loy. Michael is an assistant vice president/loan officer at Fidelity Federal Savings Bank in Marion (IN). Lisa recently completed an MA in English and is a 7th grade language arts teacher at Oak Hill Junior High. Email is mabhch@comtek.com. • David Benjamin spent the spring 1998 semester teaching 2 computer classes at Lithuania Christian College. He has returned to his position as internet developer for Auburn Univ. His address is 560 N Gay St Apt 230, Auburn, AL 36830. Email is benjadp@mail.auburn.edu. • Scott & Becky (Roost) Brown joyfully welcomed Jacob Austin on Jan 25. They live at 210 Deershadow Dr, Maineville, OH 45039. Email is smbsdg@juno.com. • Melissa Brown is an instructional design specialist for AMC Cancer Research in Denver. She writes educational materials for cancer prevention programs in schools. Email is brownm@amc.org. • Tonya (Davis) Cotton & her husband Doug are living in suburban St. Louis. Their daughter Alyssa is the joy of their lives! In January she turned 1 ½. Doug is a superintendent for his dad’s business, Cotton Building Co. Recently, Tonya began doing graphic design for Stephen Ministries. It trains church members to minister to people’s needs within their congregations and communities. • Richard & Jackie (McClure) Crist joyfully welcome Kelsey Suzanne born April 4. Sister Katy is 3. Richard & Jackie live in Muncie, IN where Richard is director of sales and operations of Rutter Media, and Jackie works part-time as an associate agent for Northwestern Mutual Life. • Scott & Laurel (Kinzer) Dean joyfully announce the birth of Jonathan David on Nov 22, 1997. Brother Micah is 2. Scott was an assistant pastor for the past 4 yrs at Christ Community Church in Indianapolis and this fall has started Crossroads Community Church. Please pray for them in this faith venture. Laurel is busy at home with the boys and is also heavily involved in ministry with Scott. Their address is 261 4th St NW, Carmel, IN 46032. • Kurt & Coreen (Konya) Joviak proudly announce the birth of Cassandra “Cassie” Rose on Nov 14, 1997. Cassandra’s
maternal grandparents are Bruce '64 & Carolyn (Martin '64) Konya. Coreen taught school and had evening conferences right up to Thursday, and she had Cassie on Friday. All the parents at the conferences told Coreen she would have the baby on Friday because of the full moon—and she did! Coreen resigned her position as full-time reading tutor to stay at home. Kurt teaches the junior horticulture class at EHOVE career center in Milan, OH and recently finished a master’s. The family resides in South Amherst, OH. • Alicia McCracken married Phil Shaw on May 9 in Indianapolis. TU grads participating were April (McCracken ’93) Whitton and Brian Shivers ’90. The couple lives at 1008 Mohawk Hills Dr, Apt B, Carmel, IN 46032. Email is aliciashaw@yahoo.com. • Marc & Jill (Bolton) Mohr announce the birth of Isaac Neil on June 17. Jill is teaching Title I reading and math in the South Madison Comm. School Corp. The Mohrs reside at 230 W State St, Pendleton, IN 46064. • Scott & Dawn (Olday) Mosby are the proud parents of Natalie Rose born Nov 18, 1997. Sister Devon and brother Levi are 2. The Navy has stationed the family in San Diego, CA. Email is ssmoz@juno.com. • Mark Olson received his AM in ed psych in 1992 and his PhD in neuroscience in Jan 1998 from the Univ of Illinois at Urbana–Champaign. He is now living and working close to nature, learning how to build sustainable communities, at La’akea Permaculture Gardens (near the lava flow) on the Big Island of Hawaii. He can be reached at markolson68@hotmail.com. • Mitch & Kira (Rucker) Sayler are the proud parents of Lauren Marie born June 26. The family lives in Paulina, IA.

- Brian & Jennifer (Austin) Shivers joyfully announce the birth of Allison Taylor on July 14. Maternal grandparents are Dennis ’65 & Lois (Jackson ’63) Austin. The Shivers reside at 3720 Langston Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46268. • Betsy Zehnder married Todd Morrell on April 25. Sister Julie (Zehnder ’88) Berend was in the wedding. The couple lives at 220 Hemlock Rd, New Haven, CT 06515. Todd is in medical residency at New Haven Hospital.

