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Shooting for the stars
RACE, ETHNICITY AND CHRISTIAN CIVILITY
by President Jay Kesler '58

As we seek to respond to the need for justice, harmony and understanding between diverse racial, ethnic, gender, age, economic and political groups, we do so with the desire to be informed by holy scripture and the life and example of Jesus Christ rather than the complex and confusing political categories and terminologies of the current public debate. One of the difficulties in achieving the goal of ethnic and racial harmony in modern society is the problem of distinguishing the underlying presuppositions of the popular terms being used.

Cultural Pluralism acknowledges that the United States of America is composed of a diverse population of mostly immigrants from almost every cultural, racial, religious and political group on the globe as well as indigenous peoples who apparently migrated here many centuries before Columbus. It describes the effort to enrich the nation by encouraging all citizens to understand, appreciate and value the unique qualities that each diverse heritage brings to the whole. The sum total of these distinctive comes together in the rubric of "the melting pot" to create a nation of people with shared ideals stated in the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. All are assured that they have been "endowed by their Creator" with certain inalienable rights. The ideal has not been actualized in equal degrees by all citizens. The idea of cultural pluralism is to acknowledge that all peoples are diverse and that no single group can claim primacy or privilege at the expense of others. This is the promise of "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses..."

In the case of Taylor University, it is our goal to increase the level of understanding between these various people groups and through contact, friendship and historical and cultural education, to increase the appreciation of each group by the others and to bring all attitudes and actions into harmony with the Christian ideal of the worldwide family of God where the golden rule is the standard of conduct.

Multiculturalism, as currently used in society and understood by postmodernists, is a term that describes the variety of cultures present on the planet and insists that no society, culture, religion or system of behaviors is superior or inferior to others. Each is culturally determined and simply reflects one group's way of seeing and doing things. Each has equal right to claim credibility and no group should attempt to impose its ways on another. The edges of each identity should be kept unblurred and any attempt to mold or melt them into a mixture or new identity must be resisted. The dangers inherent in these ideas prompted noted historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. to write the definitive book on the subject, The Disuniting of America: Reflections on a Multicultural Society.

What happens when people of different ethnic origins, speaking different languages and professing different religions, settle in the same geographical locality and live under the same political sovereignty? Unless a common purpose binds them together, tribal hostilities will drive them apart. Ethnic and racial conflict, it seems evident, will now replace the conflict of ideologies as the explosive issue of our time.

On every side today ethnicity is the cause of the breaking of nations. The Soviet Union, Yugoslavia, India, South Africa are all in crisis. Ethnic tensions disturb and divide Sri Lanka, Burma, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Iraq, Lebanon, Israel, Cyprus, Somalia, Nigeria, Liberia, Angola, Sudan, Zaire, Guyana, Trinidad—you name it. Even nations as stable and civilized as Britain and France, Belgium, Spain and Czechoslovakia, face growing ethnic and racial troubles. "The virus of tribalism," says the Economist, "...risks becoming the AIDS of international politics—flying dormant for years, then flaring up to destroy countries."

At Taylor, though we are part of the culture of higher education and the language, politics and methodologies of multiculturalism have their most articulate spokespersons and advocates in higher education, we see the movement to be counterproductive in many of its forms. Among the most troublesome aspects is the tendency to reinterpret history to place blame or credit where it is not deserved, the dividing of people into Balkanized groups, and the blurring of distinctions between right and wrong, good and bad, by advocating the idea that morality and absolutes are merely manifestations of culture. For people of faith who believe in the God of the Bible, this moral relativism is unacceptable.

While at Taylor we desire to step up and recognize the sins of individual groups and nations including our own, and while we mourn the suffering and pain that individual and systematic sin has caused, we feel that God alone can bring true reconciliation. He has made provision for this forgiveness through Jesus Christ, and true unity is made possible to the degree that persons are willing to forsake their sins of commission, omission and attitude. In the words of Dr. Daryl Yost in a recent publication:

As a Christian liberal arts university, we must work diligently to eradicate injustices, bigotry, prejudice, bias and whatever else may exist that inhibits a complete and healthy relationship with our sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus. It is not restricted to race, but should also include ethnicity, gender, religion and other social issues that impact the lives of human beings.

In this spirit we seek a better path than those taken in secular society and the political goals that are sought therein. We seek true community, fairness, justice, appreciation of others, respect for the rights of others and unity of purpose in a world that does not share our Christian presuppositions.

While we can never be color blind in the physical sense, we can see others without stereotypes, unfair biases and unjust generalizations. We can be civil and tolerant without being compromised or condescending. We can learn to be respectful of those with whom we disagree, to hear their arguments with empathy and, after all, to treat them in a civil manner in word and deed.

Our standard is Jesus, who taught us not only to love our friends, but to love our enemies as well. The observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. ’s birthday provides us with both a platform and a great human example to address these issues together.
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The Dream Team

Volleyball Coach Angie Fincannon could not have asked for a better season. Her 1997 Lady Trojans had entered the NAIA National Tournament with a record of 45 wins to just one loss. They stood poised at the edge of achieving their pre-season goal of being ranked among the “Elite Eight” of the NAIA; all that was needed to reach this level of prestige was a victory over Lewis and Clark. The match, held December 4, had progressed to the fifth game, and as the evening wore on past 11 p.m., the team was quickly tiring. Fincannon had used all her timeouts and momentum had shifted to Lewis and Clark, who were now leading 13 to 11. In the tradition of great athletic histories, this was shaping up to be a classic; unfortunately, it seemed as though the chapter would end not so “happily ever after” for the team. In the midst of this desperate moment, Fincannon whispered a prayer... Moments later, the lights went out, leaving a full gymnasium of spectators, players, coaches and officials in the dark. Officials immediately announced a fifteen-minute delay before the match could resume. Was this her miracle?

As Fincannon hurriedly reviewed strategies and plays, the Lady Trojans did what they had done numerous times during the season: they sang praises to their God. “They were clapping and singing,” Fincannon recalls. “The game was not even going on for them. They were relying on God to get them through that situation.”

Already in August—weeks before the season began—team members found opportunities to trust in God’s leading as they ventured to Honduras. “It was absolutely the glue that put our team together,” Fincannon says. “We were all a little bit scared; we learned to lean on each other a little bit. We got a chance to be more open and vulnerable to one another than we would have in a regular season.”

The women competed against the Honduran National team, a leading contender in the Central American Games in December. The two teams played six matches, with all but two matches lasting five games.

“We played at a pretty high level,” Fincannon says. “We could not have asked for a better workout. It was very intense, and we played very hard.” Additionally, the trip allowed the team to “work out the kinks” while sharing their faith and building relationships with the Honduran team.

“It was a trip that I wasn’t sure I wanted to make,” Fincannon shares. “We had a lot of money to raise, but it was worth every cent and amount of effort we put into it. I would like every player who goes through our program to experience that.”

Brittany Huysen ’00, middle hitter, believes the Honduras trip was a major factor in the success of the 1997 season. Heather Pickerell ’99, setter, agrees and adds that 1997 was the best volleyball season she has ever had, “and I’ve been on a lot of teams. We were very focused on doing everything for God this year.”

Fincannon tried to keep her team on a course of continual improvement throughout the season, but expected that the improvement would level off. “I thought we would reach a plateau,” she says, “but surprisingly, we didn’t. The team kept improving; they never were satisfied.”

That the Lady Trojans would achieve such success in the regular season was, according to Fincannon, a tribute to the way they worked as a team. “I’ve jokingly called them my ‘Dream Team,’” she says. “That group had such a unique and uncanny ability to play together. It was an element that was unpredictable; someone would know what the other person was going to do before she did it.”

Angela Olinghouse ’99, outside hitter/setter, agrees: “Everyone played
such a significant role that, had anyone changed her position or had a different role, our chemistry would have been way off.”

Fincannon maintained a tough conditioning regimen that included the coaches pounding balls at the team harder than they would ever receive in a game. The practice paid off. “Other teams would start to celebrate when they thought that a ball was down,” Fincannon says. “But somehow we would bring it back up. I remember at Bethel, looking out at the crowd and seeing their amazement that we were still bringing it back.”

The success of the 1997 season came after a string of several significant firsts for Taylor volleyball and Fincannon. The team finished the 1992 season (Fincannon’s first as coach) with a 32-11 record and a third place finish in the NAIA District 21 Tournament. In their first season in the Mid-Central Conference (1993), the team closed with an impressive 35 wins to nine losses. The 1994 squad rounded up 41 wins to 12 losses, claiming their first-ever championship in the MCC. Fincannon was named MCC Coach of the Year for her accomplishments that season. The 1995 team earned an at-large berth to the NAIA National Championships for the first time, ending the season with a 51-16 record. Once again, Fincannon was named MCC Coach of the Year. The 1996 Lady Trojans entered the season ranked 18th in the NAIA Pre-season Volleyball Poll—the first ranking in team history. The team yielded a 36-9 record and their third consecutive MCC championship.

The recent success for the team has resulted in a growth of national exposure, but not yet to the level which, according to Fincannon, would establish Taylor as a significant and consistent presence in the national rankings. “Probably my biggest regret has been that we don’t have the money to travel and play teams in Missouri and California,” she says. “It hurt our rankings, but it didn’t keep us down too long. The national raters have to see you play teams that are nationally ranked.” There are nine national raters within the NAIA, one of whom is the coach of Lewis and Clark.

