Taylor University sophomore Joel Sonnenberg isn't afraid of cameras or crowds. He's lived most of his life in front of both. Joel was only 22 months old when the spotlight first invaded his life. He was vacationing with his family in New Hampshire. Joel does not remember the scene that unfolded that day, though it nearly cost his life. Cars lined up at the freeway toll booth... the approaching semi failed to slow down... the moment of impact caused a five-car pileup... the Sonnenberg's car burst into flames.

The spotlight followed Joel as he was plucked from the fire by a stranger; it followed him through several months of treatment for the severe burns he sustained, and through his increasing chances of survival—from ten to fifty percent and finally, to the point where he could be released from the hospital.

The accident permanently changed the lives of Joel, his parents, Mike '68 and Jan (Schneider x'72) Sonnenberg, and his sister Jami Sonnenberg '97. Talk shows, newspapers and magazines, even books, were produced about Joel. What a terrible tragedy to endure, but what a great God who would grant the miracle of life!

Today, Joel still bears his physical scars; but he has a new spirit. Like all those who have received the gift of eternal life, Joel has been changed from within. And one day, Joel will have a new body; one that will suffer no more. What a day that will be! But until that day, Joel will continue to testify of God's goodness and grace. And you can bet the spotlight will be there to capture every word.—Randy Dillinger '95
WHEN ALL ELSE FAILS — FOLLOW DIRECTIONS
Our call is to carry the message of redemption to a world in need.

LOOK HOW FAR WE'VE COME!
The Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities marks its
largest gathering ever with the National Forum on Christian
Higher Education; over 700 representatives were in attendance.

TEN CRITICAL FACTORS
CCCU President Dr. Robert Andreas outlines top ten factors
for the future of Christian higher education.

NOT-SO NEW IDEAS IN HIGHER EDUCATION
Dr. Arthur Holmes speaks of the historical foundations and
future prospects for Christian colleges and universities.

BRINGING HOPE TO THE AFFLICTED
Dr. Cathy Harner and her students have seen firsthand the
effects of AIDS; and now they're doing something about it.

WILLING TO LOVE, ABLE TO SERVE
Confronted with the reality of AIDS, Amy EverSOLE '98 chose not
to run, but rather to embrace the suffering with the love of Christ.

AIDS: ARE WE CLOSING IN ON THE CURE?
From the Harvard University School of Public Health to the
Indiana University Medical School, Colleen Kendrick '98 has
witnessed the efforts toward developing a vaccine for HIV.

DRIVEN TO SERVE
It started with a vision; from the vision came the dream, and
then the goal. And now they're on a mission — TransMission.

IN MEMORIAM
Remembering Gerald Hodoua, Gilbert Ayres.

FACULTY UPDATE
Retiring faculty leave memories to fill the void.

ACADEMICS
World Wide campus opens with online course.

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Nine faculty receive Provostional English department hosts
Christianity and Literature Conference; Performing Arts Series
season tickets available.

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Trojan capture MCC All-Sports Trophy; Women's
basketball finishes high on "roller-coaster" season.

DEVELOPMENT
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ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTICES

VISTA
Congratulations, Class of 1998!
When all else fails – follow directions

by President Jay Kesler ’58

To be self-identified as a Christian college has a certain implicit ring of arrogance to many moderns. Critics prefer that the term Christian be saved for use as an adjective to describe those who by their actions exemplify the ideals generally associated with Christian demeanor. Christian is not something to call yourself. To do so is to presume superiority and to them constitutes a holier-than-thou attitude. While professing Christians debate what constitutes consistent behavior and the subtleties of legalism with its dos and don’ts, a watching world tells us in no uncertain terms what they expect to see from those who profess to be followers of Christ. They spotlight every inconsistency of moral character surrounding sexual behavior, truthfulness, civic duty, selfishness, lack of generosity or miserliness. Their expectations of perfection from us as believers before we presume to make public profession are very clear, and all shortcomings are viewed as glaring hypocrisy to be exposed without any tolerance for human imperfections. The accepted rule of thumb has evolved, “If the Christian life cannot be lived perfectly to the pattern of Christ, then remain silent until someone else perhaps grants you the label Christian.”

In a pluralistic society guarded by politically correct boundaries, the sole remaining sub-group that can be attacked with impunity is that group who self-identifies as followers of Jesus Christ. The tendency on the part of some professing Christians is to take comfort in the biblical prediction that these “who would
live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.” Unfortunately, it is not for consistent fidelity to Christ that we are scorned, but for the inconsistencies and many of us feel a little sheepish about claiming martyrdom. What to do? Many conscientious believers feel that the only recourse is to become silent about their profession of Christ with the hope that their good deeds will somehow shine out above the imperfections of their humanity. At worst, if you don’t profess any specific intention you can’t be accused of falling short. Others feel that it is better to step up in the face of the critics and point out their inconsistencies, arguing that “we’re no worse than you are.”

The tendency is to see this dilemma as something new. Actually as soon as the first Christians dared to make a profession of faith, various cultural, political and religious critics began the relentless task of pointing out their deficiencies. Thus, the epistles have a consistent theme of encouraging us to live a life congruent with our profession or, in biblical language, “…walk worthy of the vocation to which you are called” (Eph. 4:1 KJV). This is the simple, yet profound and consistent prescription for professing Christians to silence the critics. But is there a mandate or even permission to aspire to leadership or to be change agents in society? Can Christians be proclamational, vocal and assertive in secular culture? Christ is certainly the clear New Testament model for morality and piety, and Christians, as well as many of His reluctant admirers, are willing to leave it at that. Any attempt to assert Christ as God is viewed as presumption and to claim to be His follower is worse. I will assert here that this is a truncated view and, at best, half of the message. Christians are not only called to passive piety but to make disciples as well. Here again Jesus provides the model. With the reality of a resistant world clearly in his mind, Jesus went to His knees and purposely humbled Himself washing the disciples’ feet—an act of humility instantly recognized in the most primitive cultures as a deliberate gesture of deference! Thus began the servant leader model. This is the other prong of the Christian strategy and the only viable way to accomplish the twin objectives of silencing the critics and changing the world. Happily, there are countless examples of followers of Jesus doing this well.

Servant leadership has melted the most resistant of oppositions. In her monumental work titled “A Distant Mirror,” Barbara Tuchman documents the humble work of St. Francis who, along with his followers, risked health and life itself to minister to those struck by the black plague, healing, comforting and burying those abandoned by a frightened society. In the modern world we have nearly forgotten Dr. Bob Pierce and his biography, “Let My Heart Be Broken,” as he rescued thousands of children forgotten in the aftermath of the Korean and second world wars. The worldwide respect granted Mother Teresa is fresh in our minds. Recently, one of my close friends, Bill LeTourneau, died in Vietnam bringing relief to children suffering in the malaise of unresolved conflict in that country. The list is almost endless and reaches to the most obscure corners of the globe.

This issue of Taylor Magazine records the efforts of contemporaries to emulate the servant leadership model of our Lord. The Taylor sign on Highway 69 says, “Taylor University, founded in 1846, Scholarship, Leadership, and Christian Commitment.” Certainly a bold and, to some, an arrogant profession; however, it describes what in the face of current ridicule we dare not shrink from claiming. Christ is the model of servant leadership and Taylor is about the business of attempting to provide every student with a lens on leadership that combines profession with humility and humility with service. Where necessary, and sometimes preferably, this is in the lesser paying, culturally ignored, unheralded pockets of human need. Starting from a deficit position, we must continue to see Christ as our message, our motivation and in this context, our methodology as well. In Roman times Paul reminded Christians, “Against such there is no law.” The “cup of cold water” may well be the only convincing bridge in such a cynical time as this that will carry the weight of the message of redemption to a lost world.
Look How Far We've Come!

Images from the National Forum on Christian Higher Education:
- (Clockwise from top left) George Gallup, Jr. delivers the keynote address at the opening ceremony; Dr. Robert C. Andreaga, CCCU president, shares his vision for the future of Christian Higher Education; Dr. Jay Seiler, Taylor president, reveals after receiving an award for Taylor's active participation in the CCCU.
The 1998 National Forum on Christian Higher Education brought together the largest number of representatives ever in the twenty-two-year history of the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities. All ninety-one member institutions were represented.

It was an evening fit for stars. And stars they were, indeed—over seven hundred educators and administrators from the ninety-one member schools and twenty-seven affiliated campuses of the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU). And this was their time to shine. Among the illumined was Taylor University, one of four recipients honored on April 4th in Indianapolis during the awards ceremony of the CCCU’s 1998 National Forum on Christian Higher Education. The four-day conference was the largest gathering of member schools in the Coalition’s 22-year history.

With consistent staff involvement added to the large number of students who have participated in Coalition study programs, Taylor University has become the most active participant in CCCU activities and events. For this reason, the Coalition acknowledged Taylor with an award during the ceremony. Other awards were given to Union University, for its distinction as the oldest member institution (175 years); Dr. Norman Wiggins, president of Campbell University, for being the longest-serving president in the CCCU; and Dr. Arthur Holmes, who received the Mark O. Hatfield Leadership Award for his leadership in Christian higher education.

The National Forum was a milestone for the Coalition, providing both an opportunity for what CCCU President Dr. Robert Andringa called a “family reunion,” as well as the opportunity to review the history of the Coalition, to observe its present condition, and to determine its course for the future.

As representatives from member schools arrived in trickles and swarms the day of registration at the Indianapolis Radisson Hotel, a buzz of conversation began to build—college presidents and administrators mingled with CCCU staff, as well as members of affiliate institutions, featured speakers and exhibitors. An overflowing crowd gathered later that evening to witness the opening remarks of keynote speaker George H. Gallup, Jr., of the Gallup Organization, Inc.

Citing several studies and polls, Gallup stated his belief that American society has fallen into a state of moral decline. Even so, he argued, Americans are now more than ever acutely aware of their need for meaning in life. Furthermore, the potential exists for a revival of faith in society, and Christian colleges and universities are significant contributors to this potential, he added. Gallup’s remarks primed the audience for four days of intense thought, discussion and prayer as they considered the future of Christian higher education.

During the opening ceremony, CCCU staff announced that a significant grant had been given to the CCCU by the Mustard Seed Foundation to provide scholarships for undergraduate Hispanic, Native American and African-American students. Ten member schools of the Coalition will receive up
Faces in the crowd (clockwise from right) Dr. Chris Bennett, associate professor of business, takes his turn in the registration line; Angela Angelova, electronic publications editor/web site coordinator, and Don Wilson, graphic designer, assist a conferee with the registration process; college and university administrators, faculty and other staff, attend one of the many workshops at the forum; Denise Cram, program manager for professional development for the CCCU, takes a breather from her busy schedule as a coordinator of the forum.