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James Church IV resides at 12691 Walnut Hill Dr Apt 208, North Royalton, OH 44133. Email is juciv@juno.com. • Jody Faustinn married Tracy Brooks on May 24, 1997 in Monongahela, PA. TU participants were Scott Cooper, Tim Savage x90, Tim Twining, Gina Faustinn x93, and April (Faustinn ’96) Wood. Jody continues in his role as the director of promotion and development at Harrisburg Christian School while Tracy completes her pediatric residency at the Hershey Med Ctr. The couple’s address is 4 Monterey, Hershey, PA 17033. • Marc & Kami Gavilanetz have been accepted as missionaries through World Partners, USA. Marc will use his nursing skills in a community health setting and Kami will teach English as a second language as a means of opening opportunities for evangelism. They will serve in Southeast Asia for at least 4 yrs. Their address is PO Box 99, Zanesville, IN 46799. Email is mkgavi@aol.com. • Tim & Julie (Olday ’92) Henriques are the proud parents of Owen Graham born May 19. The family lives in Lake Zurich, IL. • Rob & Jodell (Hendrickson) Lawrence have moved to 209 Ashford Ct, Noblesville, IN 46060–9010. Jodell loves staying at home with 2-yr-old Dillon. Email is JodellRob@juno.com. • Chris & Kathi (Payne) Mackintosh are the proud parents of Nathan Kyle born Feb 3. Brother Caleb is 3. The family resides at 9911 Shawnee Tr, Centerville, OH 45458. Chris works for Mackintosh Tool Co and Kathi is a full-time mom. • Doug & Lisa (Marker) Mader joyfully announce the birth of Trent Douglas on April 21. Both work for Lakota Schools. The family lives at 7620 Harbor View Ct, Mason, OH 45403. Email is LMM7620@aol.com. • Melinda (Flynn) Means recently started a home-based writing and design business, producing newsletters, brochures and other marketing materials for banks, healthcare organizations and other businesses. Her inspiration for this venture was her desire to spend more time with daughter Molly (almost 2). Husband Mike teaches US government and law studies at a local HS. The Means reside at 21247 Hawthorne Ave, Port Charlotte, FL 33954. Email is meansm@peganet.com. • Christopher & Inger (Lindberg) Plummer are the proud parents of Haley Britt on June 17. Sibling Taylor Blaine is 2. The family lives at 2525 16th Ave, Rockford, IL 61108. • Laura Rich married Jerry Gerig ’89 on July 26, 1997 in Ft Wayne, IN. Participating from TU were Nate Phinney ’90, Kreg Binkerd ’89, and Jon Souzis ’89. Laura is assistant professor of psychology at Taylor–Upland and Jerry is a tennis pro/instructor at Canterbury Schools. Their address is 918 Oneida St, Ft Wayne, IN 46805.

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Aaron & Leslie (Ray) Ellinger are the proud parents of Jenna Ray born Jan 13. They reside in Cincinnati, OH where Aaron is a computer consultant for The Summit Group and Leslie is now a full-time mom. Email is Ellinger.Aaron@summitgroup.com. • David & Heidi (von Gunten) Faulks joyfully announce the birth of Hannah Grace on May
2. Dave is an optometrist in private practice and Heidi is enjoying being a full-time mom. The family resides at 782 Blakenore Rd, Dickson, TN 37055. Carmen (Conley) Flores lives at 1401 Park Ave, Winona Lake, IN 46590. Email is floresfamily@waveone.net. Jay & Beth Ann Green are proud to announce the birth of Lucia Rose on July 10. On the same day, Jay completed his PhD in US History at Kent State Univ. His dissertation was titled “Africa Rediviva: Northern Methodism and the Task of Redeeming Africa, 1885–1910.” It featured a sizable section on William Taylor’s tenure as the Methodist Missionary Bishop for Africa (1884–1896). The Greens have moved to Chattanooga, TN where Jay recently joined the faculty of Covenant College as assistant professor of history. Beth Ann is enjoying her new career as a full-time mom and homemaker. Their address is 4110 St Elmo Ave, Chattanooga, TN 37409. Email is jdgreen@covenant.edu.

• Craig & Carolyn (Flynn ‘95) Gunther now live at 3410 Morrison Pl, Cincinnati, OH 45220. Craig is construction manager for Cincinnati Habitat for Humanity. Carolyn is a research assistant at Children’s Hospital in Cincinnati.

• David Hughey completed his master’s in East Asian Studies at the Univ of Arizona. He is an adjunct professor at George Fox Univ. Wife Lois is a 7th and 8th grade teacher and athletic director at Pilgrim Lutheran School. Their address is 15868 NW W Union Rd, Portland, OR 97229. Email is davelois@earthlink.net.

• Steve & Lori Robertson joyfully announce the birth of Caleb Stephen on Aug 2, 1997. The family lives at 2 Darbrick Ter, Hollis, ME 04042.