Though not as well known as teams from larger schools, Taylor’s volleyball program is of high quality, only part of which has to do with the physical abilities of the players. Each of the women on the team has maintained a positive attitude both on and off the court. This has served as a source of inspiration for Fincannon. “I grow every time a situation comes up and I see the way they handle it,” she says. “I see them being very humble. We had a first-team All-American on the team this year (Natalie Steele), but she never flaunted that with the girls. Off the court you would never know she was an All-American.”

Steele is one of two seniors graduating this year; Rebecca King is the other. Both were captains on the team, together with Heather Pickerell. “I think the world knows how I feel about Natalie and the contribution she has made, not just as a player but as a person,” Fincannon says. “She’s had great leadership this year. Rebecca is one of a kind. She worked herself to death all season long. She was not always a starter, but when she came in she was a role model for us, leading by example.”

With the loss of King and Steele, the 1998 team will undoubtedly have a different personality. Fincannon looks forward to seeing how the new team will come together. “That gives them a chance to start from scratch and work on their team dynamics,” she says. “That’s what makes every year different and exciting, as the team works through that process and as people take leadership roles that they should have.”

Finding just the right athlete for a school such as Taylor requires a concerted effort from recruitment staff. “When you have a small team you have to be careful, because you can over-recruit,” Fincannon says. “When you need only two or three players, your margin of error becomes a lot smaller. It’s harder for us because we’re not only looking for the best player, we’re looking for a high academic player who really wants to come to a Christian college. We’re looking for a ‘Taylor fit.’”

Each season as the team develops a new structure, Fincannon begins to guide them through strategies and decisions. The team eventually plays by intuition, and Fincannon is able to loosen her control somewhat. “That’s when I know I’ve done my job—when they can do it without me,” she says.

Although Fincannon would have loved to play volleyball in college herself, she chose instead to pursue a degree in music as it supplied better scholarship money for her. “There just weren’t even close to as many opportunities in sports then as there are now,” she says. “I had to rely heavily on music to get the scholarships I needed for school.” But Fincannon could not deny her love for athletics, and by the time she graduated, she had decided to pursue a career as a volleyball coach.

Many years later, Fincannon had finally arrived at the brink of what she considers to be nearly the pinnacle of success for a volleyball coach—Elite Eight status.

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Moving in for the Kill

There were no flashing lights, no sirens, no match-stopping tribute.

In fact, in honor of becoming the all-time career kill leader for women’s volleyball, Natalie Steele received nothing more than a quiet announcement during a side change at a tournament. “Aside from people talking about it and having my name in the paper, that was it,” Steele says.

On October 10, Steele had 38 kills against Mount Vernon Nazarene (Ohio) to set the all-divisions record. She set the NAIA career mark last season. And Steele was determined to put some distance between her and previous record holder Svetlana Vtyurina, who finished with 3,043 career kills in 1995 playing for NCAA Division I George Washington University.

But more than piling up kills, Steele hopes the record will make athletes reconsider the “Division I (DI) or nothing” mentality she says is prevalent among top high school players.

“I love the fact that Taylor is an NAIA school and this is where I was able to do this,” she says. “So many players think DI is it. They want the title of DI, and they think there’s no recognition if they go NAIA. It seems to me that athletes feel they didn’t make it if they don’t go DI. So this validates NAIA schools. I mean, we have beaten some DI schools.”

Coach Angie Fincannon echoes Steele’s sentiments, noting that her star hitter played for the prestigious Milwaukee (Wis.) Sting junior club team and had several Division I offers. Instead, Steele chose to play basketball and volleyball (and softball her freshman year) so she could get a scholarship. Steele has the NAIA rebounding record and led the nation the past two years in that category.

“I think some kids just want a different kind of volleyball experience,” Fincannon says. “I’m glad for her. It was a sacrifice for her to play two sports at a less visible institution.”

But Taylor better fit Steele’s requirements for higher learning. She says the support and personal relationships she has formed are important. As for replacing Steele at the end of the season, Fincannon cannot bear the thought. “It’s almost unthinkable right now,” she says. “The night she walks out I’ll probably grab on to her ankle, and she’ll have to drag me around. She is the epitome of the kind of athlete you like to have. I think the world of her.”

Natalie Steele concluded her Taylor volleyball career with a second-place ranking at Taylor for career aces (249). She led the 1997 team with .63 blocks per game and an 89 percent passing record. She had an attack average of 38 percent. She was named Player of the Year in the Great Lakes Region and Mid Central Conference (third time) and was a First Team All-American (third time overall as an All-American). Steele was also named MVP for the 1997 season.

As a member of the basketball team, Steele was named All-American three times (twice as First Team). In each of her first three years at Taylor, she received the Lady Trojan of the Year Award. Voting for this year’s award has not yet occurred. Steele appeared in Sports Illustrated’s “Faces in the Crowd” column for February 16, 1998.—Adapted with permission from Volleyball Magazine (February 1998).

Meanwhile, as the lights gradually warmed up again, Fincannon hurriedly prepared her final strategy in this most crucial game of the season. As she looked up, she noticed her team was still singing. “I was amazed,” she recalls. “That, to me, was the answered prayer. Sure, I was praying, ‘God help us,’ but I think what God really did was give them one more opportunity. Their prayer all year after going to Honduras was, ‘How can we use our situation to be a witness for God? How can we give Him back what He has given us?’ I feel like that was the biggest testimony that could have happened.”

The Lady Trojans climbed back from their 13-11 deficit, and after another 35 to 40 minutes of play, had won the game by a score of 18-16. The team was finally defeated in the quarterfinal round of the tournament, but ended the season with a final record of 48-3.

Fincannon’s coaching record at the end of the 1997 season towered at 243 wins to just 60 losses, ranking her among the top-ten active coaches in the NAIA. But Fincannon is not quite ready to write her memoirs. She is holding out for another dream season; one in which her team is not defeated in the quarterfinal round, but moves on to the final match. “That’s the only thing that could ever surpass what happened this season,” she says. “If that happens, I’ll be ready for the rocking chair.”—Randy Dillinger ’95

1 Natalie Steele currently holds the all-time career kills record (3,602) for all divisions’ women’s intercollegiate volleyball in the United States.
In November 1997 a group of 15 Taylor students witnessed the gathering of over 2,500 individuals from 38 countries at the American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC) World Conference in Dallas, Texas. There the students were exposed to the broadest range of ideas in Christian psychology to be found in one locale, with 99 workshops from which to choose. Dr. Vance Maloney, associate professor of psychology, served as program director for the conference. A significant event following the conference was the birth of the International Federation for Christian Counseling (IFCC), an organization for which there has been a rapidly growing need.

The federation is so new that a formal structure has not yet been established. Maloney is one of only three U.S. citizens on the federation’s 46-member founding committee, which also includes Rev. Philip Muinde ’73. It is a pioneering venture for Maloney, but certainly not his first. Since 1995, he has been traveling to the formerly atheistic/communist country of Albania to assist with that country’s efforts to develop counseling services.

Maloney’s interest in Albania began when his wife, Tammera, participated in a missions trip to an Albanian orphanage in June 1994. There she met a young woman, Dhinara Kola, whose parents had given her up at birth. She had been living in the orphanage ever since. The Maloneys had already considered adopting a child from an Eastern-bloc country, and Tammera felt strongly that Kola was the one. Unfortunately, when Kola arrived in the United States at the age of 16, she was too old (by U.S. immigration standards) to be legally adopted. Still, the Maloneys consider her part of the family. Kola is currently enrolled at Taylor Fort Wayne as a freshman.

Maloney saw the potential for Taylor University to be involved in Albania in the Fall of 1994 after meeting in Grand Rapids, Michigan, with Edita Haxhiymeri, a visiting professor from Albania’s Tirana University. The two discussed the need for developing a counseling practice in Albania. Haxhiymeri explained that in 1992, when communism fell in Albania, private counseling and psychological services were nonexistent. The Department of Social Work at Tirana University was created that year to develop the country’s mental health services. However, after 46 years of oppressive communism, the social infrastructure was neither understanding nor supportive of the university’s efforts.

Maloney and Haxhiymeri then discussed the possibility of Taylor University’s partnership with Tirana University in developing a program of counseling while seeking to overcome the many social obstacles.

During his first visit to Albania in February 1995, Maloney was quickly immersed in the academic world, lecturing in classes and visiting with students and professors. During this initial visit, Maloney and Haxhiymeri developed a plan to facilitate cooperative education for students from Taylor and Tirana University. The following summer, Maloney led the first team of Taylor students to Albania, with the purpose of identifying the social needs of the country and working with Tirana University to transform theory into practice. Principally, the group of 15 students sought to teach counseling skills to Albanian university students.

“We had been warned about the ambiguity of our task as pioneers,” wrote Maloney with Jennifer Burke ’96 (a member of both Albania teams from Taylor) in Christian Counseling Connection (Issue 1, 1997), “so we focused on building supportive group dynamics, and then put together a handbook on listening skills, cognitive therapy, childhood disorders and philosophies of counseling. We prepared interactive lectures on these areas, incorporating examples and role plays.”

The Taylor students visited potential sites for social services, including a school for the mentally handicapped, a maternity hospital and an elementary school. It was especially disheartening for the students to see the way women were mistreated in the hospital. This abusive system, says Maloney, is the natural outgrowth of the Muslim worldview which encompasses 70 percent of the Albanian population. According to Maloney, Albanians adhere to a strict social caste of (highest to lowest) men, livestock, women, gypsies, and orphans — although the strength of this system is beginning to wane.