Several preliminary meetings were held before the forum officially began. These included meetings for the Quality/Retention Project, chief advancement officers and the faith/learning/living council. Steve Mortland, director of admissions, attended the Quality/Retention Project Conference. Because of Taylor’s excellent retention rate, the direct benefits of this particular meeting will be greater for other schools than for Taylor. Mortland says, “Our retention numbers are better than most,” he says, “so it’s not so much that we will see really obvious changes. But even if we are retaining 89 percent of our freshmen, that means we are still losing 60 students whom we recruited. We will always lose some students, but our challenge is to find ways to retain more of them.”

Many similar meetings were held throughout the forum to address such issues and concerns as financial aid, the integration of faith and learning, tuition, and technology. Indeed, a full platter was served to conferees for the entire forum—a tribute to the hard work of the small but committed staff at the CCCU headquarters in Washington, DC.

to $50,000 annually in scholarship money. The total value of the scholarships could exceed $10 million if the program is continued beyond its initial five-year term.

The new scholarships will assist the Coalition’s larger effort to increase diversity on member school campuses. It is the issue of diversity that was on Andringa’s heart when he shared his vision for the CCCU during the Plenary Session. “Look to the Future: Unity in Our Diversity.” In his remarks, Andringa outlined ten critical factors for the future of Christian higher education (see “Ten Critical Factors,” page 8).

“True unity is a fruit of relating to one another in the Spirit and name of Jesus Christ,” he shared. “It forces us out of comfort zones; it requires more tolerance and patience than we sometimes have. It means that there is more than one correct way of speaking, eating, worshipping, dressing and thinking. Unity in diversity is a worthwhile and essential theme for our nation today, for our world today, and I believe it’s a worthy theme for the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities today.”
As an active participant in Coalition-sponsored activities and events, Taylor University has contributed significantly to the organization. President Jay Kesler '58 serves as a member of the CCCU Board of Directors, while Dr. Dwight Jessup, vice president for academic affairs, was recently appointed as chair of the student academic programs council.

"This particular conference provided the opportunity to look at how far the Coalition has come," Kesler says. "It was heartening and encouraging to be among so many others committed to the same ideals we hold at Taylor University."

According to Jessup, Taylor's membership in the Coalition enhances the university's academic programs in several ways. Among these are annual conferences for administrators and faculty, which several Taylor staff members attend, as well as the resources available to faculty, such as faith-learning workshops.

Bob Hodge, vice president for planning and information resources, serves as a member of the council on technology. During the National Forum, he served as facilitator for the seminar, "Community and Technology in the Christian College." Another familiar name in the CCCU is Jack Letarte, institutional researcher for Taylor. Letarte is one of only six senior fellows of the Coalition. For five years, he has volunteered his services to track enrollment and growth statistics for CCCU institutions.

For many years, students of Coalition member schools have benefited from the diversity of programs available to them. During the 1998-99 school year, two new opportunities—the China Studies Program and the Oxford Honors Program—will join the seven already-established programs. Since the fall of 1993, fifty-seven Taylor students have participated in study programs sponsored by the CCCU.

Given the breadth of involvement Taylor has had in the CCCU, the university's recent award should come as no surprise. But it's not for recognition that Taylor—or any other school in the Coalition—strives to participate. Rather, it is for the strengthening and furtherance of Christian higher education. Together, these colleges and universities show that there is room for diversity; though they are many, they are one in Christ.—Randy Dillinger '95

Coalition's American Studies Program distinguished by inspiring internship opportunities, top-notch faculty

Senior Andrew Witmer traveled to Washington, D.C. last fall to participate in the American Studies Program, sponsored by the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities. About 40 students from various Coalition member schools participated in the semester program. Witmer studied international and domestic public policy under the tutelage of faculty such as Dr. Steven Garber, author of the highly acclaimed book, The Fabric of Faithfulness: Weaving Together Belief and Behavior During the University Years.

Students offered assistance to law firms, crisis pregnancy centers, policy-makers and members of the media, through required internships. Witmer worked with Empower America, an advocacy group headed by a small collaboration of political leaders and cultural commentators such as Bill Bennett and Jack Kemp. Inspired in part by his experiences at the American Studies Program, Witmer hosted and produced an award-winning weekly radio program, Inquiry: A RadioForum on Scholarship and Culture, which aired this spring on campus station WTUR (89.7 FM, Upland). Each week, Witmer interviewed Taylor faculty, discussing issues of faith and scholarship.

"My motivations for launching Inquiry were split about equally between a personal desire to wrestle with the intricate connections between faith and scholarship, a desire to serve the Taylor community, and a desire to explore in greater depth my own vocational aspirations," Witmer explains.

"My work with Inquiry has really served to confirm the interest I already had in both scholarship and media," he continues. "I currently intend to pursue a career in either college teaching or broadcast journalism."

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Critical Factors for the Future of Christian Higher Education

1. Putting God First
   “We must seek to know and to love the things God loves, which often is not what the academy loves. Becoming more Christ-centered is the critical factor for our future.”

2. Scholarship
   “We must invest in finding the best godly minds with hearts for teaching and mentoring. We must invest in continuing, ongoing faculty development that keeps our faculties at the forefront of their disciplines.”

3. Relevance
   “Colleges must be viewed as a relevant experience for meeting one’s goals in life. Times have changed; we have not changed very much. We need to be open, I believe, to more change.”

4. Relationship to Government
   “Having worked for 13 years with federal and state elected officials, I can tell you that nothing helps more than bringing them onto your campus and letting them get to know you as people.”

5. Self Confidence
   “We have a centuries-old heritage of leading in academic pursuits. Why then do we hesitate to lead the academy in defining and modeling quality education?”

6. Denominational Relations
   “The diversity of theological traditions is part of the rich tapestry of Christian thought and life, and God is bigger than any one of us can comprehend.”

7. Cross-Cultural Experiences
   “Students need more experience in cross-cultural living and learning. My dream is that every student would have a life-changing cross-cultural experience before graduation.”

8. Marketing
   “On average, our campuses spend $1,600 in marketing per new freshman student. We spend a lot on marketing, yet we aren’t even getting the vast majority of Christian students in America to understand who we are or to take a closer look.”

9. Technology
   “Every year, more and more students arrive with higher expectations of what technologies are available on campus. Surely they will want more than they experienced in high school.”

10. Collaboration
    “If we continue to learn the power of collaboration, I believe we will be positioned eventually to express our unity in even more significant and strategic ways than our good track record so far.”
Not-so-new ideas in Christian Higher Education

Christian higher education today has an oft-overlooked heritage, says Dr. Arthur F. Holmes. Even so, a new trend is emerging and the payoff will yield a more truly integrated faith and scholarship, a cause to which Holmes has long committed himself.

I was introduced to the writings of Dr. Arthur F. Holmes, specifically *The Idea of a Christian College*, in a class taught by Dr. Jessica Rousselow during my freshman year. We were a rowdy roomful of communication arts majors, mostly freshmen. At the time we did not know, or perhaps didn’t care, about the significance of Holmes’ idea of a Christian university. We had little understanding of the priceless value of the education we were receiving at Taylor. Yet, somehow we emerged, after four or more years, with minds and spirits strengthened and ready for the world outside the academy. We were the unwitting beneficiaries of a well-conceived Christian liberal arts education.

Without the visionary influence of scholars such as Holmes, our Christian liberal arts institutions would be far less effective today in preparing tomorrow’s leaders, thinkers and educators. I cornered Holmes in Indianapolis during the 1998 National Forum on Christian Higher Education. It was more than just personal atonement for my freshman inattention: it was an engaging dialogue that gave credence to the Christian faith in academe.

The liberal arts institutions which recent generations have built are not merely a product of twentieth century innovation, argues Holmes, but rather the offspring of centuries-old academic traditions. Far too often today, Christian colleges and universities do not recognize this heritage. “I think we’re impoverished without some sense of historical continuity,” he says. “We’re reinventing the wheel.”

Yet, Holmes notes that many schools have begun to network with each other, even across denominational distinctions. “We have everything from self-declared lifelong Calvinists to Assemblies of God, Quakers and others—pretty well the breadth of diversity within American evangelicalism—theological positions that historically have been at loggerheads, and in any case, have resulted in different views of the relationship between Christianity and culture, and therefore between Christianity and education.

“If we have achieved cooperation without compromising our theological distinctives,” he continues, “that’s something we have needed. It speaks for itself in terms of our unity and common purpose. Our commitment, our devotion to Christ, is greater than our denominational differences. In our increasingly post-Christian culture we cannot afford the luxury of squabbling over secondary matters.”

But with diversity comes risk—something which for Christian institutions Holmes calls “lowest-common-denominator theology, devoid of the distinctive emphases of different evangelical traditions.” Perhaps an equally destructive element found among Christian institutions is the presence of anti-intellectualism. “It comes from various sources,” Holmes says. “Part of it is fear, part of it is a bad psychology that thinks you can partition the human psyche, and part of it may simply arise from a much more pragmatic, utilitarian approach to learning.”

There is, however, an alternative. Holmes notes that many Christian scholars are combating the stronghold of anti-intellectualism, even outside the safe haven of Christian institutions. And this, he believes, is an emerging trend in higher education. “I think there will be more of a sense of common purpose between Christians in the secular university and those in Christian institutions,” he says.

Holmes believes that Christian colleges and universities would do well to encourage students to consider careers as academics in secular universities. Those who choose such a career path may not enjoy the close fellowship with immediate colleagues which is present at Christian institutions, but in Holmes’ “Christian academy” of tomorrow, there is much to be anticipated from all corners of the higher education world.—Randy Dillinger ’95
Bringing Hope to the Afflicted

Social Work Professor Cathy Harner has seen firsthand the effects of AIDS and HIV; now she and several students have committed themselves to making a difference in the lives of its victims.

Service is an integral part of the Christian faith; one cannot read the Bible without noticing Christ’s emphasis on compassion for others and His desire and will to heal the afflicted. The natural result of this is that His children are called to follow the example. It is easy for me, as a Taylor student, to casually agree with the exhortation to serve and love, and to outwardly speak of the importance of influencing our community for God. And yet, it is often difficult to translate this cognition into action. History bleeds of tragedy and human suffering; the real tragedy, however, is when Christians sit idly by while injustice triumphs.