• Capt Daniel “Gonzo” Seibel was recently assigned the officer in charge of the flight line division. After returning from deployment in Oct, Capt Seibel has been designated a “CH–46E” Functional Test Pilot, helicopter aircraft commander, and section leader. He is currently assigned to Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron 261 at Marine Corps Air Station New River, Jacksonville, NC. Friends can reach him at 509 Raintree Rd, Jacksonville, NC 28540. Email is seibz@worldnet.att.com.

• Mark & Julie (Howell x) Turner & son Jeffrey (1) reside at 8049 Lower 147th, Apple Valley, MN 55124. Mark recently earned his MBA from the Univ of Notre Dame. He is a finance analyst at Ford Motor Co.

• Paul & Jennifer (Settlage) Urban have recently moved to 1527 Beardsley, Muskegon, MI 49441 with their son Spencer (1). Paul graduated from Trinity Evangelical Div School in Dec 1997 with an MDiv. He is now pastor of student ministries at Olivet EPC.

• Bobby & Rhonda (Andrew) Williams are the proud parents of Race Robert born Sept 17, 1997. They reside at 8534 Morgan Dr, Fishers, IN 46038.

• Sarah Winters married Eric Johnson on Aug 2, 1997. Jill (Fitzharris) Piper was in the wedding. The couple lives at 2023 Mittelstadt Ln, Eau Claire, WI 54703. Email is SarajWl@aol.com. Eric is associate pastor of family ministries at Salem Baptist Church. Sarah works at Dain Rauscer, an investment banking company.

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Tim & Michelle Detalldrther have moved to 19803 1/2 US Hwy 20, Bristol, IN 46507. Email is timd@npcc.net. Tim works at Jefferson Brethren Church in the area of nurture and care. They are very excited about what God is doing in their lives and the opportunities they are given continually to show God’s eternal goodness and love. Deborah Golden will graduate in Dec with a BSN. She currently lives in Sewell Hall, Box 208, 274 Blvd NE, Atlanta, GA 30312.

• Don & Dawn (Gillette) Hoesel are beginning to feel at home in Nashville. Don is managing a Kinko’s Copies and Dawn is teaching HS math at a Christian school. Their address is 221 Trails Cir, Nashville, TN 37214. They would love to hear from TU friends! Ted & Julie Hollis proudly announce the birth of Heather Anne on Aug 9, 1997. The family resides at 10732 Seaview Ln, Indianapolis, IN 46236.

• John Lugauer married Julie Maier on Oct 5, 1997 in Kalamazoo, MI. Participating at the wedding were Paul Lugauer ‘92, Steve Braunius ‘92, Matthew Minnes, Mike Stout ‘92, and Joel Hamilton ‘94. John is a biology systems analyst with National City Bank and Julie is an academic advisor at Western Michigan Univ. Their address is 22975 Bluejay Ave, Mattawan, MI 49071.

• Philip Midwood is controller at Control Products Corp. He & wife Susan & son James (3) live at 942 SW 3rd St, Grand Prairie, TX 75051. They did missions work in AZ for 2 yrs then moved back to TX. Email is philipm@cpctexas.com.

• Dan Mouw started a girls’ soccer program at the Wheaton Academy (IL) five years ago, and has culled talent from the smallest school in the area and molded it into one of the most promising teams in the region. Wheaton Academy tied its school record for victories when it posted an 18–4–1 record this spring. In the playoffs, Wheaton won its 3rd straight regional title before losing in the sectional semi-finals. In addition, the team was chosen from 17 soccer sectional sites across Illinois to receive the 1998 Sportsmanship Award. Dan teaches English and Economics and was named Coach of the Year.

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Michael & Anne (Whitecotton) Carpenter now live at 10 Ryley Q., Aliso Viejo, CA 92656. They still live in Orange County, so be sure to call if you’re in the area! Email is abram@deltanet.com.

• David Chamberlin is now senior associate in the media practice at Burson–Marsteller in Washington, DC. He also manages the company-wide, cross-practice Writers Network. He & wife Anne live at 5854 Cowling Ct, Alexandria, VA 22304. Email is dchamberlin@bigfoot.com.