Facing such a different worldview, the Taylor team sought opportunities to share their faith appropriately. This occurred most naturally as Maloney and the students shared about the importance of counseling. “We came in with basically an apologetic of why we care about people.”
Maloney says, “It’s because we were created; there is a Creator and life has meaning. We are unashamedly Christian, and they (the Albanian students and professors) know it. But we didn’t necessarily come in preaching.”

The first year in Albania was difficult for the Taylor students, as many of the team’s goals did not come to fruition. Still, their experience was crucial to establishing a presence for Christian counseling in Albania, as well as for helping Maloney and the students identify specific areas of need.

Maloney returned to Albania with a group of 15 Taylor students in 1996. Tirana University students exhibited a greater degree of interest and cooperation than they had the previous year, which was very encouraging for the group. Having achieved a common ground between the two universities, Maloney hoped to begin collaborative research and analysis on the incidence of Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) in Albanian school children during the summer of 1997. Unfortunately, civil war broke out, and the trip was canceled. Maloney is optimistic, however, that a team will return this summer to begin the research.

While visiting the schools, Taylor students were exposed to a poorly maintained physical environment, the product of Albanian social stratification. Students are placed into schools based on their performance; the same is true for teachers. Thus, better students receive a higher quality of education, while less motivated or learning-disabled students receive substandard teaching. One teacher from Kola’s school commented to Maloney, “I don’t worry about the orphans; I don’t worry about most of the kids in this school. They will never amount to much of anything, so I don’t really care about teaching them.”

The Taylor team, however, did care about the orphans. Much of their time in Albania was spent at the orphanage, leading what would best be described as Vacation Bible Schools—“but Vacation Bible Schools for 36 children who come from either no home or a broken home,” Maloney says. “Most of their parents had either killed each other, been murdered, were alcoholic or psychotic, or just couldn’t raise their kids because they had no money.”

Maloney has discovered that Albania’s great need for trained counseling professionals is not isolated from similar needs of other countries. The newly-formed federation will provide resources for Christian counselors around the world, a service which has never been adequately filled before. Crucial to the organization’s vitality is the presence of counselors from a wide diversity of cultures, according to Maloney. He illustrates with a scene from the formal meetings of the IFCC: “There was a Caucasian gentleman who was talking, in many ways, as a white male would. Well, a young couple from Turkey said, ‘He just doesn’t understand what life is like in Turkey. We need the Federation.’ I think the Federation helps us to realize that even within the Biblical paradigm, there is more than one way to approach situations.”

The federation will likely make its greatest impact through communication and networking. An international newsletter is being developed for publication on the World Wide Web. “With the advent of the Internet, the impact could be tremendous,” Maloney says. A further benefit is the ability to share physical resources. Publications on Christian counseling, for example, which are so readily available in the United States, could be shared with those in countries where information is sparse at best.

A consistent participant in professional conferences, Maloney has received national recognition for his work in Albania. In December 1997, the Narramore Christian Foundation, an international counseling ministry located in Arcadia, California, named Maloney as one of six recipients of the First Annual Award for Distinguished Service in Christian Psychology. The award recognizes psychologists engaged in sacrificial Christian service beyond a private practice or university setting, particularly those who have received little public recognition for their work. Members of the final selection committee for the award were Elizabeth Dole, Dr. James Dobson, Charles Colson, Art Linkletter, Rev. D. James Kennedy, Dr. Gary Collins, Rev. E. V. Hill, and Dr. Clyde Narramore.—Randy Dillinger ’95

Catching the Vision:
One woman’s discovery of international counseling ministry opportunities

Two summer trips to Albania with Taylor’s psychology department helped solidify my determination to take counseling outside the borders of the United States. The first trip, during the summer of 1995, was truly a challenge. Our attempts to teach Tirana University students fell...
Snyder Recognized for Excellence

The 1997 recipient of the Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award was announced and recognized during the Faculty Chapel on September 5, 1997. Dr. Stephen Snyder, associate professor of psychology, was honored with the award.

"It is a real joy to receive an award for something you enjoy doing. It’s like icing on the cake. It’s not like the experience of teaching itself, but it makes it just a little sweeter,” says Snyder, who joined the Taylor University faculty in 1982.

Snyder received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Cedarville College and Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, respectively. In 1991, he completed his doctorate from Indiana University at Bloomington.

Snyder seeks to influence his students holistically, not just in the area of knowledge. “I focus on strategies that will change their motivation and how they think about life,” he says. “It’s a discipleship model for total change, rather than just for learning the content.”

Snyder has earned the respect of his colleagues. “Steve is a rigorous teacher who demands a lot from his students and from himself,” says Dr. Joe Lund, chair of the psychology department. “He takes his faith seriously. This is a well-deserved award that is not based on a single year of Steve’s teaching experience; he has been building his reputation for years.”

“In his calling as a professor at Taylor and in his life outside the classroom, Steve personifies the ideals of the university,” says Dr. Dwight Jessup, vice president for academic affairs. “He exemplifies the Christian commitment, academic pursuit and personal dedication that characterize the university’s program of Christian higher education.”

The award, according to Rebecca Moore, assistant to the dean of the university, is intended as a recognition by peers and students. The faculty member selected must have made a significant change in the teaching climate of the university, by modeling excellence in classroom teaching and providing campus leadership, among other distinctive qualities.

Past recipients of the award include (in the order received) Dr. David Neuhausser, Dr. Alan Winquist, Dr. Jessica Rousselow, Dr. Barbara Dickey, Prof. James Coe, Dr. Beulah Baker, and Dr. Stephen Messer.—Eric Tan ’96

Dr. Dwight Jessup (l), vice president for academic affairs, hands the 1997 Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award to Dr. Stephen Snyder, associate professor of psychology.

short as we tried unsuccessfully to draw the students into role plays and discussion.

We struggled with these issues in circumstances that included extreme heat, dust and other adverse living conditions of the sort that make an overseas trip so unique! However, the experience was tempered by the supportive relationships that had formed within the group, as well as glimpses into the lives of some of the Albanians, which served to remind us why we were there.

Having the experience of the first trip allowed us to better plan for our return during the summer of 1996. This time, we were encouraged to find a highly motivated group of Albanian students eager to learn with us and teach us about their culture. We spent extensive time in small groups, discussing counseling skills and application in areas such as ethics and grieving. Opportunities to share our faith arose naturally in these settings.

Another event which solidified my interest in international counseling was the first AACC World Conference on Christian Counseling, in November 1997. I served as program coordinator for the conference. One conference honoree who had a dramatic impact on me was Gladys Mwiti, of Nairobi, Kenya. As I listened to Gladys share how God had led her to minister to Rwandan refugees, my passion for counseling internationally was sparked.

Following the conference, about 50 attendees from around the world met for a two-day summit to address the needs and opportunities for Christian counseling worldwide. The task at hand seemed overwhelming, but the summit ended with an important step being taken: the forming of a committee to pursue the most effective means of international cooperation among Christian counselors. I could not help but feel that I had witnessed the beginning of something monumental.

—Jennifer Burke ’96

Scott Mochberger and Jennifer Burke visit with Gladys and Gordon Mwiti, of Nairobi, Kenya.
Reaching For the Stars

With the dawn of the Third Millennium rapidly approaching, it is not rare to find human society once again turning its attention toward the unknown. Moviegoing astrophiles have no shortage of options, as evidenced by the recent *Alien Resurrection, Mars Attacks!* and the dramatic *Contact*. American society is “tuned in” to space exploration. Even the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has revised its objectives to include the search for evidence of extraterrestrial life.

As a former research scientist with Lockheed Missiles and Space Company, research professor Dr. Hank Voss has been instrumental in acquiring funding for Taylor University students and faculty to participate in high-level research and development for NASA satellite projects. Taylor has been blessed with the opportunity to collaborate with many other research institutions and universities on these projects. Space research, however, is only one branch of Taylor’s Science Research Training Program (SRTP). Ongoing projects funded by the SRTP are found in several academic departments, including biology, chemistry, engineering, computer science, environmental science, mathematics and physics.

Although Voss brought to Taylor several current contracts with NASA, the university has continued to acquire new contracts with the space agency. Without the equipment and funding that has been provided, Taylor would be unable to contribute to these projects at such a participatory level, according to Voss. As it is, Voss and the other research staff—research engineer David Prentice ‘96, associate professor of physics Roger Roth ‘62, professor of chemistry Dr. Stan Burden ‘61, assistant professor of computing and system sciences (CSS) Dr. Robert Davis, assistant professor of physics Dr. Eric Hedin, and Scott Taylor ‘84—find themselves working hard under tight deadlines for NASA-funded projects. This has come as a bit of a surprise for Voss. “I figured that after two or three years, my contracts would wind down,” he says, “but we have won most, almost 80 percent, of our proposals.”

Since coming to Taylor in 1994, Voss has directed the school’s involvement in several NASA projects, including the construction of instrumentation for the Source-Loss Cone Energetic Particle Spectrometer (SEPS), which produced the first images of a loss cone around the earth’s magnetic field. At a December 1996 conference, Voss joined representatives from Stanford University and Lockheed to present the first publicly available data produced by SEPS.