I spent significant time interviewing Dr. Cathy Harner about her work and experience with Living with AIDS and Dignity (LAD), an organization based in Anderson, Ind. During this time, it became evident that Harner sincerely cared about God’s will for both her life and for the people she has been called to serve. Harner heard about LAD while volunteering with an HIV/AIDS support group. LAD had only recently moved to the Anderson area after several years in Florida. The organization arose when cofounder James Toloday went through the pain of losing a brother to AIDS. This tragic incident and the resulting burden of medical costs...
gave Toloday the vision for LAD and the motivation to make it work.

Harner invited Toloday and fellow LAD coordinator Gary Manifold to speak to one of her classes last October. Clearly moved by the stories of individuals and families affected by the reality of AIDS, Taylor students responded by purchasing gifts, spending time talking with the two men, and wrapping Christmas presents. These actions showed Toloday and Manifold that there are, indeed, Christians who care—something to which the men had grown hardened as a result of the condemnation they perceived from many Christians toward persons living with HIV/AIDS. As Harner explains, “These people don’t have much time to live, and when they write off Christians, they have no hope. These people are today’s lepers, and the Church too often treats them as such.” But faith in action requires both a sincere love for those who are struggling spiritually and a desire to help and serve rather than reject.

The fact that a member of Harner’s support group is very near death from AIDS cannot be overlooked. Indeed, her involvement with the group began in the wake of death when she was called to help the group cope with the loss of six of their members, all within a relatively short period of time. Harner explains how difficult it is to know that someone you care for will soon be dead. The sadness is further magnified in light of the fact that many of the dying will spend eternity separated from God. Harner shares how helpless she feels in conversations with the dying man; the only solace she has comes from the hand of God. She has come to realize that there is nothing she alone can do to change this man’s beliefs or lifestyle. But every time she visits him she prays during the entire drive for discernment and understanding of what to share, and on the drive back she prays that God would use her words for His glory. Harner praises God that once, after praying with the man, he said that he had “felt the presence of God” that she had been praying for him to experience. The challenge Harner has learned from this is to “practice the presence of God,” knowing that her words and actions must reflect God’s love.

Harner spoke in a Taylor chapel in April, sharing her heart for those suffering with AIDS/HIV. Opening her message with an a cappella solo, she sang, “I want my heart thy throne to be, so that a watching world may see, His light shining forth through me, I want to be like Jesus.” She explained that as Christians, we are commanded to “go into all the world,” and that the AIDS-infected individual in Marion, Indiana, needs Jesus just as much as the tribal chieftain in Africa. Harner challenged the Taylor community with the question, “How will they find Christ if we don’t show His love?”

After hearing Harner speak, students Nicole Fennig and Nicole Maranda, both seniors, decided to begin a prayer chain for the people in Harner’s support group. Harner was overwhelmed by their sincere response, and the three spent time praying and strategizing about how the prayer chain could be instituted. Maranda explains that there are two primary objectives for the chain: to create a prayer calendar with a different person listed each day, and to offer the support of a 24-hour emergency phone line where immediate crises can be dealt with in prayer. The prayer chain has grown to six members, all women. Though not large in number, Maranda states confidently, “God can do mighty things with six women on their knees—or with one.”

As I spoke with Harner, she could not help but smile as she described the inner joy and peace she has from serving her God and community. She continues to work, hope, and pray for the salvation of the people in her life. She continues to model Christ as she follows His greatest commandment, to love God and her fellow man. One of the moments that assured Harner that she was doing God’s will was when the members of her support group asked aloud why she cared when society had so long ago rejected them. She praises God that she was able to give the bread of the Gospel to the hungry. “Such things,” she shares, “are priceless.”—Josh Maggard ’01
Willing to love, able to serve

When confronted with the reality of suffering, she chose not to run; rather, she embraced it with the love of Christ.

A year and a half ago, I realized that I had never knowingly had a conversation with a person who was HIV-positive. In light of the fact that an estimated 30 million people have been infected with HIV since 1981, my lack of exposure could be rather shocking. However, this experience is not atypical of the worlds from which I have come. I was born and raised in the Conservative Mennonite culture, and have spent the last four years in the safety of a rural, midwestern evangelical university.

Then my world expanded in the spring of 1997, when a panel of HIV-positive men shared in one of my social work classes. I clearly remember the vulnerability with which they talked about their illness. They spoke of their fears, their search for hope, and their reluctance to explore a faith which they felt was made up of people who did not care about them.

Advances in HIV treatment have brought a sense of hope to the AIDS community. However, it is a community that is still hurting, and that has often faced blatant rejection from some disciples of a Christ who commanded His followers to go into all the world to reach “the least of these.” Keith Haring, an artist who died of AIDS, wrote in his published journal, “The most evil people are the people who pretend to have the answers... The original ideas are good. But they are so convoluted and changed that only a skeleton of good intentions is left.”

When I first made the decision to be involved in the AIDS community, my hope was to help reverse the convolution of Christ that those such as Haring have seen. People expressed their concerns that I may be tempted to compromise my convictions: I had my own fears that my beliefs might be swept into a sea of relativism. However, an insightful friend pointed out to me that if I am afraid my convictions will be changed when confronted with the reality of the world at its most despairing, then perhaps my convictions need to change. After all, the truth of Christ remains true regardless of the experience.

As a Christian, I am responsible to proclaim God’s truth and justice, while also demonstrating His unconditional love. The result is a tenuous balance in which answers are often unclear; my own questions have continued to grow. But Taylor has been a safe place to ask questions. I have been excited and relieved to discover that part of Taylor’s mission is to teach me to question the world with the security of Scripture as the source of all truth.

This spring, I left Taylor for the “big city” of Cincinnati, Ohio. Here, I will start to ask the big questions of adulthood, of which I am certain there will be many. I may not resolve all those questions until Jesus and I are talking face to face in eternity. But until then, I will live in light of what I know now—that we are all born broken and dying. Christ is the only source of salvation, and His followers are called to share His love with others who are broken and dying. It is this reality alone that can bring hope in the midst of our hurting world. —Amy Eversole ’98
AIDS

Are we closing in on the cure?

Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome... Human Immunodeficiency Virus... Opportunistic infections... These are terms that twenty years ago were not present in our vocabulary. But today, 30.6 million people have been infected with the HIV virus since diagnoses began, according to the December 1997 published findings of the United Nations Joint Committee on HIV/AIDS; of these, one million have been children under the age of 15. The cumulative death toll has risen to 11.7 million people. Some estimates project that by the year 2000, 60-70 million adults will have been diagnosed with the disease. Although there is still no known cure for the disease, progress has been made to the degree that, with medication, persons with AIDS can live an average of five years longer than those not receiving treatment.

My interest in HIV/AIDS research began in August 1996 when I began working on a project interviewing AIDS patients at the Indiana University Medical Center in Indianapolis. The goal of the study is to identify factors which contribute to the contraction of Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, the leading cause of death for AIDS patients. My ongoing involvement in the project was funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Taylor’s Student Research Training Program. This experience prepared me for the opportunity I had last summer to work as a research assistant at the Harvard School of Public Health. I was able to contribute to the school’s efforts toward developing a therapeutic and preventative vaccine for HIV/AIDS.

HIV attacks the immune system, causing its victims to be highly susceptible to other infections, many of which are rare and difficult to treat. Some of the symptoms associated with AIDS are the result of autoimmunity, a mechanism through which the immune system develops autoantibodies against proteins and carbohydrates of the virus that are similar to those found in the human body. As a result, the immune system attacks not only the virus, but other cells of the human patient as well.

When the virus enters the body, the first lines of defense are the macrophages and dendritic cells, which present a processed version of the virus to the immune system, stimulating antibody production. It is here that the virus begins to infect and kill the T-cells, while simultaneously causing autoantibodies to be made. The research at Harvard has been focused on presenting the virus to the immune system in such a way that it would no longer be able to deplete T-cells.

The research staff that I worked with is optimistic about the potential for developing a vaccine. There are, in fact, numerous ongoing efforts to develop a vaccine, helping medical science close in on this elusive entity which we still do not fully understand.—Colleen Kendrick ’98

On its destructive course, the human immunodeficiency virus disengages from its host to infect other cells.

Colleen Kendrick is a May 1998 graduate of Taylor. She hopes to continue further studies in medical school toward an M.D. degree.
It started with a vision; the vision became a dream, and the dream turned into a goal. Then came the plans, but no plan could have withstood the challenges of the road, the language barrier or the nearly-fatal mishaps along the way. But nothing would stop them; they were on a mission—TransMission, to be precise.

A week or two away from the office is often the perfect opportunity for working men and women to take that long-planned-for family vacation to some tropical paradise. This could easily have been the plan for Dana Sommers ’76. Instead, he found himself braving unfamiliar mountain terrain across Central America, just one in a group of six entrepreneurs who had caught a unique vision for cross-cultural ministry. The outgrowth of that vision is known as TransMission, an organization founded in 1991 which provides used vehicles to national pastors and missionaries in Central and South America. TransMission participants pool their resources to purchase vehicles and then share in the adventure of driving them to their final destination. To date, TransMission has logged four trips south of the border.

Although TransMission is financially self-supporting, Sommers is convinced of the ongoing need for prayer support. He recalls an incident from the 1994 trip that made him even more aware of the power of prayer. The roughly 2,500-mile journey had already proven treacherous as fellow journeyman J.C. Huizenga narrowly missed driving over the edge of a cliff just days earlier. Night had fallen, and so too had the blanket of fog that often settles upon the mountains of Honduras. Sommers was wearing an old pair of glasses instead of his usual contact lenses; this, combined with already low visibility, resulted in poor driving conditions. Al Lettinga ’78, who was Sommers’ driving partner, asked, “Do you see that man up ahead?” Sommers did not. Lettinga then grabbed the steering wheel, causing the vehicle to swerve and narrowly miss a man riding an unmarked bicycle down the middle of the road. “I would have plowed right over him,” Sommers recalls.

Despite the dangers of the road, the men are grateful for their opportunity to partner with Latin
American evangelicals. It’s not the typical “forty-something” businessman who chooses to drive cross-continent without knowing the language. But Sommers and Lettinga are anything but typical. Consider, for example, that not since the first day of their second trip have they traveled with the assistance of an interpreter. That was the day that their interpreter, Jaime Lopez, learned that his father had fallen deathly ill. “We found that having an interpreter actually slowed us down,” Lettinga says. “We didn’t find this out until, on certain occasions, we would be on our own to negotiate with the Central Americans. Having the ability to converse with them actually became a point for argumentation. When we said we didn’t know the language, they couldn’t argue with us. After a few minutes of looking at us and thinking, ‘These guys are bigger than us,’ they would let us go.”