• Jonathan & Kristin (Hoffrage) Couch proudly announce the birth of Jacob Thomas on April 3.
Brother Caleb is 2. ● Joel & Julianna (Gurley '95) Fletcher are proud to announce the birth of Samuel Thomas on Nov 9, 1997. Joel is assistant controller for an aluminum manufacturing plant in central Virginia and recently passed the CPA exam. Julianna is having fun being the full-time mom of Sam. Email is jfletch@cfw.com. ● Eric & Aimee (Marshall '94) Fuhrman are pleased to announce the birth of Heidi Kathleen on March 22. Aimee is enjoying life as a full-time mom and would love to correspond with Taylor friends. Their address is 1737 Dora St, Ft Collins, CO 80526. Email is eafuhrman@juno.com. ● Kyle & Heather (Foster '97) Good have moved. Their new address is 608 Ash Ln, Gas City, IN 46933. Kyle is a funeral director at Needham–Storey Funeral Service. Heather is a 1st grade teacher at Mississinewa in Gas City. ● Stephen & Kendra (Bishop '93) Hamby joyfully welcome Mariah Kathryn born Feb 25. Stephen is a full-time pastor and cares for Mariah during the school year. Kendra is an elem school teacher. Stephen is pursuing his doctorate and Kendra her administrative license. They reside at 4449 S Smithland Rd, Shelbyville, IN 46176. ● Jennifer Honett married Shiloh Fischer on Nov 8, 1997 in Dallas, TX. They had a military wedding complete with sabre bearers. Bridesmaids included Julie Shinabery, Cassie Boyd x’95, Marce (McQuinn x’92) Bradley, and Elizabeth Honett ’99. The couple is located at Edwards AFB, CA. Shiloh is a captain in the Air Force and works as a flight test engineer. Jennifer is a substitute teacher in 3 districts in the area. Email is sfischer@ptw.com. ● Dee & Tina (Bardsley) Ripley proudly announce the birth of Caleb Matthew on April 28, 1997. The Ripleys moved to 2430 Seine Rd, Lexington, KY 40504. ● Heather Swinburne married Jeffrey Hall on July 26. TU participants were Shannon Swinburne ’99 and Shelly (Dudleston) Neal. Their address is 5922 Bayberry Farms Dr #3, Grandville, MI 49418. ● Kim Van Oordt married Dan Veen on Feb 8, 1997. Their address is 3305 Lincolnshire Blvd, Kalamazoo, MI 49001.

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Scot & Jennifer (Vlack) Bruce have moved to Colorado. Scot is in the graduate program for history at the Univ of Colorado. Their address is 12417 W 2nd Pl 18–102, Lakewood, CO 80228. ● Dave & Karen (Olson) Crandall live at 2525 35th St, Des Moines, IA 50310. Daughter Leah Ruth is 1. Dave is in med school at the Univ of Osteopathic Medicine. Karen is a homemaker. Email is crandall@unforgettable.com. ● Bill Cuttino is an electrical engineer. His address is 4768 Walden Cir, Apt 325, Orlando, FL 32811. Email is cuttiwd@earthlink.net. ● Eric Haar is working with Ft Wayne Youth for Christ. His address is 1706 Benham Dr, Ft Wayne, IN 46815. Email is ehaar@juno.com. ● Brad Johnson and his CJ–7 Jeep 84 were united on April 25. They reside at 22018 Boca Place Dr #714, Boca Raton, FL 33433. ● Dawn Pick lives at 11185 Commerce Rd, Athens, GA 30607. Email is dpick@arches.uga.edu. ● Stephanie Ringgenberg was united in marriage with Mark Brunner on Dec 13, 1997 in Warsaw, IN. They reside in Columbus, OH where Stephanie is the communications director for the Central Ohio Chapter of the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation. Mark is a 3rd yr dental student at The Ohio State University College of Dentistry. Email is sbrunner@modimes.org.

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Jennifer Allen is serving with the Peace Corp in Kyrgyzstan (a former Soviet state) for the next 2 yrs. She will be teaching English to 11th graders. ● Amanda Bichlmeier resides at 103 S Dicks, Muncie, IN 47303. Email is ajbichlmeier@bsuvc.bsu.edu. She is engaged to Sven Nelson! ● Kevin & Kristin (Lee) Book are both teaching at the Master’s Academy in Ft Lauderdale, FL. Kevin is teaching jr high/HS social studies and coaching boys soccer. Kristin is teaching 1st grade. They live at 641 NW 28th Ct, Wilton Manors, FL 33311. Email is kandk.book@juno.com. ● Joshua Carney x lives at 546 Woodruff Place W Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46201. Email is...
Heidi Chan married Paul Neddo on May 9 in Ft Wayne, IN. They both work at New Horizons Ministries. Heidi is a counselor and Paul is a manager. Heidi is also working on a master’s in counseling psychology at Ball State Univ.