Voss was instrumental in the development of advanced analog microcircuits, which offer greater fidelity in representing particles and frequencies found in space, as well as reducing the amount of space required for the instrumentation. While earlier satellites could display only nine picture elements (pixels) of data, the SEPS instrument has yielded 700 pixels with the aid of the analog technology. 

The most recent nationally competitive NASA contract awarded to Taylor is for the development of a rocket payload which will gather data from noctilucent clouds located about 60 miles above sea level. At twilight, ice crystals from the clouds reflect color from the sun, although the surface of the earth is completely dark. “The real question that is unexplained,” says Voss, “is where does all this water come from? There is a lot of controversy right now about water comets from an extraterrestrial source.”

The project is timely as society has begun to question long-held convictions regarding the possibility of extraterrestrial life. Voss believes this trend will continue for several years. “I predict that in the next five to ten years, the secular world is going to move toward the view that life had to be brought in from the outside because of the impossibility of spontaneous generation on earth,” he says. “The major thrust in NASA right now is to find life in the universe. I have my own personal views on these things; but whatever the case, we need to honestly look at the scientific evidence while understanding and interpreting the Bible. So far, things are moving strongly, in my viewpoint, toward creation.”

Before this most recent grant, the primary focus in space research at Taylor had revolved around the design and construction of the HENA instrument for the IMAGE (Imager for Magnetopause to Aurora Global Exploration) satellite, scheduled to launch in the year 2000. Taylor is
responsible for building the image plane, “which is the heart of the instrument.” Voss says. Sensor development and the mechanical design of the instrument have already been completed. Dave Prentice, research engineer, created a model of the instrument to present to NASA officials, who came to Taylor in December for a project evaluation. After that meeting, Voss was reassured of Taylor’s competitive standing with some of the nation’s most prestigious research institutions. “Research-wise, I think we are ahead of a lot of the major universities and companies,” says Voss, “and that’s why Taylor can be competitive in these big proposals.”

While the research program at Taylor has literally been reaching for the stars, its potential is only as great as its resources and facilities. With the exception of environmental science, the entire natural science program of the university is housed in the Nussbaum Science Center.

Voss believes that the expansion of facilities is essential for Taylor to continue its current high level of research. But adequate facilities alone are not enough to support the program. Voss notes that the presence of a strong computing systems component is crucial to any institution serious about research. Apparently, some of his students feel the same way. Last fall, Allan Graves ’00. Chris Taylor ’01. Aaron Lerch ’00. Jonathan Kanuchok ’01, and others, approached Voss and Dr. Robert Davis with the idea of creating a new major by combining the strengths of Taylor’s physics engineering and computing science programs. After reviewing the existing courses in both departments, Voss, Dr. Timothy Diller, chair of the CSS department, and Dr. Art White, associate professor of CSS, presented a proposal to the Academic Policy Committee, which approved the new computer engineering major. A new course in advanced electronics and microcircuits is also being developed and will first be offered in the spring of 2000.

“This type of major really helps to build up a lot of the pure sciences,” Voss says. “You’ve got to have strong engineering and computer skills in order to build the instrumentation to make the discoveries that have been made and publish the papers that are so important.”

Although Taylor-related space research has been published a number of times in state-wide and regional publications over the last few years, publication in international journals seemed like more than a distant goal… until recently. Already four articles authored or co-authored by student researchers and faculty have been accepted for publication by international scientific journals such as the Journal of Geophysical Research.

Voss expects the current level of research at Taylor to further increase as alumni and other research professionals spend time on campus working with students and faculty. “It’s been very useful for people in the industry to bring their research back to the students at Taylor,” Voss says. “The students can benefit from their years of experience.”

Although the premises from which scientific discoveries emerge may be different at a Christian institution than at a secular institution, the benefits of collaboration between the two are great and can, perhaps, lead to a mutually desired destination: the discovery of scientific truth. One such vehicle for cooperation is the Indiana Space Grant Consortium (ISGC), of which Taylor, in 1996, became the seventh institution to receive membership. Nine schools are now represented in the consortium. On January 30, Taylor hosted the other member schools as well as government and industry groups, for the first Indiana Space Grant Consortium Symposium on Aeronautics and Space Science, concurrent with the annual meeting of the ISGC.

“The purpose of this symposium is to link together all the different research groups, universities, industry and government, to compare notes, to network ideas in space research and to promote manufacturing in Indiana.” Voss says. Representatives from about 40 companies attended the event. In the morning, individuals from consortium member schools presented what each school, to date, has accomplished in space research. In the afternoon, more papers were presented, as well as a web page presentation by Dr. Robert Davis. Davis is coordinating the development of a web page that will include the companies participating in the symposium. These pages can be accessed at www.css.tayloru.edu/~physics/isgc/.

The NASA projects and the ISGC represent only a portion of the SRTP’s Science Research Program, a program of externally funded contract research at Taylor. A second category of the SRTP is the Student Training Program, the purpose of which is to give students the opportunity to participate in Taylor-funded research, including independent summer research for students, as well as one-on-one projects with professors. Several academic departments, including biology, chemistry, CSS, environmental science and physics, are recipients of funding from both the student and external contract programs.

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Dr. Robert Davis (l), assistant professor of computing and system sciences, coordinated the efforts to place companies attending the Indiana Space Grant Consortium on the World Wide Web. Pictured with Davis are Dr. Dominick Audrianti, II, professor of aeronautics at Purdue University, and Dr. Hank Voss, research professor.
Stewards of the Earth

Taylor University's Environmental Science Department Joins Cooperative Effort to Build Center

In August 1997, Taylor University’s environmental science department was asked to join a select group of Indiana universities in developing a Center for Earth and Environmental Sciences. Taylor is the only undergraduate institution represented in the fivefold group, while graduate programs are represented from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, Purdue University, Indiana State University and the University of Notre Dame. The Center will provide opportunities for student internships as well as for collaborative research between institutions, which, according to environmental science department chair Dr. Edwin Squiers, is more likely to attract grant funding than if no collaboration existed.

That Taylor would be approached about such an opportunity is no surprise, considering the contribution the environmental science faculty have made in this field of research. Since the dedication of the Randall Environmental Studies Center in 1992, the university’s reputation as a leading institution for environmental research has grown tremendously.

With the help of a recent $100,000 grant from the George and Frances Ball Foundation, along with other sources of funding, this growth will continue. The funds will support the development of a new major in environmental health and will allow the expansion of the Randall Center to meet the needs of the growing department. The environmental health major will support the professional goals of students interested in public health or industrial environmental health and safety.

While environmental science at Taylor has received much attention in the 1990s, Squiers notes that environmental research was already being conducted in the late 1970’s, even though the program was not officially established until 1980. Throughout his tenure at Taylor, Squiers has participated in numerous projects funded by both government agencies and private foundations.

Current projects for the environmental science department include research funded by the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). Both projects involve the participation of student researchers, and both utilize the resource of the Randall Center’s Geographic Information System (GIS). This computer-based application allows researchers to analyze the geographic distribution of data.

The IDEM has funded, at $55,000 over three years, a variety of projects related to the state’s pollution prevention program. Research has included the analysis of toxic materials released by industrial facilities throughout Indiana. Data maps produced in the Randall Lab will be published this spring in the state’s first Toxic Release Inventory report.

Currently, the IDEM project is being expanded to include analysis of the health effects of the chemicals being released in Indiana. The project, when completed, will describe the relative health impact of each of the toxic materials documented in the TRI report. Students participating in the project have included Ben Eib ’98, Sarah Cleveland ’98 and Jamie Warrick ’99.

Recently, the environmental science department received a grant from the EPA to develop a practical method for rapid wetlands assessment. Funded at $220,000, the project is the result of a competitive grant at the national level whereby the EPA selected proposals from 17 states, and only one school from each state. The goal of this project is to create a systematic approach to wetlands assessment. Among the variables to be considered in the study are economic factors, tax base, ownership of property, zoning, biology, hydrology, watershed and the division of land between agricultural and urban areas. Five faculty members will spearhead the study: Dr. Paul Rothrock, professor of environmental science and biology, will focus on vegetation; Dr. Ray Grizzle, associate professor of environmental science, will study macroinvertebrates; Squiers will manage the GIS data; William Wiley.
Students are, perhaps, the greatest testimony of the environmental science department’s vitality. Squiers estimates that 70 percent of graduates from the program proceed to graduate school within two years. Many of these students are now studying at the most prestigious schools in the nation for environmental science. Squiers believes the overall strength of the program can be accurately gauged by how well students score on standardized tests and by the quality of the graduate schools accepting them.

While the program is rigorous, Squiers makes no apology for his high expectations of students. “We tell students, ‘If you work hard and make it through the program at Taylor, you can go to the best of the best schools’, ” he says.

Squiers also believes that it is the ethical responsibility of a Christian university to provide students with the best possible education for which they are paying a high price. This is the kind of education Squiers and the other department faculty are seeking to provide. And with strong on-campus support and substantial gifts from donors, there is good reason to believe that Taylor University will remain a leader in the field of environmental science.—Randy Dillinger ’95, with Susanna Sutherland ’00

The SRTP was founded in 1989 by the late and visionary Dr. Walter C. Randall ’38, a long-time trustee of the university, two years after the world-renowned physiologist returned to his alma mater in Upland to serve as research professor. The original funding was provided by a combination of Taylor monies, a Lilly Endowment matching grant and a $500,000 National Institutes of Health (NIH) grant that Randall had acquired to conduct cardiovascular research. Beginning in 1989, selected students received stipends to work on research projects during the summer months.