“On the street we could get by.” Lettinga continues, “because we knew enough Spanish to at least survive. But in negotiational situations, we flat-out played the—pardon me—‘dumb gringo’ role. But it worked well.”

Of course, it didn’t hurt that the men brought with them boxes of tennis balls, soccer balls and frisbees. Whenever they encountered difficulty with the border guards, they needed only to break open a box of goodies and soon they would gather a bevy of children laughing and playing. More often than not, the guards would join the festivities, and soon the North Americans were allowed to cross, with finances still intact and spirits revitalized from sharing in the joy of life with so many.

At times like these, Lettinga was in his element. During the summer of 1977, he traveled throughout South America for seven weeks with Sports Ambassadors. In 1979, he spent nine weeks in Central America, also with Sports Ambassadors, and returned in 1981. He returned again in 1990, as a member of a team of current and former Taylor basketball players directed by Don Granitz ’52. Sommers provided travel bags for all the players on that trip. These experiences proved priceless as Lettinga was able to contact many pastors and missionaries who eventually became recipients of TransMission vehicles. Lettinga’s love for Latin American culture has further grown through the influence of his wife, Lorie (Granitz ’78), a missionary kid (MK) from Brazil. In 1990, the couple adopted a daughter, Marece, from Brazil.
Lettinga owns Municipal & Industrial Storage, Inc., a small mechanical contracting business in West Michigan. The company contracts to build water storage tanks for businesses such as wastewater treatment providers. Recently, Lettinga contracted with a company in Mexico and has begun to negotiate with companies in Brazil. This has given him the opportunity to help developing countries find solutions for their water problems.

“All of Latin America has serious water problems,” he says. “Through world funds, they’re trying to upgrade the water systems in all countries, but the problem is the lack of quality construction. That’s what we do.”

Sommers, too, is in the business of service. He is president of the Grotenhuis Group, a professional insurance management company, founded nearly 40 years ago by his late father-in-law, Frank Grotenhuis. As an independent agency, the Grotenhuis Group serves a variety of organizations, including financial institutions, churches and universities. The company is the agent for Taylor’s property and liability insurance program.

For four years, Sommers worked as a student representative for the admissions office at Taylor. He received his M.A in student personnel administration in higher education from Ball State University and eventually moved to West Michigan to work at Calvin College. It’s no small irony that he is now working in the insurance business, a profession he once told his wife Judy (Grotenhuis ’77) that he would never enter.

As active members of Calvary Church in Grand Rapids, Sommers and Lettinga have become well-acquainted with other Christian businessmen in the area. It was at a conference in 1991 that the idea for TransMission was first planted. J.C. Huizenga, owner of the National Heritage Academies, had previously learned of a group of Rotarians who donated and drove ambulances to Central America. After the conference, he proposed the idea of donating vehicles to pastors and missionaries. In the months that followed, goals were discussed and contacts made, and before long TransMission became a reality. The founding group includes Doug Taattjes,
Welcome to this new edition of the Taylor Tomorrow Update, now a regular feature of Taylor Magazine. I am encouraged to report that as of May 1998, with only 22 percent of the campaign timeline completed, pledges, gifts and estate commitments now total $37.6 million, exceeding 50 percent of the $75 million goal! We trust that this early momentum will carry us forward to the realization of our goal. I am constantly in awe of the generosity demonstrated by those who have made commitments to the campaign, whether they are large or small amounts. The key ingredient is that people are giving because they believe in Taylor University and have a sincere passion to perpetuate the mission of this fine institution.

The campaign theme, Anchored in the Past... Focused on the Future, says much about the rich heritage of Taylor University in Upland, but it likewise says a great deal about the rich heritage of Fort Wayne Bible College and Summit Christian College, both of which preceded Taylor University in Fort Wayne. Obviously, this anchor is deeply grounded in Jesus Christ. At the same time, the campaign is a catalyst for the future of the university. The board of trustees and administration are determined to assure that Taylor University will remain firmly grounded in God's truth, while vigorously pursuing academic excellence in the name of Christ. The Taylor Tomorrow Campaign is a practical means of meeting this goal.

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Anonymous donor contributes $1,000,000 to the Fort Wayne campus

The Fort Wayne campus community is buzzing over the news of a one-million-dollar commitment from an anonymous donor. This generous gift will serve as a stimulus for funding and development of expansion and renovation to the Lehman Library. This was the largest single gift, to date, ever given to the Fort Wayne campus.

The Lehman Library is soon to undergo significant expansion and renovation.

Samuel Morris Hall Dedication set for Friday, October 30, 1998, during Homecoming Weekend

The entranceway to the new Samuel Morris Hall begins to take shape as temporary scaffolding helps the construction crew complete their task.

The construction crew puts the finishing touches on the front of the residence hall.

organizations, including financial institutions, churches and universities. The facts made, and before long transmission became a reality. The founding group includes Doug Taatjes.
Volunteers in Action: students and alumni participate in annual phonathon; goals exceeded

This spring, two clusters of the Taylor community gathered in separate places and at different times, but nonetheless had a common purpose: to assist the development office with calls for the annual phonathon. Students assisted the efforts on the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses while alumni gathered March 16 in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at Gordon '65 and Elaine (Brunz '62) Vandermuenlen's company, Great Lakes Fasteners & Supply.

Although the students have had less experience with the phonathon tradition, this did not hinder their efforts. Forty-three Taylor students participated in thirteen evenings of phone calls in Upland, beginning April 20.

These calls resulted in pledges totalling $94,262, well above the established goal of $65,000.

Fort Wayne campus students, likewise, had a successful phonathon experience. After fifteen evenings of calls, the Fort Wayne students tallied $43,000 in pledges, exceeding the $40,000 goal. The goal for next year has been increased to $50,000.

The Grand Rapids phonathon has become an annual tradition since its start in 1993. Harold '50 and Gigi (Beischer '49) Beattie led the efforts to organize volunteers and also provided dinner for all those participating. Over 375 calls were made throughout the evening, with a total of $4,425 pledged to the Taylor Fund. This fund helps provide financial aid assistance to current students.

Alumni volunteers helped with phone calls and envelope stuffing. Participants included Karen Appleton '84, Susan Cain '94, Marilyn (Hay '69) Habecker, Tina (Holden '92) Folkertsma, Dennis Johnson '73, Brynn Konopka '96, Orlan Lehmann '58, Greg '93 and Sarah (Brown '92) Flick, Judie (Ohlrich '63) Rudolph, Ed Shy '50, Mona (Strycker x'72) Konopka, Jerilynn Walton x'91, and Kris (Walton '86) Gammage.

Joyce Helyer, director of the Taylor Fund, coordinated the Grand Rapids and Upland events, while Brian Colby, director of alumni/church relations, led the Fort Wayne efforts.
Praise

Thanksgiving, all year 'round

As I reflect on the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign, it feels like Thanksgiving because of the many “thanks” that I have.

First and foremost, I am thankful to God for establishing Taylor University over 150 years ago and for helping the leaders of Taylor, through the years, maintain the Christian environment in which young adults can study. God’s hand has truly been in and on Taylor for all these years.

I am thankful for the present leadership and for the planning that has gone into this campaign. The dollars raised for Taylor Tomorrow will ensure Taylor’s academic standing into the next millennium. The many facets of the campaign will continue to provide for Taylor University’s Christian environment, strong faculty, and excellent academic program.

I am thankful for the many donors who are already a part of the Taylor Tomorrow team. Regardless of whether they have given large gifts or the widow’s mite, they are all team members, and part of the “Taylor family” that makes Taylor University’s existence possible.

Yes, I’m thankful for many reasons, and truly, any time can be a “thanksgiving” season.

Pray for the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign

Proverbs 3:9-10

“Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops: then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” NIV

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Andrew, Matt; (front row, l-r) Mark, Marcus and Luke.
whose son Derek '99 is a member of the Trojans basketball team.

Prior to each trip, Ross Luurtsema, owner of ATL Trucking and Warehousing, would ship the vehicles to McAllen, Texas. The other men would fly down to join him at the border for a week-long caravan. Throughout their journey they would communicate via CB radio, and as each vehicle was delivered, one by one the men would pile into the remaining vehicles. A typical day involved 17 grueling hours on the road. Upon reaching their destination, the men had little time to spend with the pastors and missionaries and their families. Even so, the time they did spend was significant and has been as much a blessing for those involved with TransMission as it was for those who received the vehicles.

"We had a great time seeing firsthand what was going on," Sommers says. "It really did enlarge our view of what God was doing. There's really no way to understand it otherwise."

One might expect that after a week or ten days of constant driving, some recovery time might be in order. Sommers thought so. "These are not really vacation trips," he says. "These are hit-it-hard-for-a-week trips. I thought when I got home I would need a real vacation, but instead I was energized."

Until recently, TransMission operated only in Central America. But in 1997, the group delivered its first shipment of vehicles to South America. Then, from their starting point in Buenos Aires, they drove across the Argentine pampas, over the Andes Mountains, and finally to the Chilean capital of Santiago. They hope to visit more South American countries in the near future. Even more, they dream of one day expanding their vision to include Eastern Europe and beyond.

The options are staggering, but Sommers and Lettinga know that the ending and beginning of TransMission are with the Lord. And until He brings this chapter to a close, their mission on the road will continue.—Rudy Dillinger '95

For more information on TransMission, please contact Dana Sommers at (616) 949-7950, or Al Lettinga at (616) 261-2860.
Community mourns loss of Gerald Hodson

Gerald L. Hodson, associate professor emeritus of art/photo archivist, passed away Sunday, April 5, at home. That day, Taylor University lost a friend—one who trained and encouraged budding photographers to excel in the art; one who graciously offered his time and energy to photograph weddings for Taylor students; one who served his colleagues and friends, going beyond the written job description to help make the community a better place. Surviving Hodson is his wife, Jane (Vanzant '58), associate professor emeritus of education, whom he married in December 1974.

Hodson joined the Taylor faculty in 1967 as an instructional media specialist in the Educational Media Center. During his three decades at Taylor, Hodson served in various capacities. From 1968 to 1969, he was graphic artist, media consultant and instructor in the education department. From 1969 to 1991, he was director of the Educational Technology Center and the Learning Support Center. In 1985, he was promoted to associate professor.

In 1991, Hodson began teaching in the art department where he specialized in photography. He applied his skills in visual production and graphic design to campus exhibits and the university archives. On December 31, 1997, Hodson retired with emeritus status.