- Patricia Dugan resides at 1003 S Lorraine Apt III, Wheaton, IL 60187. Email is pdugan@earthlink.com. She enjoys Harrell, June Wheaton, • Casey, Gogis, Charles manager. on Neddo IN. 1003 ’01. Sarah a 0-5, They on tt Doris master’s TU Coe ’00, • Ministries. Kirkpatrick, at Dugan 60187. Autumn in 1998, Ministries. Andrea included at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, while working at the church. On July 26, 1997 in Ft Wayne, IN. In the wedding from TU were Juan Cora ’97, Doug O’Dell ’97, Thomas Robertsen ’97, and Abigail Joy on Jan 24. Abigail was a real answer to prayer after Leslie was on bed rest for pre-term labor. The family resides at 2125 Amercer Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46260. • Amy Jo Reynolds married John Andre on Feb 28 in Greenwood, IN. TU participants were Rebecca King ’98, Wendy (Kyzers) Graber and Jana Reynolds ’98. The couple’s address is 15881 McClellan Dr Apt A23, Marshall, MI 49068. • Sara Shelley and Richard Sorrell were married on Feb 21 in Mechanicsburg, IN. Richard works for the US Postal Service. Sara is employed part-time as a childcare provider for Midwest Babysitting Service and is a full-time homemaker. They live at 6792 E Farm Rd 162, Rogersville, MO 65742. • Jeremy Smith lives at 403 Hunters Run Dr, Bel Air, MD 21015. Email is jeromy1@juno.com.

- Eric Shaw ’00, and Peter Marshall ’96. The couple lives at 1420 W Lambert Rd #419, Lafayette, CA 90631. • Nick & Stacy (Miles) Christian have moved to 3915–05 Cornerwood Ln, Charlotte, NC 28211. Email is christin@queens.edu. Nick is assistant director of internships and career programs at Queens College. • Jesse & Jennifer Clem live at 1030 Ottawilla Dr Apt 406, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. Jesse is a computer consultant for Conway, Dierking & Hillman, Inc. Email is jesseclem@cdh.com. • Liesl Deaver is a music teacher at New Creations Christian Boarding School, a ministry for at-risk teens. She plans to start graduate classes in music at Ball State Univ this fall. Her address is 110 SW 7th St, Richmond, IN 47374. Email is lieslmick@mailcity.com. • Lori Dys married Michael Hoges on June 7, 1997 in Ft Myers, FL. TU participants

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Shannon Brady married Timothy Quant on Oct 18, 1997. TU participants included Autumn Brady ’00, Karen Dunkel ’87, Andrea Nielsen, Tammi Spaan, Tom (Skippy) Klein, Jeff Lovell, Mike Auby. The couple lives at 1330 E State Blvd #B, Ft Wayne, IN 46805. • Peter Marshall lives at 546 Woodruff Place W Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46201. Email is Broho1@aol.com. • Kurtis & Leslie (Mathews ’93) Miller proudly announce the birth of...
included Amy (Dys '93) Torrans, Tina Harbin, Kathy Resler, Lynette Miskelly, Lori Herminghuyse '98, Ticki Cairns, Kevin Torrans '94, and Jeremy Dys '01. The couple lives at 410 E Broadway, Ft. Smith, AR 72908. Email is j.dys508@gmail.com. William Homer will be working for Central Java Intermissionary School in Indonesia for 2 years. He is raising support through Christian Missionary Fellowship in Indianapolis. • Anna Hyndman married Jonathan Williams on Aug 2, 1997 in St. Louis, MO. TU participants in the wedding were Andrew Ludwig '96, Jennifer Rovell, Jennifer (Horton) Hage, Renee Richard '96, Ann Winterholtner, Christie Childs, Ryan White-Stevens, and Joy (Noe) Carpenter. Dana is working on her master’s degree in occupational therapy at Western Michigan Univ. The couple lives at 765 W Kilgore Rd #308, Kalamazoo, MI 49008. Email is x97william25@comcast.net. • Andrew x & Jennifer (Hawn x) Matlock & son Ryan (1) live at 3004 20th Ave SE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124. Email is a.matlock@mci2000.com. Andrew works for The Kemtah Group, Inc as a webmaster/software developer. • Kimberly Landis married Jason Odam on Dec 27, 1997. In the wedding from TU were Lisa Huber, Doug Johnston, Jodie Spinosa, Jenn Stohl, Sonja Benson, and Joel Slager '98. Jason works at a graphic design company and Kimberly is a grad student at the Univ of Maryland. They live at 6808 Highview Ter #202, Hyattsville, MD 20782. Email is jodam@aol.com. • Kevin Sutcliffe lives at 1755 Centurion Parkway, Indianapolis, IN 46260. He is marketing rep for John Hancock. Email is surry23@yahoo.com. • Michael x & Kristi (Ryan x'98) Temple & son Caleb live at 60 Oswalt Pl, Staten Island, NY 10309-3615. Michael works for St. John’s Univ in the information technology dept as a computer help desk technician. • Sara Habegger married Jamie 1998 Erin Baier and Matthew Hartman '97 were married on Dec 27, 1997 in Goshen, IN. TU participants were Anna Snow, Julie Barron, Stacy Leu, Julie Palm x’97, Scott Graber ’97, Tim Johnson ’97, Randy Hartman ’99, Kevin Hartman ‘01, and Ryan Spence ’96. They live at 22690-3A Pine Arbor Dr, Elkhart, IN 46516. • Sara Habegger married Jamie officiating ministers. The couple lives at 1622-C Riverwind Dr, Columbia, SC 29210. • Hilary Lightfoot and Mark Ludema were married on Jan 3 in Woodburn, IN. TU participants were Nicole Franz, Marco Ray, David Smith ’97, and Rev. Richard Ehresman FWBC ’74. Parents of the bride were Paul ’74 & Connie (Hall ’75) Lightfoot. The couple lives at 3215-2C Trappers Cove Tr, Lansing, MI 48910. Anna (Hyndman ’97) and Jonathan Williams Hilar (Lightfoot ’98) & Mark Ludema ’98 celebrate their marriage with Taylor friends.
As a spice or preservative, salt cannot do its job unless mixed with the food it’s meant to season. Jesus likened his disciples to salt and in the Great Commission called them to be His witnesses “in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost parts of the earth.” (Acts 1:8 KJV).