Prior to his death in August 1993, Randall and his wife, the late Gwen (Neibel ’40) Randall, established an endowed scholarship for the program. Dr. Timothy Burkholder ’63, professor of biology, acquired additional funding for the program in 1992 with an NIH grant. Strong growth has continued, with SRTP funds increasing from $20,000 in 1993-94, to over $500,000 already awarded for the current academic year.

Voss expects that with continued funding and improved facilities, Taylor University’s presence in the scientific community will only strengthen its position for the new century.—Randy Dillinger ’95

The Science Research Training Program can be accessed on the World Wide Web at the URL, www.cs.taylor.edu/~research/
Celebrating the Legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr.

When students in the early 1990s proposed an annual observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Dr. Daryl Yost, provost/executive vice president, saw the “opportunity to set aside a day where all classes, all students and all faculty can really focus on dealing with some issues which we certainly have not done away with.” According to Yost, the observance of this day has allowed us to make progress, but he feels there is still a great deal of intolerance, prejudice and misunderstanding in today’s society.

For the past four years, Taylor University has canceled classes and planned activities to celebrate racial reconciliation among Christians, and to inform the local community of ways to improve relationships between persons or groups of different cultures. This year’s observance was held on both campuses on Monday, January 19.

On the Upland campus, faculty, staff, students and members of the local community started the day with a prayer breakfast in the Hodson Dining Commons. Featured speaker at the breakfast was Dr. A. Charles Ware, president of Baptist Bible College of Indianapolis. Following the breakfast, Taylor Trustee Dr. William E. Pannell addressed the chapel audience, while Taylor’s Jazz Band and Gospel Choir provided special music.

In addition, afternoon workshops were held to address more specific issues, with titles such as “Personal Perspectives,” “Bringing the Cultural Gap,” and “A Biblical Perspective to Race.” Concluding the celebration was a dramatic evening performance by Maxine Maxwell, who presented “Echoes of the Past” and “Voices of Hope,” reenacting significant turning points in the lives of remarkable and courageous African and African-American women.

On the Fort Wayne campus, observance of the day actually began Sunday evening with the Fort Wayne City Celebration at Plymouth Congregational Church. The university provided van service for those who wished to attend. A Monday morning prayer breakfast was held as well, followed by a discussion of President Clinton’s address on race relations and a student panel focusing on urban engagement. Fort Wayne faculty and staff also participated in cultural awareness workshops, while evening activities—including an ethnic dinner, additional workshops and a coffeehouse—brought the day of celebration to an end.

Fort Wayne students were each given a three-inch square on which to share something of their heritage. The squares are being woven together into a quilt to serve as a visible representation of diversity and uniqueness that is found in the Body of Christ. Squares were collected from the students through March. Once completed, the quilt will be displayed in the Witmer Hall Student Lounge.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day is observed to communicate a message. That message, according to Yost, is “that, as a Christian community, we cannot be fully satisfied until there is total, absolute total, reconciliation among God’s people. We are all equal, in the sense that we have been created by God: we have equal opportunity and equal position in the world.”

“It’s basically a reminder of where we have been and where we don’t want to go,” says Corey Laster, resident director and multicultural advisor on the Fort Wayne campus. “We want to teach people that this is not a black holiday; it is a holiday for celebrating our diversity.”

“The motivation behind the observance,” concludes Yost, “is to help all of us not only keep Martin Luther King, Jr. in our memory, but also to understand what it means to improve human relationships not only in the United States, but around the world.”

—Eric Tan ’96

Beyond Integration: A Call to Reconciliation

In the late 1990s, people from different ethnic groups are integrated, for the most part. We sit next to each other, we ride on city buses together, we can go to the same restaurants and restrooms, and we have access to the same universities. But there is a vast difference between integration and reconciliation.

God calls us to be reconciled to each other, and this takes more than my just sitting with you in the classroom, but also being your friend. It means I am willing to share in your life and welcome you into my home.

The Body of Christ is called to unity. But there are obstacles that hinder reconciliation for Christian collegists and other institutions. Christian colleges should be on the forefront of addressing issues of diversity. One means by which Taylor University is seeking to enable reconciliation is through an ethnic student scholarship. At the same time, similar scholarships at universities across the nation are being phased out.

Solutions do not come easily or without great patience. We are dealing with a long history of insensitivities and problems, and they are not going to go away overnight. It takes work to be in a relationship with anyone, but once we set our minds to it we can get the job done.—Felicia Case, coordinator of ethnic student recruitment

Sarah Kaiser ’99 delivers a melody with the Gospel Choir during chapel.
Pannell Urges Campus to Dream God’s Dreams

When people dream the dreams of God, those dreams do not die. If those dreams have been placed there by the Spirit of God, then it’s just a matter of time before they explode into reality. One of my favorite historians, Page Smith, speaking of America has argued, “Realities begin with dreams. And British North America has always had to bear the burden of those dreams. The dream must be inhabited, but first it had to be given a form, a constitution. So, in the beginning was the word. This nation was spoken out of existence. It was fashioned out of ideas, and yet it had to be declared. It is one thing to declare a nation. It was something vastly more complex to accomplish it.”

I grew up in a little town in Southern Michigan, and in the socialization process through which I passed I heard those words. I heard words from a constitution. I heard words like life, and liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Sometimes mocking those words was, on the other hand, a different reality from that which they championed. This land could hardly stand the presence of non-whites on its shores—this hopeless contradiction in the land of the free—liberty and slavery side by side. It was not part of that dream, but it was a reality.

Again, Mr. Smith: “Dreams lay a heavy charge on reality. Thus, first colonial America and then the United States have always had to be both more and less than a nation. It had to cope as best it could with the sometimes radical divergence of the dream and the reality. It had to gloss over things that it was not healthy to gloss over. It had to constantly appear to be better and wiser and kinder and more noble and generous than the world, in fact, allows. If one small blemish was exposed, it might widen into a chasm too frightful to peer into.”

Down through the years, we have celebrated our history, and at the same time have pretended that much of it did not happen. But old realities have a way of coming back to haunt us. They reemerge in different forms down the road, and they mock our ancient dreams.

Committed as we are to radical individualism, it is difficult for us to imagine somebody dreaming a dream for everybody. It is hard for us to grasp the profound significance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s last passion, his great vision—that in this society some version of the city of God might be born again. He called it “the beloved community.” Sounds almost Christian. Would it be possible to take the genius, the radical insight, the glorious provision of God in Christ—would it be possible to cast that into the life of a democratic society?

You get the impression that someone out there is moving among the sons and daughters of men. Somebody out there, way beyond us, with a wisdom more infinite, more intricate, more sophisticated, more determined, and more determinate than we could ever imagine, has begun to orchestrate history, orchestrating justice and mercy and making it possible for men and women to find each other beyond themselves, in spite of themselves. A day like this is one of God’s devices, one of God’s catechetical devices by which to remind us that dreams are not to be denied. This is a day to remind us all that liberty and justice are words that must throb with relevance to all conditions of the human family.

If Dr. King were here today, what would he talk about? Today, he would argue that “one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all,” cannot long endure with class, with style, and with integrity, if one percent of its population controls more wealth than the other ninety-nine percent put together. He would note that it was encouraging when Allen Greenspan paid a visit to Southern California recently. “Welcome, Mr. Greenspan,” we said. Then we watched the stock market tumble as countries in the Far East were not able to fulfill their obligations. Politicians argue for values and genuflect toward Wall Street to make it possible for people of color afar off to prosper while people of color at home languish in inner-city ghettos and abject poverty. He would preach against political parties that gain advantage by using race as a stick to divide us. He would decry the spiritual poverty of the nation, with its resultant breakdown of civility, of charity, and of good will.

The challenge for Taylor University is to take that towel and walk into human history to involve ourselves with the dirt and the grit of humankind. And there we sing the blues. And we learn to tap our feet to the tempo of a wailing humanity. We take that towel, we dream dreams and speak words, and we participate in the shaping of God’s new reality.

Excerpted from Dr. William E. Pannell’s chapel address at Taylor University for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, January 19, 1998.

Dr. William E. Pannell is professor of preaching and dean of the chapel at the School of Theology at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California. He is past board chairman of Youth For Christ USA and currently serves on the Board of Trustees of Taylor University. His publications include My Friend the Enemy and The Coming Race Wars: A Cry for Reconciliation. Dr. Pannell is a graduate of Fort Wayne Bible College and the University of Southern California. He and his wife Hazel have two sons.
Plan to Balance Budget in Four Years Announced

Taylor Fort Wayne can achieve a balanced budget by 2001-02,” said Dr. Robert Nienhuis, vice president of the Fort Wayne campus, in a meeting with Taylor University employees on October 30, 1997. Presenting the four-year plan for Taylor Fort Wayne, Nienhuis emphasized that through proper and appropriate investment in new facilities, programs, staffing and publications, TUFW’s budget will stand positive at $16,000 at the end of the four years. “We view it (the plan) as an important element for us to be responsible stewards of the resources and the ministry opportunities that are ours in Fort Wayne,” Nienhuis said.