Hodson was born on March 21, 1937, in Anderson, Ind., and lived in Madison, Delaware and Grant counties. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Ball State University. Prior to his employment at Taylor, he taught in the Greenfield and Anderson school systems.

Hodson was an active artist; his photographic essays were exhibited at various locations including Taliesan West, studio/home of Frank Lloyd Wright, Arizona; Huntington Galleries/Library, San Marino, California; Monticello, home of Thomas Jefferson, Virginia; Deering's Vizcaya, Miami, Florida; and Getty Art Center, Malibu Beach, California. Hodson was also an active member of the National Art Education Association, Indiana Art Educators Association, Indiana Art League, Association of Educators of Communications & Technology, Upland Chamber of Commerce, Taylor University President’s Associates, and Professional Photographers of America.

For over 40 years, Hodson was an avid researcher of family history. He held memberships in the Indiana Historical Society, Ohio Genealogical Society, New England Historical Society, Indiana Society of Pioneers, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and Grant County Historical Society. Hodson was also involved in the Madison County and the Upland Historical Societies.

Memorial gifts may be made to the Gerald & Jane Hodson Scholarship Fund at Taylor University, in care of Gene Rupp, vice president for development.—Eric Tan '96

An Officer and a Gentleman

Throughout his lifetime, Dr. Gilbert Ayres was known as a gentleman's gentleman. The 1925 graduate of Taylor University, who dedicated his life to scholarship and teaching, died June 9, 1997, at the age of 92.

After receiving his degree in chemistry and mathematics from Taylor, Ayres continued his education at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, receiving his Ph.D. in 1930. He later pursued postdoctoral research at the University of Michigan.

From 1931 to 1942, Ayres taught at Smith College, as assistant professor, associate professor and, for one year, chair of the chemistry department. From 1943 to 1946, Ayres served as an antisubmarine warfare officer, before returning to Smith for one year. Following his tenure at Smith, Ayres took a post as professor of chemistry at the University of Texas at Austin. He was promoted to full professor in 1951 and remained in the department until his retirement in 1974.

Ayres was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and a member of the American Chemical Society. In 1970, Ayres was recognized as Analyst of the Year by the Dallas Society of Analytical Chemists. He served as a consultant for several professional and government groups.

Ayres is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, eight grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.
Retiring faculty leave memories to fill the void

Over the course of Taylor University’s 150-year history, many faces have come and gone. Some have graduated, some have retired, and some have lived out their years in service to the university. Each year the Taylor community must bid farewell to retiring faculty; this year there were seven, including Gerald Hodson who recently passed away (see page 18). Each one has left lasting contributions to the university.

Wava Bueschlen FWBC’51, director of the library and associate professor, served Taylor University Fort Wayne, Summit Christian College and Fort Wayne Bible College since 1964. Bueschlen’s initial training at Fort Wayne Bible College led to a 12-year tenure as a missionary. Although her B.S. from FWBC and M.S. from Indiana University prepared her for leadership of the Lehman Library at the Fort Wayne campus, she never lost her “pastor’s heart” and missionary sense of complete devotion to God. Bueschlen served as executive director of the Association of Christian Librarians from 1990 to 1994.

Dr. William A. Fry, professor of English, joined the Taylor faculty in 1978 following 15 years of teaching at Nyack College. After chairing Taylor’s English department for more than 17 years, he added to his responsibilities those of the associate dean for the division of letters. He served on numerous committees at Taylor. Educated at Nyack, Wheaton College (B.A.) and Columbia University (M.A. and Ph.D.), Fry quickly earned a reputation as an engaging lecturer capable of inspiring students with his love for literature. He strengthened the English department in numerous ways, including the addition of a writing track. In 1997 he was named Distinguished Professor of the Year.

Dr. Paul M. Harms, associate professor of mathematics, joined the Taylor faculty in 1971. For more than 26 years he faithfully served the university as associate professor of mathematics. With degrees from Bethel College—Kansas (B.A.), Iowa State (M.S.) and the University of Missouri (Ph.D.), he had previously taught at each of these schools as well as Simpson College in Iowa. In addition to serving as chair of the mathematics department, Harms served on numerous committees. Harms participated in several professional organizations including the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the Association of Christians in the Mathematical Sciences, and the Science School and Mathematics Association.

Jane (Vanzant) Hodson, associate professor of education, served Taylor for more than 31 years. A 1958 Taylor graduate, she began her faculty career at her alma mater in 1966. Her professional credentials include an M.S. from the University of Cincinnati, additional studies at Ball State University and elementary teaching experience in Indiana and Ohio. For more than 12 years, Hodson served as director of field experiences in the teacher education program. Under her leadership, all-day seminars were developed and overseas student teaching experiences were initiated. Among Hodson’s accomplishments was the development of a course integrating language arts with children’s literature.

James B. Law, associate professor of health, physical education and recreation, joined the Taylor faculty in 1982, also serving as head football coach. The combination of his educational background—B.A. from Indiana University and M.A. from Ball State University—and his 23 years of prior experience in public schools, recreation agencies and the U.S. Army, enabled him to make outstanding contributions to both the academic and athletic programs of the university. Law taught a variety of courses, supervised student teachers and participated on numerous committees. As head football coach from 1982-89, Law compiled a record of 41-34-1. He also served as director of intramurals.

Roger Roth, associate professor of physics, joined the Taylor faculty in 1965 as assistant professor of physics. In 1974, he was promoted to associate professor. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, he served on several committees. A 1962 magna cum laude graduate of Taylor University, Roth has been active in the life of the university as well as the local community. Roth has held memberships in the American Association of Physics Teachers, Indiana Academy of Science (IAS), American Solar Energy Society, and other organizations. He has served as program chairman of the physics section at fall meetings of the IAS.
World Wide Campus opens with online courses

Last spring Taylor University added a new campus, though no buildings were constructed or property bought. In addition to the two physical campuses, the World Wide Campus began when the Institute for Extended Learning (IEL, formerly Institute for Correspondence Studies) added a web site for its community of distance learners (www.tucampus.taylorn.edu). “World Wide” indicates that students around the world can now enroll at Taylor.

Currently, seven courses are offered online: Theology II, Biological Science Survey, Introduction to Criminal Justice, Pauline Epistles, The Gospels, Introduction to Public Speaking, and Research in Psychology. Mark Sumney ’82, director of IEL on the Fort Wayne campus, says more online courses will be added regularly, with the goal of having all 75 paper-based courses online within two years.

Sumney and his staff, including Mary Ann (Burkey SCC’93) Grate, Nancy (Swanson ’78) Johnson, and Kayleen (Brewer ’82) Reusser, along with faculty from both campuses, are attempting an even loftier goal: to obtain accreditation for online associate of arts degrees in biblical studies, justice administration, and liberal arts.

At the university’s request, an evaluation team from North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA) visited the Fort Wayne campus in February to investigate the proposal for online degrees. Final action is anticipated by June 1998.

Presently, 12 students are enrolled in 17 online courses. Hundreds of brochures have been mailed to prospective students. “Within four years, we expect to have 100 students enrolled in online degree programs and 1,000 students taking online courses,” says Sumney.

Why would a student be interested in an online degree from Taylor? “It’s anytime, anywhere learning,” says Sumney. “It’s unrealistic to expect all students, especially those with families and jobs, to leave those responsibilities to come on campus. With distance education, we enable students to attend Taylor who otherwise may never have been able to attend.”

Jennifer Christianson, from New Jersey, was one of the first to sign up for Taylor’s online courses. She is taking Pauline Epistles and Introduction to Criminal Justice. Christianson’s father had noticed Taylor’s listing in Peterson’s home study guide and phoned the IEL department in early 1998 to ask about the courses. She learned about the online courses and relayed the information to Jennifer, who then signed up the first week they were offered.

“I like the idea of setting my own pace and working at home,” she says. She has completed three lessons for each course, though she admits it has been challenging to have no deadlines forced upon her. Jennifer, who is interested in social work as a career, may pursue the online justice administration degree. Meanwhile, her father has also enrolled in the Pauline Epistles course.

Knowing that a sense of unity and belonging must exist among online students to ensure the success of the online degree program, Sumney studied several virtual campuses. He believes programs that give online students the same status as on-campus students are most appealing.

With the help of Ben Goshew ’98 and others from Upland, Sumney created a user-friendly web site to attract prospective online students. The Christiansons and other students have access to the Taylor library and learning center. Plans for developing an online chapel, tutoring service, and counseling center are being developed. “Everything students would receive on campus we hope to provide for them electronically,” says Sumney.

Upon NCA approval, online degrees will be granted by TFW’s College of Adult and Lifelong Learning. Dr. Ronald Powell, chairman of the CALL committee and coordinator of the justice administration online program, believes the degree will be a boost to law enforcement officials. “A police officer may not be able to leave the force, but he can use the information he learns from the online degree immediately at his job, while at the same time increasing his earning potential,” he says.

Dr. Douglas Barcalow, chair of Christian ministries, and Dr. Ronald Sloan, associate vice president for academic affairs, will coordinate online biblical studies and liberal arts degrees, respectively.

With more colleges and universities now offering online courses, Sumney believes Taylor’s statement of faith will remain a distinctive quality for the program. “As state colleges enter electronic education, the differences between them become more and more blurred,” he says. “Many courses offered by state schools in California, Nebraska and Massachusetts are likely to be similar in content. A Student will determine which one to take according to his or her schedule and cost of the program. But at the same time, Taylor will stand out as an alternative—one that integrates faith and learning.”

—Kayleen J. (Brewer ’82) Reusser
Nine faculty receive promotions

Nine faculty members received promotions this spring, eight from the Upland campus and one from the Fort Wayne campus. According to Dr. Dwight Jessup, the chosen faculty are deserving of the promotions as each has "demonstrated teaching excellence, scholarship and commitment to serving the university and its constituents through various capacities, including administration, off-campus and church activities, sponsorship of organizations and participation on committees."

Assistant professor rank was granted to Jennifer Little, librarian, while the other faculty members received associate professor rank. They include Dr. Ronald Benbow, mathematics; Dr. Steven Bird, sociology; Dr. Charles Gifford, campus pastor; Dr. Michael Harbin and Dr. James Spiegel, both biblical studies. Christian education and philosophy; Dr. Pamela Jordan, English at TUFW; Twyla Lee, social work; and Dr. Edwin Welch, academic support services.