Listing Taylor students, faculty, and alumni who have followed this call may take us literally to the uttermost parts of the earth. For the moment though, we need go no farther from Upland than Woodruff Place Baptist Church in Indianapolis, Ind.

Located in the heart of the city’s near East side, Woodruff Place is home to several Taylor alumni. According to Woodruff Place Pastor Thomas Eden, these alumni have become integral to the community.

But the church would not be the same were it not for Eden’s foresight and vision. In 1991, when the church was struggling financially, church leaders announced they would have to cut the pastor’s salary by 20 percent. About the same time, Eden accepted a position as adjunct voice instructor at Taylor and director of the opera workshop in the music department.

The new arrangement opened a door for Taylor students to visit and join the ministry of the church. To many students, Eden was not only a teacher, but a pastor and friend. David Ballast ’95 was the first to come, pioneering the way into the often overlooked, but very real, mission field of the inner city. Some who followed have since settled in the community. Peter Marshall ’96, though barely out of Taylor and enrolled in a full-time MSW program, recently bought a house within sight of the church.

To date, sixteen Taylor alumni and one current student have joined the church.

Those serving in various roles at the church include David Ebersole, Shawna (Smith ’95) Ebersole, Laura Zerkle ’96, Josh Carney ’96, and Jesse Carleton ’96, custodian.

As missions holds high importance at Taylor, so it does at Woodruff Place. Jesus commanded his disciples to go first to Jerusalem, the nearby city; for those at Woodruff Place, this translates to Indianapolis.

“My idea of inner city ministry,” says Eden, “is modeled after foreign missions.” Eden argues that for many Christians, the inner city is as foreign as another country or people group. But the students and alumni at Woodruff Place have bridged this cultural divide which often separates the wealthy from the poor. A number of ministry groups from Taylor also have visited the church. Among these are the Taylor Sounds, the Chorale, the Symphonic Band, Chris Thornton ’95, Kiss of Peace, and Spectrum.

Members of Woodruff Place have much to share with the students about life in the inner city, but this summer they had their own turn at ministering cross culturally. A team of thirteen from the church—four of them Taylor alumni—spent three weeks in Kenya, building a church among the Masai tribe.

Eden believes the trip inspired the church to maintain equal passion for and awareness of global and local missions. One of the biggest challenges of inner city ministry, he says, is getting past the pretense of religion; in Kenya, however, the Gospel is often received as a fresh word of hope.

And it is this Gospel to which these alumni have committed themselves—both in the inner city of Indianapolis, and to the corners of the earth.—Jesse Carleton ’96
Milestones on the Road to Success

STEVE WHITEMAN'S JOURNEY FROM COLLEGE TO THE BOARDROOM AS CEO OF ONE OF AMERICA'S TOP 200 SMALL COMPANIES

When Steve Whiteman graduated from Taylor University in 1972 with a degree in business, his goal was to obtain a position in marketing. Two years later, after receiving an MBA from the University of Cincinnati, Whiteman began his career with a young, privately-held company that designed a product relatively few people had heard of at the time—computer software.

Cincom Systems, a pioneer in the software industry, offered Whiteman a position in marketing and he accepted. “I was enamored with what they were doing and with the whole software industry,” he says. Whiteman eventually moved to sales, and by the age of 29 was heading the company’s North American operations, managing 600 employees.

His experience in the software industry prepared Whiteman for an opportunity which has proven highly profitable. While working for a private firm in Dallas, Whiteman was invited to join efforts to develop a new software company called Viasoft, Inc. in Phoenix, Ariz. “I liked the company’s mission and the product they were trying to develop,” he says.