The Fort Wayne administrative council that drafted the plan consists of Nienhuis; Brent Baker, dean of students; Mark Burritt, director of accounting services and bookstore; Dr. Randall Dodge, associate vice president and director of the Samuel Morris Scholars Program; Herb Frye, associate vice president for enrollment management; Sherri Harter, director of development and university relations; and Dr. Ron Sloan, associate dean for academic affairs. Since June 1997, the council has met to develop and refine the plan, with the assistance of Dr. Daryl Yost, provost/executive vice president; Al Smith, vice president for business and finance; and Bob Hodge, vice president for planning and information resources.

According to Nienhuis, the administrative council has set two primary goals. “The first is to develop a balanced budget for the campus by the year 2001-02.” Nienhuis says. “The second element has to do with focused program development.”

The plan calls for increased advertising, travel for admissions recruitment, telecounseling and direct mail contact with prospective students and their families. Other goals have been established for increasing the student retention rate by five percent this year and one percent each of the additional three years, with the goal of continuing that trend beyond the initial four years.

To facilitate higher student retention, New Student Orientation will be extended and a strong program for freshman advising will be implemented. The campus will also introduce the use of an early alert system that provides on-campus intervention for students encountering any problems.

The construction of new facilities on the Fort Wayne campus is also included in the plan. As part of the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign, the construction projects will include a student union/dining commons and an expansion to the Lehman Library.

The plan further calls for the strengthening of existing academic programs as well as an increase in the student-faculty ratio from 12-to-1 to 17-to-1 by the academic year 2001-02. New means of acquiring a degree have also been established, as well as a new degree-completion program in justice administration. Next fall, TUFW will begin a semester-long urban program providing urban exposure and opportunities for Upland campus students. The Institute of Extended Learning is also moving toward online course and degree offerings.

With more than half of TUFW students living off campus, programs for commuters and non-traditional students will also be developed. The council is also seeking to incorporate athletics into the plan.—Lisa Paul ’92

Three-Year Degree Program Established

A three-year degree program has been implemented on the Fort Wayne campus. The program provides a guaranteed tuition rate for the entire three-year period, which covers the cost of overload hours and summer study. The three-year baccalaureate will not replace the traditional degree, but is designed for students committed to finishing college early.

“We want to target this program toward students who can handle the load, who are really focused and driven toward the goal,” says Dr. Ronald Sloan, associate dean for academic affairs. “The concern is that Taylor not become so expensive that it would be impossible for students to attend, so we wanted to construct a program that would knock off a year of tuition.”

Qualifying students must have a minimum SAT score of at least 1000 and are required to maintain a 3.0 grade-point average throughout their participation in the program. To complete a degree in three years, students will average 18 credit hours per semester, and four hours each during interterm and summer sessions. The program honors advanced placement credits and allows for CLEP tests to be taken.

Students interested in the applying for the program should do so before the start of their freshman year. Further information may be obtained by contacting the Fort Wayne campus admissions office at 1 (800) 233-3922 or by email at admissions_f@tayloru.edu.—Lisa Paul ’92
A Web of Numbers

Dr. Mark Colgan, associate professor of mathematics, and Dr. Ron Benbow, assistant professor of mathematics, have developed an internal web page for use in mathematics education courses. The page features over 50 links to exceptional math education sites.

Doctor, Doctor

On December 21, 1997, Pamela L. Jordan, associate professor of English at TUFW, and Pamela Medows, assistant professor of education, both received doctorates from Ball State University. Jordan received a Ph.D., and Medows an Ed.D.

Well-Derived Recognition

Twyla Lee, director of social work education, was named Social Worker of the Year in Region 3 (Fort Wayne) of the IN-NASW last spring.

Exhibiting the Sacred

“Holy Family,” a color photograph by associate professor of art Craig Moore, was accepted for exhibit at the Billy Graham Center Museum in Wheaton, Illinois. The accepted work is part of a larger exhibit, “Sacred Arts,” described as a juried show of the finest work in contemporary art, which opened Feb. 26 and concludes May 31.

On the Stage

Gretchen F. Wiegel, instructor of French, was drameur for Tartuffe, presented in Fort Wayne, Indiana, by First Presbyterian Theatre in October/November 1997.

Faculty Research

Chris Bennett, associate dean of business, has completed research for his dissertation, entitled, “Missionary and Business Expatriate Management: Toward a Sharing of Best Practices.”

Jessie Lennertz, Information Center manager, is conducting research toward her dissertation on the effect of Internet use on teaching faculty at small Christian colleges and universities.

Dr. Steve Snyder, associate professor of psychology, is conducting research on spiritual discipleship. Student researchers Charis Logan ‘98, Tiffany Heimbaugh ‘99 and Megan Rash ‘98, have assisted Snyder in the project, which has included data gathering through interviews and surveys. Research will continue through the spring semester.

Dr. Kevin Wickes, assistant professor of psychology, is conducting research on the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, with student assistants Mike Mohrland ‘98 and Tim Linehan ‘98.

Faculty Publications


Dr. Paul Rothrock and Dr. Edwin Squiers, both professors of biology and environmental science. Respectively, chappers and photographs on introduced plants and the adaptation/life of the tulip tree; and a chapter on ecological succession, for The Natural Heritage of Indiana, published by Indiana University Press.

Yancey Delivers Challenging Address on Grace

Evangelical author Philip Yancey has written several books that address the reality of a broken and hurting world. In his most recent title, What’s So Amazing About Grace, Yancey reminds his readers that it is grace alone which bears meaning for desperate and searching people. Yancey was the keynote speaker for a psychology conference, “God the Great Counselor,” held December 6 at Taylor. Additionally, Yancey was featured as the December 5 chapel speaker at Taylor. The following are highlights from Yancey’s chapel address.

As a writer, I tend to think about one thing for a couple of years at a time. And the last couple of years, I’ve been thinking about grace. It was a word that I heard a lot as a child, but never understood.

One of things I have learned is that God has a special place in His heart for deviants. I go back to the kind of people that God chose. When God chose Moses, this great saint. Moses protested, “I’m the wrong guy.” That’s pretty typical. In the New Testament, a man named Peter would, at Jesus’ moment of greatest need, curse Him and say, “I never knew Him.” I get mailings from Amnesty International with pictures of people who have been beaten and tortured, and I think to myself, “How could anyone ever do that to another human being?” And then I realize that’s the kind of person that God chose in Paul to be His primary missionary to the Gentiles.

Grace is what I call the last best word. It is the only thing that the Church can give to the world that the world can’t get anywhere else. It is a gift of God. And yet, I have found that grace is not the first thing that comes to mind when I ask people what they think an Evangelical Christian is like. Usually they say a word that has “anti” in it: antigay, antiabortion, antipornography. Often they talk about politics. Not once, in all the times I have asked this question, has anyone ever said a word that remotely resembles grace.

There’s a phrase used in both Peter’s and Paul’s letters that I’ve come to adopt as my mission in life. They both call on us to be dispensers, or administrators, of God’s grace. We don’t have to convert all of society. We don’t have to dump a bucket of salt on a pound of meat, to use Jesus’ image. A sprinkling will do. What I have found, instead, is that many Christians see themselves as what I would call “moral exterminators.” When I talk with people on airplanes, that’s kind of the image they have.

Grace means that there is nothing I can do to make
God love me more, and there’s nothing I can do to make
God love me less.

—Philip Yancey

The church is not a place that dispenses grace to them, but rather morality and judgment, right and wrong. And many of those are good things, but they’re not getting grace.

Throughout the Gospels, the more ungodly, unrighteous or undesirable people were, the more attracted they were to Jesus. On the other hand, the more “godly” and “righteous” they were, the more threatened and challenged they were by Jesus. But desperate and undesirable people do not automatically think, “Church is the place to go when I’m desperate.” Instead they think, “Church! Why would I ever go there? I’m already feeling terrible about myself; they would just make me feel worse.”

Yet grace always comes to the undeserving. There’s nothing you can do to earn an invitation to God’s banquet; it’s free of charge. Oddly enough, the only people who end up coming are the ones who have nowhere else to go; the ones who recognize their own need, their own desperation. Our God does not sit there with arms crossed, saying, “I dare you to clean up your act.” He is a God who humiliates Himself, who runs, who stands every night on the edge of the porch, looking and asking, “Could this be the day? Could this be the day the prodigal returns?” That’s the message of grace. And I still scratch my head and wonder how we who have that wonderful message can twist it around and become known for just the opposite.

Grace is the most surprising word in the Bible. It’s not fair. We don’t get what we deserve. We deserve wrath; we get God’s love. We deserve punishment; we get forgiveness. We deserve a diet of bread and water; we get a banquet at the downtown Hyatt Hotel. We deserve time in a juvenile detention hall; we get a party that says, “Welcome home.” Grace means that there is nothing I can do to make God love me more, and there’s nothing I can do to make God love me less. When I am around people who displease me, people who are undesirable, I try to remember that spirit of Jesus. Not “Oh, how undesirable these people are,” but “Oh, how thirsty they are.” Someone once asked me, “Are we winning the culture wars in the United States?” My answer to that was, “Are we showing thirsty people where they can get water?”

You will learn many things at Taylor; you will forget many things. You will hear many chapel messages; you will forget many chapel messages. But I pray that you would encounter grace here, because if you learn grace, you will not forget it. We have a desperate and thirsty world around us, and the only place they are going to find grace is from people like you and me.
Ewbank Colloquium Features Literary Scholars

C live Staples Lewis has often been hailed as one of the twentieth century’s greatest contributors to Christian apologetic and literary thought. In honor of Lewis and other authors whose influences are notable in his writings, Taylor University hosted the Frances White Ewbank Colloquium on C. S. Lewis and Friends, November 14-15, 1997.