Performing Artist Series season tickets available

The 1998-99 Performing Artist Series will commence October 3, with internationally-acclaimed movement artists Tom & Seus, who will present a program of semi-silent theatre. Rhythm & Brass, a six-member jazz ensemble will present an extensive repertoire of early music, original works and music selections, with Christmas on December 5. The Fisk University Jubilee Singers, under the direction of Dr. Paul Kwami, will perform in conjunction with Taylor's observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 18. The piano duet, Side By Side, will conclude the series on March 13. Season tickets for the series are available for $15, a 25 percent savings over individual ticket prices. To purchase or renew season tickets, please call Jeanne Bullock at (765) 998-5289 after August 17.

English Department hosts literature conference

On April 17-18 Taylor University's English department hosted the annual Midwest Christianity and Literature Conference (CLC). Over fifteen years have passed since Taylor last hosted such a conference.

"We were approached three years ago with the possibility of hosting the 1998 conference," says Dr. Colleen Warren, associate professor of English and chair of planning for the conference, "and we committed to it at that time. We began active planning in the fall of 1997. It was a large undertaking, but we have received nothing but favorable comments from all the participants."

The conference theme, "In the Beginning Was the Word," attracted papers from several Christian colleges and universities, including Huntington, Wheaton, Malone, Calvin, Regis and Cornerstone. Several state schools, including Purdue, Northern Illinois University, Mississippi State and the University of Cincinnati, were also represented. Six Taylor faculty members presented papers. They were Dr. Beulah Baker, professor of English; Dr. J. Daryl Charles, assistant professor of religion; Dr. Nancy Dayton, associate professor of English; Dr. Barbara Heavlin, associate professor of English; Dr. Kimberly and Rev. Robert Moore-Juminville, associate professor of English and adjunct instructor of history, respectively; and Dr. Colleen Warren. Alumni presenters included Val (Shaner '94) Johnson, Susan Carlile '89, and Lorne Mook '87.

In addition to the papers, a poetry competition was held. Organized by Dr. Rick Hill, associate professor of English, the competition was a great success, says Warren. One CLC administrator said that she hopes to see conferences from other CLC regions adopt similar competitions.

While the 1998 conference was a great success for organizers as well as those in attendance, it also left conference-goers with a sense of loss due to the recent death of poet Denise Levertov. "We had originally secured Levertov to be our keynote speaker," Warren says, "but shortly after Christmas we received word that she had died, so we scrambled for a couple of months to find a replacement for her."

A replacement was found, finally, in Dr. Jeanne Murray Walker, from the University of Delaware. Walker currently serves as poetry editor for Christianity and Literature. A close friend of Levertov, Walker gave tribute to Levertov in her address, in addition to presenting ideas of how Christians can approach literature. "Walker was an excellent choice to replace Levertov, and we were fortunate to have her at the conference," Warren says.
Trojan teams capture MCC All-Sports Trophy

The Taylor University athletic department won the 1997-98 Mid-Central Conference (MCC) All-Sports Trophy for the fourth consecutive year. Taylor has captured the award every year since the university received membership in the conference. Points for the trophy are awarded based upon each team's finish in the regular season of each of the 14 MCC-sponsored sports. Nine Taylor teams finished either first or second in the conference.

The Taylor University men's track and field team captured the 1998 MCC championship, held at Taylor April 24-25. Taylor finished with 249 points to second-place Huntington's 176. It is the fourth consecutive MCC title for the Trojans. The men also won the Indiana Little State Championship on April 11. The Taylor women's team narrowly missed the MCC championship title, ending just six points behind first place Huntington (159 points). The Lady Trojans tallied 153 points. Darren Youngstrom became Taylor University's first-ever 55 hurdles national champion at the 33rd annual NAIA Indoor Track and Field Championships on February 26-28. Youngstrom captured the title with a NAIA record time of 7.35 seconds. He also placed second in the pentathlon, scoring 3,911 points.

The baseball team headed to Honduras for a 12-day missions trip ending June 4. Sponsored by Friendship Sports International, the trip provided a visit home for Honduran brothers Mario '98 and Daniel '00 Hernandez. Four players were named to the MCC All-Conference team: junior Ryan Miller and seniors Jon Easterhaus, Justin Norman and Joel Davis.

Easterhaus and Davis were MCC player of the week and pitcher of the week, respectively, for the week ending April 18. The Trojans finished the season with a record of 24-17.

The women's softball team had two MCC All-Conference selections: juniors Lindsey Lund and Melanie Mannix. It is the second consecutive honor for both women. Sophomore Robin Lockridge was MCC player of the week, for the week ending April 18. The team's final record was 11-17.

The men's tennis team was ranked No. 29 in the NAIA as of the April 9th poll, voted on by the NAIA Men's Tennis Coaches Association. While tennis is a spring sport for the NAIA, it is a fall sport for Taylor. However, the team plays a limited number of spring matches. The Trojans won their first two spring matches, 8-1 over Cedarville and 9-0 over Greenville. All-Conference selections included freshman Dan Rocke, sophomore Craig Evans and senior Shawn Flanary. Flanary and freshman Keith Parker each won individual championships at the 1997 MCC Tournament championship.

The golf team won the MCC tournament on May 2 with a season-best team score of 300. The victory qualified the team for the NAIA National Golf Championships in May. Finishing second in the MCC with a regular season record of 46-10, the team enjoyed the program's best-ever finish in the Mid-Central Conference. All-Conference selections included juniors Ben Metzger and Jeff Hager, and senior Dwayne Safer. Coach Joe Romine was named the 1998 MCC Co-Coach of the Year, along with John Shelton of Marian College. It is Romine's first such award in the MCC.
Taylor women's head basketball coach Tená Krause called it the "rollercoaster" season—one filled with incredible highs and lows. Many who observed the 1997-98 Lady Trojans would agree. The preseason was filled with optimism and expectations; then the season began with crushing disappointment, but turned around to end with incredible jubilation and satisfaction.

With a solid nucleus of seniors led by All-American and two-sport star Natalie Steele, the Trojans were ranked tenth in the nation and hoped to finally break the stranglehold on the Mid-Central Conference (MCC) held by state rival St. Francis—a team to which they had lost three straight conference championship games.

After dedicating the upcoming season to the glory of God, the Lady Trojans proceeded to stumble out of the gate, losing their first six games. When Steele returned from a successful volleyball season, she suffered a potential season-ending torn left calf muscle and was sidelined for fifteen games. The Lady Trojans relied on seniors Sarah Krause and Yen (pronounced "Ing") Tran. "I felt like we were struggling," says Tran, "but I knew that we would do well because we were going into the conference."

Once conference play began, however, the team lost three of their first five games to Bethel, Indiana Wesleyan and St. Francis. But the Lady Trojans finally turned around with a late-season flourish to finish 9-5 in the conference, 16-14 overall. One troubling factor was that two of the five losses were to St. Francis—a team the Lady Trojans would have to beat if they entertained any hope of a repeat trip to the NAIA Nationals. Although the 1996-97 team did not win the conference tournament, they did claim an at-large berth in the nationals on the strength of their record 25-win season.

When the conference tournament arrived, Taylor recorded wins over Marian and Huntington, setting up yet another trip to the championship game with the St. Francis Lady Cougars. In the championship game, the Trojans struck early and often, forging an eight-point, 42-34 halftime lead. At the start of the second half, Taylor went on a 19-4 run that seemingly put the game out of reach at 61-38 with 14:25 left to play. St. Francis tried to get the last word with a late-game charge that cut the Lady Trojans' lead to a mere three points with less than a minute to go. "I looked at my teammates and I knew that we were not going to break," says Tran.

"There was no doubt in my mind that we were going to win."

It took free throws by freshman Kristi Bosman and senior Sarah Krause to put the game out of reach (78-71), giving the Taylor women their first-ever MCC conference tournament championship. For the second straight year, the team advanced to the NAIA National Tournament where they faced seventh-seeded Black Hills State of South Dakota. After the dust settled, the Lady Trojans had administered a 67-53 thumping to Black Hills. The win was significant as it was the first national tournament win in the history of the women's basketball program: it also completed the improbable climb from the 0-6 season start to give the Lady Trojans their fourth straight 20-win season.

A 71-56 loss to Doane College of Nebraska, however, ended the season for the team, with a 20-15 mark, as well as the careers of seniors Steele, Krause, Tran, and Shelly Gibbs. Reflecting on the departing seniors, Krause is unabashed in her praise. "They modeled exceptionally what hard work and dreams are all about," she says. "They endured through good times and bad times.

"The unique thing about this season was what God taught us," Krause continues. "This team has faced more adversity than any other team I've ever coached. We had to hold on to each other and to Him."

For their exceptional playing this season, Steele, Krause and Tran were named MCC All-Conference selections. Steele and Tran were also named honorable mention All-American Team for the NAIA.

The 1997-98 season was certainly hard to leave behind. But as Tran says, there is life after basketball. "I could not have asked for a better ending to a basketball career," she says. "But God has bigger and better things in store for me."—Jim Garringer
Women’s seminar for students hosted in Upland

The first annual Junior-Senior Women’s Seminar was hosted in Upland on Thursday, February 26, for students of both Taylor University campuses. “The Path to Professionalism: Women Mentoring Women,” co-sponsored by the President’s Office and the Office of Development, was led by Joyce Helyer, associate director of development/director of the Taylor Fund, and a committee of women faculty, staff and students at Taylor.

Helyer explained that the seminar had two goals: to encourage alumnae of the university to be more involved with giving and ministering to Taylor’s community today, and to provide role models for the women currently at Taylor. According to Helyer, both goals were met during the five-hour seminar, as alumnae in a variety of careers shared life experiences and struggles they faced when they entered the job market.

Through a keynote address by Dr. Jewell (Reinhart ’55) Coburn, president emeritus of the University of Santa Barbara, and several workshops, the students explored a variety of issues, including coping with the transition from college to career, developing interviewing skills, communicating in the workplace, and balancing the expectations of personal and professional life. “One of the recurring themes common to all the speakers,” says Helyer, “was that God is working individually and uniquely in all of our lives, and the paths that He chooses for us may differ from person to person.” This realization, she says, is “vital for understanding why some women choose a full-time career, some choose to remain at home, and some choose a combination of the two.”

Several of the speakers shared about the difficulties they had overcome in searching for the right job: a common scenario was starting in a low-paying job with little hope for advancement, but then facing the challenge and ultimately rising in position and salary. Cynthia (Glass ’82) Shinabarger shared the extreme difficulty she faced in searching for a competitive job that would allow her to spend necessary time with her children. She approached 13 different companies with a specific plan, and was rejected by all. Finally, her 14th attempt resulted in what she calls “the perfect compromise,” working as an engineer at a prestigious company, yet still having time to be at home with her children after school. Stories such as Shinabarger’s, according to Helyer, relate the importance of prayer, commitment, and persistence in one’s search for success.