Whiteman joined the group. Today, he serves as president and CEO of Viasoft, which has claimed a leading position among companies providing business solutions and consulting services in software design. Viasoft’s clients include Motorola, American Express, and the US Air Force.

Whiteman also serves on the boards of three other technology-related companies: Unify Corporation and Actuate, both located in Silicon Valley, and Netpro in Phoenix. He also is on the board of the Fiesta Bowl.

As most employers know, finding highly qualified personnel is not easy; keeping them is even more difficult. With the average employee leaving a technology-related company every five years, Whiteman says Viasoft has developed programs to increase retention.

“Some are compensation-related, but the biggest program, in my opinion, is based on the culture of the company,” he says. “We focus on the value of the employee. We call it ‘assumption of good will.’”

Through this method, individuals are encouraged to give others the benefit of the doubt and to respond to conflict in a conciliatory manner. “We encourage employees not to respond in kind but to react with a friendly attitude,” says Whiteman.

Another program that encourages retention, according to Whiteman, is the opportunity each employee has to donate a portion of the company’s money to a charitable organization. “We want to be a good player in the community, to customers, shareholders, and in our organizations worldwide,” Whiteman says. “We put on several events each year that highlight various charities.”

Whiteman’s concern for the local community also extends to his church fellowship. When he and others from his church realized the need for more churches in the rapidly growing section north of Scottsdale, they established Highlands Community Church.

“We have a real passion for the lost in Scottsdale,” says Whiteman. “This is one of the fastest growing areas in the country, and there are virtually no churches here.”

The congregation presently meets in a school, but with an average attendance of 200, church leaders have decided to purchase property and build a permanent meeting place.

Whiteman credits his education at Taylor with helping him develop leadership skills necessary for his work with Viasoft and Highlands Community Church. “Taylor taught me how to develop my business skills and how to deal with people,” he says. “It also established strong biblical ethics in me, which have helped me create a good value structure in the companies I have been with.”

Those values are evident to the clients of Viasoft. In recent business surveys, he says, “we came out on top in dealing ethically with our customers. It is so important today to be ethical, and that is something I’m proud of.”

Whiteman’s leadership in the corporate world and in the community hinge on the principle of servant-leadership. “I have found that a good leader must first be a good servant,” he says. “This has helped me become a better businessman; it’s what Jesus taught and it’s what I live by.”

Steve Whiteman resides in Scottsdale, Arizona, with his wife Beverly (Chatman ’74) and their children, Scott, Stacie and Brett.

—Kayleen (Brewer ’82) Reusser

Viasoft’s offices in the US, Europe, Australia, and Japan, grossed $85 million in 1997. The company’s success earned Viasoft a spot on Forbes’ list of the 200 best small companies in America. Success Magazine recently named Whiteman one of America’s top entrepreneurs.
A Tale of Three

CHARLES DICKENS' classic novel A Tale of Two Cities, begins with the immortal lines, "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times." Former residents of Morris Hall shared these sentiments in late July as they watched the beloved structure of their residence hall crumble to the ground. The sight was so compelling to some that they were unable to take pictures through their tears.

"When that ball first knocked a brick off the walls of Sammy, my heart sank and tears welled into my eyes," says T.R. Knight '93, network/systems engineer at Taylor, and former resident of the Brotherhood (third floor) from 1989 to 1993. The outpouring of emotion from former residents was enough to gain attention from local newspapers, the Associated Press, and the Chronicle of Higher Education.

But lest these residents forget, another Morris Hall stood long before the one which was just demolished. The original structure, Samuel Morris Faith Memorial Hall, was built in 1894; it housed a dining hall, kitchen and dormitory. That hall was razed, but the name returned with Sammy Morris Hall, which was opened in 1958. The newest building, Samuel Morris Hall, represents the firstfruits of the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign. Dedication for the residence hall will occur at Homecoming on Friday, October 30, at 3 p.m. Bricks from the recently-raised Morris will be available free of charge during the weekend.

Though decades have separated the residents of the three Morris Halls, a spirit of camaraderie and fellowship has permeated the generations. The men of Morris Hall have earned a reputation of being spirited and energetic. The tradition of fun and games within the hall started early in Morris Hall history. Betty Freese HA '83, who lived with her late husband Bob '60 and young son in the first structure when it served as a home to married students, recalls the inventive games residents played.

"There was only one bathroom, and it was at the end of a long hall," she says. "There was a light above the bathroom door, and when the door was latched shut, the light would come on to signify its occupancy. The men on the floor would roll my son's rubber ball down the hallway, and each time they hit the door hard enough to get the light to turn on, they would get a point. We had a great time."