The event commenced with the Friday morning chapel. Addressing the student body and attendees of the colloquium, Jerry Root, assistant pastor of Wheaton College Church, prompted consideration of “C. S. Lewis and the Problem of Evil.”

John Seland, visiting from Nanzan University in Japan, presented a paper on “The Friendship of Lewis and Tolkien,” an example of the broad spectrum of speakers. Among the participants was Chris Smith ’96, who presented “Unto the End of the World: Omega Point Eschatology in C. S. Lewis and Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.”

For Smith, Bruce Edward’s presentation of “C. S. Lewis and Christian Scholarship” highlighted the afternoon sessions. Other colloquium attendees were kept busy Friday in lectures that considered topics such as “The Immanence of Heaven in the Fiction of Lewis and MacDonald” and “C. S. Lewis’ Pilgrimage to Faith.” David Payne’s portrayal of Lewis in Through the Shadowlands provided a dramatic conclusion to the day.

The weekend also offered the opportunity to tour the Edwin W. Brown Collection, which was donated to Taylor last March by an anonymous donor and provided the original motivation for hosting the Colloquium. The collection, displayed on the lower level of Zondervan Library, contains works by Lewis, George MacDonald, Dorothy L. Sayers, Owen Barfield and Charles Williams.

Saturday’s agenda allowed literature enthusiasts to attend presentations regarding the works of George MacDonald, G. K. Chesterton and J. R. R. Tolkien, in addition to discussions on Lewis. Taylor Theatre provided a culmination to the weekend with the Saturday evening performance of Shadowlands.

Other alumni presenters at the Colloquium included Angela (Cox ’95) Fortner, Peter Marshall ‘96, Darren Hotmire ’89, Dr. Darrel Hotmire ’89 and Joan Alexander ’70. Student presenters included Mark Bane ’99, Stephanie Jones ’00, and Erin Olson ’00. Taylor faculty who presented papers include Dr. J. Daryl Charles, assistant professor of religion; Dr. Ted Dorman, associate professor of Biblical studies, Christian education and philosophy; Dr. Pam Jordan ’78, assistant professor of English and general studies-TUFW;

Roger Phillips, librarian; and Michael Smith, associate professor of journalism at TUFW. Dr. Rick Hill, associate professor of English and program chair, and Dr. David Neuhaus, professor of mathematics, served as facilitators for the event.—Marie Murphy ’01

Interterm Chapels Highlight Alumni

Three Taylor alumni making a difference in the world returned to speak to the Class of 1998 during the first week of senior seminar. All three speakers shared lessons of faith which they have learned in the crucible of human experience.

Rev. Joy Sylvester-Johnson ’72 shared of her experiences serving a joint pastorate with her husband, and then returning to Virginia to work with her mother in the Roanoke Mission which her parents had founded in the late 1940s. Most recently, as director of development for the mission, she has been raising money for a significant capital campaign. The success of the campaign will lead to an expanded organization equipped to provide multiple services to men, women and children in need.

Dr. James Van Oosting ’73 gave a stimulating and provocative lecture on the relationship between vocation and profession. His unique perspective has grown out of his calling as a writer—a calling which he became aware of as a Taylor student. He has since published five books in the field of performance literature and three children’s novels, two of which have been critically acclaimed. While Van Oosting’s experiences have confirmed his calling as a writer, he has “boot-legged his art” by working as a professor and chair of the Department of Communication at Southern Illinois University until a year ago, when he became dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Seton Hall University.

After regaling the audience with stories of Taylor life in the early 1960s, Rev. Judith (Boll ’61) Brain presented a challenging message on the nature of sainthood. Her lecture focused on issues of Biblical hermeneutics tempered by her change in vocation, from teaching and consulting to the ministry, after her three sons were grown. She obtained an M. Div. from Harvard University and has since served two churches in the greater Boston area.

She is presently pastor of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Lexington, Massachusetts.—Dr. Jessica Rouselow, professor of communication arts
Nienhuis Resigns V.P. Position; Yost to Fill Vacancy

On Friday, Feb. 13, Dr. Robert Nienhuis, vice president of the Fort Wayne Campus, announced his resignation from the university, effective July 1. Nienhuis, who has served as vice president since July 1993, has accepted the position of associate provost of Cornerstone College and vice president for Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary in Grand Rapids, Michigan. On February 23, President Jay Kesler announced in chapel at Taylor Fort Wayne that Dr. Daryl Yost, provost/executive vice president, will fill the vacancy July 1, while continuing his present leadership role in Upland.

"We always experience mixed feelings when we receive news like this," Kesler says. "On one hand we try to protect our comfort and on the other we rejoice in God’s unfolding plan. Dr. Nienhuis is uniquely equipped to give leadership in the area of his first love, graduate theological education. One of our great needs today is for qualified people in the pulpits of our land. Our loss is their gain. We are grateful for the significant contribution that Bob and Bette Jo have made to the ongoing Taylor story."

"Personally, I am saddened at the thought of Dr. Nienhuis leaving; however, I am pleased for him and his family," says Caroline Simmons, administrative assistant to Nienhuis. "His fingerprints are all over this campus, he will be fondly remembered for his many valuable contributions by those who have had the privilege of working with him here."

"Working at Taylor has been a very good experience," says Nienhuis. "The people at Taylor Fort Wayne have been delightful colleagues. I feel I have benefited from the experience. I will always remember my colleagues at Taylor Fort Wayne, with their great heart for the mission of this institution, and the students who have made my life so rich."

Yost will assume his new responsibilities having spent 22 years of his professional career in the Fort Wayne area. For nine years he served as superintendent of East Allen District schools. Yost anticipates spending about 60 percent of his time on the Fort Wayne campus and 40 percent on the Upland campus.

Yost will relinquish three of his present responsibilities with the transition. Al Smith, vice president for business and finance, will assume the day-to-day operation of buildings and grounds as well as the role of liaison officer with the institution’s legal counsel. Dr. Dwight Jessup, vice president for academic affairs, will assume responsibility of state and federal statute and regulation compliance.

With his 15 years of leadership experience on the Upland campus, Yost envisions a greater unity and a complementary relationship between the two campuses.—Eric Tan ’96

Sharathon Pledges Surpass Goal; WBCL Launches Web Site

Taylor University Broadcasting, Inc. (TUBI), reports total donations for the annual Sharathon of $909,581, as of February 24, 1998. The amount, which surpassed the goal of $865,000, represents the pledges of 5,623 donors.

The overage will be used toward the start-up costs for WBCJ 88.1-FM in Spencerville, Ohio. Donors have a new option for making their 1998 Sharathon pledge with WBCL’s new home page on the World Wide Web (www.wbcl.org).

The site offers visitors the opportunity to meet the WBCL staff, check the program schedule, or link to other ministries whose programs are broadcast by the station. The history of the three radio stations can also be found online. Be sure to sign the Guest Book when you visit!
An Insider's View of the Admissions Process

Applications... Interviews... Phone Calls... College fairs. The admissions office has been working diligently to establish an outstanding freshman class for next year. But with 1700 applications and room for only 480 freshmen, how does admissions compose the Class of 2002?

Taylor University’s mission speaks of “educating men and women for lifelong learning and for ministering the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need.” Admissions seeks to demonstrate this statement in a systematic, personal, and prayerful way each time it establishes a new freshman class.

The process begins with an inquiry pool that is developed through advertisements, college fairs, and word of mouth. Using the names derived through these methods, a distinct plan for recruitment is effected. The admissions office maintains contact with students through a variety of brochures, student newspapers, publications, and exhibits designed to show Taylor’s emphasis on Scholarship, Leadership, and Christian Commitment.

Three admissions counselors travel frequently to represent Taylor to prospective students. With the help of a sophisticated plan, counselors identify high-quality students and recruit them similarly to the way a coach would recruit an athlete. Relationships are built with students through regular phone calls, letters and notes of encouragement.

At the same time, telecounselors stay in touch with a large number of students in the inquiry pool as well as students the admissions counselors meet while traveling. Telecounselors answer general questions about the academic programs, Christian commitment, and community life at the university.

Underlying all methods of communication is an invitation to visit campus; the admissions office considers a campus visit to be the key in the entire admissions process. Statistics show that students who visit campus and interview have a much higher likelihood of attending Taylor than those who do not visit. For this reason, admissions provides campus visitation days each spring and fall. However, great attention is also given to each student visiting throughout the year. Prospective students have the opportunity to experience Taylor in many ways while on campus. They may visit classes, spend the night in a residence hall, attend chapel, participate in a campus tour, listen to a financial aid presentation, and complete an interview. During these visits, students often comment positively on Taylor’s Christ-centered community.

This positive experience motivates many of these students to apply. To enhance their application, students are encouraged to complete the formal interview. This allows admissions personnel to gain knowledge of a student on a more personal level. After the interview, a report is written and becomes part of the applicant’s record.

Each application is initially screened and thoroughly reviewed, determining whether a student is qualified for admission. Screening an application involves a thorough examination of qualities consistent with Scholarship, Leadership, and Christian Commitment. Factors in this process include SAT/ACT results, G.P.A., class rank, high school curriculum, church involvement, school activities, leadership roles, ministry trips, and cross-cultural experiences. In addition, students must submit essays describing their Christian experience, why they have chosen to apply to Taylor, and a difficult or disappointing situation they have faced. Pastor and guidance counselor recommendations are also evaluated.