Other workshop leaders and panel members included Susan (Hight ’81) Shank, advertising manager, Chore-Time Brock: Heather McCreary ’95, marketing manager, Rutter Communication; Brenda (Baird ’85) Wesbury, vice president for institutional sales, Fidelity Capital Markets; and Shirley (Pritchett ’79) Hill, vice president, western division, affiliate sales, The Family Channel.

Reaction from students attending the conference was glowing. Students enjoyed their opportunity to visit with alumnae, to listen to their stories of struggle and success in the job market, and to develop what Helyer calls “a network of professional women.”

Helyer hopes to enhance future seminars by encouraging more student involvement, including a greater variety of professionals, and allowing students to attend multiple workshops. As Helyer says, “the value of the seminar cannot be overstated: the benefits will increase as women continue to meet and share their experiences.”

For more information, contact Joyce Helyer at 1 (800) 882-3456, ext. 4956.—Josh Maggard ’01

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1940

Ruth (Prosser) Keizer's husband Clifford passed away at home on Jan 21. He & Ruth were married 54 yrs. Ruth lives at 405 College Ave, Socorro, NM 87801.

1951

LeRoy & Mary (Weber '48) Lindahl, missionary retirees of World Gospel Mission, live at 30938 Novel Ave, Kendall, WI 54638. Email is lc1624@mwt.net.

1952

John & Jeanette (Badertscher x'54) Cornell retired from TEAM in 1995 and recently retired from D & D Missionary Homes. They were directors of the clothing center of D & D Homes until April 1997. They still volunteer 2 to 3 days a week; their daughter Linda and her husband have succeeded them in leadership. The Cornells live at 510 93rd Ave N, St Petersburg, FL 33702.

1956

Margaret Ann Bash continues to work with Child Evangelism Fellowship in Budapest, Hungary. Her address is Arpad u. 12, H-1222, Budapest, Hungary.

1962

Bob Blume x and Rev. Fred Yazzie met at the Promise Keeper's Clergy Conference in 1996.

1963

Tom Atcitty has been named president of the Navajo Nation. His address is PO Box 1794, Shiprock, NM 87420.

1967

Betty Briggs, wife of Douglas Arland Briggs x, died on Jan 15 after a yr-long illness. Doug & their sons David (17) and Christopher (13) live at 925 NW 6 Ave, Boca Raton, FL 33432.

1972

In Nov 1997, Sandra (Ruegsegger) Neely and Linda (Kukuk) Haubold climbed Mt Kilimanjaro, Africa.

1975

Jeff & Christina Ahlseen, 817 Old Rd, Strasburg, PA 17579, proudly announce the birth of Per-Erik Theodore on Oct 15, 1997. Sisters Inge lis (11), Lisabet (7), and Linnea (2) are enjoying his company. Jeff, a CPA and an attorney, works in the trust tax dept of Wilmington Trust Co, Wilmington, DE. Gail (Perkins) Cooley lives at 709 W Buckingham Rd, Unit 6, Garland, TX 75040. Gail is a grad student working toward a biblical counseling degree.

1980

Tom & Laurie (Streett) Arlotta joyfully welcome Michelle Kathleen born Nov 20, 1997. Sister Danielle is 3. The family lives at 164 Knickerbocker Ave, Stamford, CT 06907-2327. Christian &
Karen Ulrich are the proud parents of Levi Christian, born Feb 27. Their address is 504 Hawthorne Ct, Wilmore, KY 40390. Email address is cru2@juno.com.

1981

Glenn & Carol (Hoel) Godfrey proudly announce the birth of Travis Walker on Oct 7, 1997. Both Glenn & Carol practice law in Edmonton. They live at #205, 52117 Rg Rd 220, Sherwood Park, Alberta T8E 1C1, Canada.

Grace Loewen married Keith Fischer on Feb 14 in Houston, TX. The couple lives at 2309 W Los Arboles Pl, Chandler, AZ 85224. Email is keithf@goodnet.com.

Doug Walton recently became dir of human resources and administrative services at Tyndale House Publishers. In this role, Walton will direct all aspects of human resources including employment, benefits and payroll, as well as the administrative service areas of facility management and office services. He, wife Laurie (Schoen '82) and their children Kim (9) and Jason (5) live at 558 Westfield Course, Geneva, IL 60134.

1984

Ken x April Sharrock live at 4819 Withers, Akron, OH 44319. Email is sharrock@rax.com.

1985

Brad & Kathy (Kelly x) Belcher live at 1099 Clay Rd, Union City, MI 49094. Brad is senior pastor of the Crossroads Evan Free Church of Coldwater. Prior to that Brad was an agent with State Farm Ins and studied for the pastorate by taking classes at Trinity Evan Div School and Moody Bible Inst. The Belchers have been married 13 yrs and have 2 daughters, Kelly Grace (5) and Abbie Kathleen (3). Kathy is a full-time mom and pastor's wife. Email address is belcher@cbpu.com.

1986

Greg Cox manages the downtown Chicago branch of Canon/ Ambassador. Wife Amy stays home with son Cody. The family lives at 0 N 578 Woodlawn, Wheaton, IL 60187. Email is gramco_gc@msn.com. Greg would love to get email from any Taylor friends, particularly the ones who said they would write but haven't. Tami (Tucker) King and family reside in the Hokwold with Wilton in Norfolk County, UK. Husband Jeff x'87 is an Ssg with Air Force Space Command. He conducts space surveillance for the Space Surveillance Gr in Colorado Springs. They live at 2 St Peter’s Walk, Hockwold, UK. Email is 106/462.553@compuserve.com.

Gabriel Gerhardt was born to Timothy Johnson & Käri Lindholm-Johnson on April 19, 1997. Proud grandparents are Loren ’56 & Rita (Gerhardt x’57) Lindholm.

Marine Capt Stephen Newman recently returned to his base of Camp Pendleton, CA after a 6-month deployment with the 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit. This unit participated in Operation Southern Watch in the Arabian Gulf, enforcing UN sanctions against Iraq after the Gulf War in 1991.

Jean Yordy is dir of special events at the Univ of LaVerne in LaVerne, CA. Having completed a master’s in Leadership Studies from Azusa Pacific Univ, she spent the last several yrs doing special events and program development for nonprofit organizations. Jean continues to pursue her interests in theater and music. Her address is 709 S Mentor, Pasadena, CA 91106. Email is yordyj@ulve.edu. She would love to hear from her Taylor family!
1987
James & Jodi (Worth) Williamson and their 2 children have moved to 185 Frank Hilbert Rd, Jonesborough, TN 37659. James is opening a chiropractic clinic. Jodi will work there part time.

1988
Jeff & Carole (Newing) Johnson happily announce the birth of Mason James on Nov 6, 1997. Sister Madeline Hollis is 2. Jeff is vice president of publishing services at Tyndale House Publishers. Carole keeps her hand in the publishing business by doing freelance writing and editing for publishers in the area while being a full-time mom. The Johnsons reside at 0 S 264 Church St, Winfield, IL 60190. ● Joe & Rebecca (Hubbard '81) Maniglia proudly announce the arrival of Anthony Joseph (AJ) on May 19, 1997. Joe remains employed as pastor of student ministries at Bear Valley Church in Lakewood, CO. Rebecca runs her own juvenile justice consulting firm. Grandparents of Anthony are Ollie & Jackie Hubbard '81, and godparents are Joe '89 & Lisa (Moritz '90) Miller. The Maniglias live at 12452 W Dakota Dr, Lakewood, CO 80228. Email is Manigabyte@aol.com. ● Kelly Spencer is regional mgr of TouchNet, working with universal access solutions to universities. Her address is 5007 Canterbury, Roeland Park, KS 66205. Email is kspencer@sol.touchnet.com.

1989
Tad Atkinson is finishing his final yr of coursework on a PhD in British Lit at Ball State Univ. He was divorced in Dec 1996. Tad lives at 1324 W Gilbert St, Apt 2, Muncie, IN 47303. Email is Maradin@aol.com. ● John & Jennifer (Johnson) Hartley are the proud parents of Emily Jane born Dec 17, 1997. Sister Annie Lee is almost 2. The family lives at 6126 Howard Ave, Dallas, TX 75227. Email is jhartley@dallas.net. ● Yvonne Morrow lives at N8009 Silver Creek Rd, Ripon, WI 54971. Her email address is miviste@mail.wiscnet.net. ● Margo Tiede married Mark White on July 19, 1997 in Peru, IN. TU participants were Julianne (Tiede ’88) Smith, Lynette (Dyson) Shoemaker, and Lisa (Snapp) Rice. Mark of Jacob, born Jan 25. Scott is associate pastor of the North Cincinnati Community Church and Becky is a stay-at-home mom. The family lives at 210 Deershadow Dr, Mianesville, OH 45039. Email is sboards@juno.com. ● Ken Hugoniot married Ellen Bartee on Jan 18, 1998. They are currently serving Wycliffe Bible Translators in Asia. Their mailing address is Ken & Ellen Hugoniot, c/o Linamen, 5502 E Voltaire, Scottsdale, AZ 85254.

1990
Scott & Becky (Roost) Brown are the proud parents of Jacob, born Jan 25. Scott is associate pastor of the North Cincinnati Community Church and Becky is a stay-at-home mom. The family lives at 210 Deershadow Dr, Mianesville, OH 45039. Email is sboards@juno.com. ● Ken Hugoniot married Ellen Bartee on Jan 18, 1998. They are currently serving Wycliffe Bible Translators in Asia. Their mailing address is Ken & Ellen Hugoniot, c/o Linamen, 5502 E Voltaire, Scottsdale, AZ 85254.

Alumni, Parents & Friends Follow the Music to the Bahamas
Over 30 alumni, parents, and friends gathered in Nassau, Bahamas, on March 22 at the Calvary Bible Church. Entertainment was provided by The Taylor Sounds and Jazz Ensemble. Both groups were touring in the Bahamas over spring break, performing in a number of Bahamian churches and schools. Dave '92 & Cassandra (Edgecombe '88) Smith hosted the event. Alan Symonette '87 is business administrator at Calvary Bible Church, where the event was held.