Games became more vigorous in the second, and male-only, residence hall. Jim Mathis '64, former resident and resident director in Morris Hall, believes that while state universities experienced student rebellions in the 1960s and 70s, Taylor men expressed the tensions of the time by increasing the amount of fun within the hall.

For residents such as Ken Taylor '66, life in Sammy provided a first taste of freedom. As each floor developed its own personality, a common thread ran through the characters of the men who walked the halls of Sammy: acceptance.

"One person was never singled-out and harassed," says Joel Balasingham '97. "We harassed everyone. It was a crazy mix of people, but we accepted each other."

For Todd Stewart '00, Morris Hall is a place where creativity is honored. "Sammy is an original place where ideas aren't crushed," he says.

Imaginations run wild, and often, so does the water. Residents of the former structure were well known for their water fights. "We had huge late-night water fights with trashcans and surgical tubing from the biology lab," says Rick Seaman '78, assistant professor of business and self-proclaimed "serious Sammy nut." "We would flood guys' rooms until water poured down to the second floor."
Morrises

While the new facilities may put a damper on water fights, some traditions are sure to continue. “I believe that for Christians there is a time and a place to have fun and enjoy life,” says Andrew Draper ’00.

Residents of the newest Sammy Morris Hall predict that the traditions will continue in much the same way. Ultimate frisbee, toga football, and the Christmas open house will not change. Neither will one enduring Morris tradition: the Phubs. Each time the chosen Phubs remains a resident of Morris for all four years and graduates from Taylor, a “b” is added to the title. The current Phubs is a four “b” Phubbbs.

“The Phubbbs is the Phubbbs,” says Bonnie Wilson, a ten-year veteran housekeeper in Morris Hall. “Last year he painted the walls and ceiling black.” Wilson may be the only non-resident who truly understands the frenzy of activity that occurs within the walls of Morris. “They are all crazy,” she says, “but they are good. I wouldn’t want them any other way.”

Through rough-housing and traditions, the men of Morris build a community of solid friendships. “Toga football lasts one day, and it’s great,” says current resident Greg Storrs ’00, “but it’s the friendships I’ll remember and carry with me.” Those who have graduated share the same sentiments. Knight formed his closest friendships within the walls of Sammy. “I found my brothers there,” he says. “They are much more than friends.”

Friendships have endured for Seaman as well. Seaman, whose son Jared is a freshman in Morris this year, proudly displays a collection of bricks taken from the recently demolished Morris Hall and a photo collage of former residents.

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It was the season of darkness
It was the spring of hope
It was the winter of despair
We had everything before us...
from A Tale of Two Cities, by Charles Dickens

may project an image of insanity,” says Knight, “but beneath all that silliness is a true Christian soul.”

Shared experiences are valued by Sammy men. “The friendships that we enjoy today were molded during times of prayer, study, confrontation, dating, laughing and crying together,” recalls Mike Row ’79. “But most of all, I remember how we were all hungering for God’s direction.”

While the majority of men in Sammy Morris Hall were believers, a few entered with unbelieving hearts, but experienced dramatic changes at Taylor. During his first year as a resident, Ken Taylor found himself in frequent conflict with his PA. “I soon had a reputation as one with a bad attitude who did not want to have any part of Christianity,” he says. After months of rebellion, Taylor went forward at a Spiritual Renewal service.

“I walked the campus for over an hour wondering how I was going to be accepted in the hall, what I was going to say, and what my Morris friends would think,” Taylor says. “As I came back into my room, I was astounded to see my card-playing friends waiting for me. They explained how God had answered their prayers that I would get right with the Lord.”

The enduring nature of changed lives and favorite memories will carry the spirit of Morris Hall into the newest residence on Taylor’s campus, just as it has carried former residents of Morris Hall into the world as ambassadors for Christ. Balasingham, who now serves with his wife Michelle (Swain ’97) in inner-city Chicago, believes his experiences in Morris helped prepare him for ministry. “Though it’s a difficult ministry, without a doubt, many of my relationships and experiences in Morris prepared me for where God has me now,” Balasingham says.—Amber Anderson
Saving a Piece of History

Old Morris Hall endured 40 years of all-male residence life before it was torn down this summer. Now the baton of tradition has passed to a new Samuel Morris Hall. When the wrecking ball had finally swung its last, we wanted to save a few artifacts to remind us of the friendships that were formed and the traditions which have endured the test of time. Little is left now of the legendary residence hall but a pile of brick and mortar. But therein is a means for remembrance. If you would like to claim a piece of Morris Hall history, join us at Homecoming, Oct. 30-Nov. 1, and take a brick home with you.