Ken and Ellen Hugoniot serve Wycliffe Bible Translators in Asia.
Amy White and her planting date

Teddy & Heather Nassau, announce

Raymond Binnington is born

Erma Carey married Nelson Cartwright in the Bahamas on Nov 22, 1997. The couple's address is PO Box CB13983, Nassau, Bahamas. • Mark & Sheri (Russell)

Daubennier are praising God for Emily Anne, born Aug 1, 1997. Sister Megan is 2. The family lives at 155 W Kenworth Rd, Columbus, OH 43214.

Michael & Heidi (Storm) Murphy are the proud parents of Elizabeth Jane, born July 26, 1997. Heidi is staying home with Betsy and Mike is an attorney. They live in LaCrosse, WI. • Gretchen Reynolds married Scott Spears on July 26, 1997. Scott works at Wood-Mizer as a training specialist and Lotus Notes developer and Gretchen

Community Church. TU participants were Marti (Fleetwood) Manku, Sarah (Miraglia) Medrys, and Jenn (Walter) Owen. Beth is an editor at TEAM, a mission agency, and George is a computer consultant for Duke & Assoc. The couple lives in Carol Stream, IL. Email them at jungleman@mw.sisna.com. • Michael McGee, career agent with American United Life Ins Company's Tower Agency, was recently recognized for his outstanding performance. McGee qualified for the Leaders' Club, which recognizes AUL's top career agents.

John Nichols married Amy Holbrook on July 4, 1997 in Fairfield, CT. TU participants were Mike Ryg '91, Tom Sena '91, Bob Griffin x'91, Jeff Hamilton '93, Cathy Hay '91, and Linda Wit '89. John is a full-time student at Trinity Evan Div School. He plans to graduate in Dec '98 with an MA in

evangelism and then work as a youth pastor. Amy is a 7th grade tchr at Blackhawk MS. They live at 243 Cherrywood Dr, Palatine, IL 60067. Email is jnichols@ameritech.net. • Ty & Brenda (Kaufman) Platt proudly announce the birth of Konner Steven born Jan 14. Brother Kyle is 2. Ty continues to serve as varsity boys' basketball coach at Columbus East HS. Brenda is happy to be a stay-at-home mom. • Zach & Julie (Tanis) Pryor finished their seminary degrees (MDiv and MA in counseling, respectively) at Covenant Theol Sem in May 1997. Zach is assoc pastor (education and youth) at the American Reformed Church in DeMotte, IN. Julie is serving her internship with the Samaritan Counseling Ctr located at the church. Give them a call at 219-987-4714 or write them at 602 Elm St SW, DeMotte, IN 46301-8459.
1993

Andre & Kristine (McClellan) Broquard are the proud parents of Teague, born Feb 17. Andre is Wengatz Hall director at Taylor. • Matt & Gina (Gerard) Degenhart, along with Jacob and Joshua, both 18 months, are very excited to announce the birth of Abigail Christine on Feb 27. The family’s address is 2840 Cherry Tree Ct, Racine, WI 53402. They would love to hear from TU friends!

1994

Ava Archibald is pursuing an MA in English Lit at Harvard Univ. Previously she taught HS English and was an assistant girls’ basketball coach. Ava’s address is 416 R Washington St, Somerville, MA 02143. Email is AArchibald@Mindspring.com. • Ross & Jennifer (Barton) Brodhead are the proud parents of Knox Michael born Nov 10, 1997. The family resides at 18810 Fairfield Blvd, Noblesville, IN 46060. Email address is rossandjenna@juno.com. • Jerry & Jennifer (Travis ’92) Giger joyfully welcome Paul-Benjamin born Jan 19. Sister Katie is 3. Paul-Benjamin was born with some rare and complicated heart defects and had the first of 2 or 3 open-heart surgeries at 3 days old. They would appreciate continuing prayers for him. Their address is 11267 Spring Blossom Ln, Fishers, IN 46038. Email is Jgiger@sprynet.com. • Heidi Oakley is head of marketing for David Evans y Asociados Mexicanos, an intl civil engineering firm. Her address is 16611 SE Tong Rd, Clackamas, OR 97015. Email is HOakley@m8.sprynet.com. • Tim & Melodie (Ringenberg ’96) Smith have moved to 11529 Little Rock Ct, Fishers, IN 46038.

1995

Irene Chong lives at Block 427, Bedok North Street 1, #04-427, Singapore. Email is irene@pobox.org.sg. • David & Julie (Osborn ’96) Deibel live at 167 N Terrace Ave #5, Newark, OH 43055. Email is rhdeidy@yahoo.com. • Jason & Susan (Dodson ’96) Williams reside at 729 H Meridian Ter, Apt H, Indianapolis, IN 46217. Jason is a band director at Center Grove Schools and Susan is in her 1st yr of grad school at IPUI. Email is suswilli@iupui.edu. • Dan & Susan (Ludema) Dunham joyfully announce the birth of Joshua Mitchell on Feb 15. Dan is operations mgr at Chem-Dry and Susan is a stay-at-home mom. The family resides at 211 W Morrell St, Otsego, MI 49078. Email is Dunham722@aol.com. • Heather Anne Gladhill married Ken Kehr on Oct 25, 1997. Participants from TU were Lisa Randall, Nathan Hudson, and Jill Taylor ‘97. The couple’s address is 208 Fish & Game Rd, Littlestown, PA 17340. • Janssen & Susan (Patterson x’96) Longenecker, and children A. Josiah (2) and Michal (1), live at 4237 McClay Rd, Saint Charles, MO 63304. Janssen is an investment rep for Edward Jones.

Former music department chair leaves behind a cherished legacy

Marvin Dean, former chairman of the music department at Taylor University, died November 4, 1997 in Palm Springs, CA. Dean was an associate professor of music at Pasadena College. He was also on staff of the National Music Camp-Interlochen. Dean and Mary, his wife, had their own weekly television program, “Sacred Songtime.” Dean was a member of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia National Music Fraternity, The National Association of Teachers of Singing and was formerly regional vice president of the National Church Music Fellowship. He is listed in Who’s Who in the West and in the Dictionary of International Biography. Dean was formerly on the music staffs of Community Church of Palm Springs, Palm Springs Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church in Indio.

Dean is survived by his wife Mary, who also taught at Taylor, and sons David ’89 and Douglas ’71.
1996

Gina Alvarez and David Sunukjian were married Jan 3 in Austin, TX. TU participants in the wedding were Angie Alvarez '97, Alicia Hekman and Brynn Konopka. Gina is a research assistant at The Medical Institute for Sexual Health and David is the junior high director at their church. The couple resides at 8001 Hwy 71 West #E108, Austin, TX 78735.

Michele Beers and Aaron Anderson were married on April 19, 1997 in Grabill, IN. TU participants in the wedding included Kelly Booster, Stephani Cramer TUFW '88, Tami (Miller) Carlyle TUFW, Elizabeth Osborn '94, Ben Andreson x'95, Greg Jones '95, Mark Adams '97, Craig Ackerman '98, Ryan Foerch '97, and Jeremy Wells. The couple's address is 2743 Gatwood Cir, Charlottesville, VA 22911. Aaron is a software engineer for Litton-Sperry Marine and Michele enjoys being a housewife and substitute tchr. They are involved in a volleyball league, but have no plans for the Olympics! Email is acu01@csnet.net or Michele77@aol.com. • Alicia Snyder married Jeffrey Walpole on April 19, 1997 in Marion, IN. The couple lives at 5985 Ulyot Dr, Ft Wayne, IN 46804. TU participants in the wedding were Bridget (Benson '94) Mucher and Andrea Hoffner '98, Serina Tan and Sandor Wang were married in Singapore on Dec 27, 1997. At the wedding from TU were Eric Tan, Tony Seow '95, Tomoko Tahara '98, and Makoto Noguchi.

The couple's address is 405 Sin Min Gardens, #16-261, Singapore 570405, Singapore.

1997

Jeff Benson x resides at 1940 Cambridge Q, Apt 3B, Palatine, IL 60074. Email is jbenson@geneer.com. • Jennifer Horton married David Isgett on Jan 3 in Joplin, MO. David is working on a master's in music theory at the Univ of North Texas. They live at 1003 Eagle Dr, Apt 142, Denton, TX 76201. Email is dsi0001@jove.acs.unt.edu. • Kristian Morales is serving as a Peace Corps volunteer in Bolivia where he is working on a project in environmental education. His address is Cuerpo de Paz, Casilla #1603, Cochabamba, Bolivia, South America. • Douglas O'Dell lives at 1355Brittian Woods Dr, Akron, OH 44310. • Shannon Quaidt is a member of The Schillaci Investment Group of Hilliard Lyons. The members of this team work collectively to provide better service for their clients. Hilliard Lyons is a member firm of the New York Stock Exchange.
Way to Go Seniors!

Graduation day is, for faculty and students alike, one of the most meaningful, emotional, and heart-wrenching of all the days in a school year. As faculty walk through the rows of seniors and look down the lines of smiling faces, we feel a rush of emotion that is at times overwhelming. Some of the faces we have never seen before; we wonder where they came from. Others, eyes meet, tears well up, and memories rush through our minds as we realize that all the experiences we have gone through together have come to an end. Yet, these moments are exactly what keeps us fresh and excited about another year at Taylor; we know this experience will be repeated again next year.

These moments at graduation give us a realization of the investment that has been made in young people’s lives, which will count for eternity. Our ministry is multiplied hundreds of times over as graduates leave Taylor and move across the world to represent Taylor University, and more importantly, our Lord Jesus Christ. We who remain at the “home base” have been called to train, nurture, challenge, equip, and send out graduates “to minister the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need.”

There will always be the temptation to go ourselves, and certainly, it is valuable to travel and experience the world. But there is eternal meaning to the work we do at this “sending place.” To be an integral part of God’s kingdom business by training and equipping these incredibly talented, energetic, and committed Taylor graduates is extremely rewarding.

So, “Go Seniors!” Go into all the world and preach the gospel; and as some experienced Christians have learned, “if necessary, use words.” May God richly bless you as you enter the world of work, of graduate study, of building godly families and homes, and of service to others. Come back to see us; we will miss you very much. You have enriched our lives beyond measure. — Walt Campbell ’64
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**Friday, Oct. 30**
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- Music Department Collage Concert
- Samuel Morris Hall Dedication

**Saturday, Oct. 31**
- 5K Run
- George Glass Track and Field Complex Dedication
- Trojan Football vs. McKendree College
- Departmental Reunions
- Michael Card Concert

**Sunday, Nov. 1**
- Prayer Breakfast
- Worship Service with Guest Speaker Dr. Eugene Habecker ’68

For more information, contact Marty Songer, director of alumni programs, at 1 (800) 882-3456, ext. 5113, or by email at alumni@tayloru.edu.

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