The admissions process is bitter-sweet: Taylor is delighted with the quality of applicants, but unfortunately cannot offer admission to all students who meet the qualifications. A waiting pool must be established, and the admissions office strives to be sensitive to the needs of students in the pool. As space becomes available, top applicants from the waiting pool are accepted.

Because Taylor University has continually been blessed with an excellent reputation, the quantity and quality of applications has continued to increase throughout the 1990s. For this reason, the university accepts approximately 60% of the applications received and is listed in Peterson’s Guide as one of three Christian colleges and universities with a “very difficult” entrance rating. Members of the incoming Class of 2002 reflect this high standard. They are certainly an impressive group of men and women, and we are looking forward to their arrival on campus! —Traci Tiberi x96
Traveling Representatives Share the Vision

Traversing the nation for days or weeks at a time is a group of development office representatives who share Taylor University’s mission and vision for the future. One might expect that as fundraisers these individuals would grow weary from their seemingly ceaseless work. But an active schedule of meetings, lunch appointments and phone calls disguises the heartfelt enthusiasm for Taylor and the love for people which motivates their service.

Tom Essenburg ’69, associate director of development, is convinced that his work as a representative is rooted in the call of God. Tom says his experiences have given him many opportunities for making an impact not only for Taylor, but for the Kingdom of God. Jack King ’59, associate director of development, also views his work with a “Kingdom” mentality. “I believe Taylor is part of the Great Commission,” he says. “We see our Taylor Foundation—he has found his visits for Taylor to be richly rewarding experiences. Perhaps it is Ken’s sincere enthusiasm for Taylor that allows him to effectively represent the university. “I am committed to the mission of Taylor,” he says, “and I find it exciting to play even a small part in enabling tomorrow’s students to attend this special place we call Taylor University.”

Taylor development office representatives do have a high calling, and it is one which, in the words of Joe Updegrove, associate director of the William Taylor Foundation, “is not to be taken lightly. It is a responsibility to share with and educate others about Taylor and its mission of providing good, solid Christian education.”

“I am humbled by the great task and responsibility,” adds Gene Rupp ’58, vice president for development. “It is a great privilege.” Gene is one of several Taylor alumni to serve on the development staff. Classmate George Glass ’58, associate vice president for alumni relations, has served as an official representative of Taylor University for only 13 years. However, considering that as athletic coach George traveled widely with teams for 25 years, one can understand why he is viewed as a “Taylor veteran” by so many. And after 38 years of working for Taylor, George is still eager to share with others why he so loves his alma mater.

As the youngest and least-traveled representative, Michael Mortensen ’91 could, by contrast, be easily stereotyped as the “rookie” on the team. But those who know him know better. “My friends and family tell me that I bleed purple,” he says. “Taylor University and Fort Wayne Bible College have given me so much. I’m proud that I can give something back in a tangible way.” Like his fellow development team members, Michael finds inspiration from the university’s mission as he shares with alumni, friends, parents and others within the extended Taylor community.

While the work these men do may seem routine to some, each trip has the potential for surprise. Unexpected turns of events often await the representatives as they travel from town to town and state to state. Flexibility and a good sense of humor are always in demand for situations such as these. Once, en route to an appointment with the founder of a company, Gene was unable to locate the company and arrived an hour late. Nevertheless, he received a warm reception and a tour of the plant, and even had the opportunity to meet the founder’s wife, daughter and granddaughter—all of whom would not have been there had he arrived on time.

Regardless of the unforeseen events that may take place on a given trip, the work of a Taylor development representative is driven by consistent objectives. Nelson Rediger ’67, associate executive director of the William Taylor Foundation, relates these concepts as three primary principles: developing relationships and trust, ministering and sharing God’s vision for Taylor, and—for Nelson, specifically—serving in the area of stewardship and estate planning. “And tied around all that,” he adds, “is this: Remember the past so you can determine the future.”

Likewise, each of the traveling development office representatives is motivated by an awareness of the future of Taylor University; and toward this end they faithfully strive.—Randy Dillinger ’95
Giving comes in many ways

Cash Donation - Cash is the simplest, most direct, and most popular type of charitable gift. You may designate your gift to the Capital Campaign or other special funds.

Securities and Real Estate - Popular alternatives to cash are gifts of appreciated property such as stocks, bonds, and real estate. Gifts of real estate with retained life interest are another alternative.

Tangible Personal Property - Suggestions are works of art, rare books, and stamp or coin collections.

Life Insurance - The university may be designated as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy. Also, the cash value of a paid-up life insurance policy may be given directly to Taylor.

Deferred Gifts with Life-Payment Plans - A life-payment plan allows you to make a substantial gift while providing yourself with a stream of income for a term of years or for life. Examples of these plans are charitable trusts or gift annuities.

Bequests under your Will or Revocable Trust - You may designate a portion of your assets to Taylor in your will or trust.

Retirement Plans and IRA's - The remainder of your retirement plan may be designated to Taylor. All of these ways may be used to set up various types of gifts such as scholarships, endowment programs, academic chairs, and Endowing The Vision.

For more information on specific ways to give, contact the William Taylor Foundation at 1-800-882-3456, ext. 5144.
1938
Re. Donald Mumma passed away Dec 11, 1997 at his home in Conway, AR. He was ordained in 1943 and was a lifelong member of the West Ohio Conference of the UM Church, serving several churches in that area. He also served as the Portsmouth District Superintendent from 1976-1982. Wife Mary Louise survives him.

1941
Re. Gerald Foster has served Delaware’s largest overnight homeless shelter for 45 yrs. He has directed a Sunday morning inspirational radio show for 41 yrs. He is also president of the Wilmington Auxiliary of American Leprosy Missions. Foster’s contributions to the community received long-deserved recognition when the Loretton Retirement Community awarded him its Sydney Steele Award. This award is presented to a local humanitarian through nominations made by area businesses and residents. Gerald & wife Elizabeth live at 1224 Heather Ln, PO Box 52, Wilmington, DE 19899.

1942

1945
Earl Pope x, prof emeritus of religion at Lafayette College, recently attended the award ceremonies at Johns Hopkins Univ when former president George Bush was presented the Albert Schweitzer Gold Medal for Humanitarianism. Pope also briefed Foreign Service Officers assigned to the American Embassies in Moldova and Romania for the Foreign Service Institute of the Dept of State on the religious situation in their respective countries.

1948
Re. Kenneth Culver FWBC passed away on Jan 3. He is survived by wife Dorthea.

1951
Dorothy (Eells) Andresen passed away on April 13, 1997. On her way to a chapel service in the nursing home where she lived, she stopped to rest in the lobby. When the service was about to begin and Dorothy was still resting, the nurse tried to wake her but found she had been called into His presence. She had been active in the spiritual ministries of Chapel Pointe at Carlisle where she resided since 1980. Re. Paul Stockman died on Nov 4, 1997. He was diagnosed with bladder cancer on July 3, 1997. Paul was a Methodist minister for 10 yrs. He was also a counselor and supervisor for the Ohio State Rehabilitation Commission for 28 yrs before retiring in 1991. He is survived by wife Patricia who lives at 12 Graver St, Owensville, OH 45160.

1952
James & Jeanne (Miller) Diller attended a family reunion at Taylor. “It was just like coming home,” she said. The Dillers live at 3819 Sulphur Spring, Ottawa Hills, Toledo, OH 43606.

James & Jeanne (Miller ’52) Diller

1958
Victor Denton x recently retired after nearly 30 yrs as a city manager in 3 cities in North Carolina. Over the years he has had a growing appreciation for Taylor’s faculty that continually sets a spiritual and academic example for students. He notes he is now an observer of this Taylor “uniqueness” as 1 of their 4 children graduated from TU a few yrs ago. He & wife Wanca live at 4720 Forest Manor Dr, Winston-Salem, NC 27103.

1961
Dr. Robert Jackson recently co-chaired a program on body contouring in Atlanta, GA. In addition to his affiliation with the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, he is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons; associate clinical professor, Indiana Univ School of Medicine; and director of student medical education, Marion General Hospital. He & wife Margie (Tatem ’61) reside at 1207 Northwood Ct, Marion, IN 46952. Carl Mickley died Oct 21, 1997. He was a retired Baptist minister. Wife Ruth, who worked at Taylor for Dr. Phinney as secretary and recorder of grades, survives him. Ruth (Ayres) Shawhan passed away on Sept 17, 1997 in the home of her daughter. Ruth served 35 yrs in the psychiatric nursing field. She was an active partner with her husband in Noland Farms and a principal member of the Shawhan Family Trust. She was the granddaughter of Dr. Burt Ayres, former president of Taylor. Surviving is her husband James.
1962

Carlton Snow recently had the article “Building Trust in the Workplace” published in the Hofstra Labor Law Journal. He is prof of law at Willamette Univ College of Law. Carlton & wife Sally’s address is PO Box 5246, Salem, OR 97304.

1964

Dan MacLeish was inducted into the Building Industry Association’s Hall of Fame. This is the highest honor the BIA can bestow. It is presented annually to those who have demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership during their building careers and who have displayed exemplary devotion to the housing industry and the association. MacLeish Building, Inc. has received several awards including being selected by Better Homes and Gardens as one of “America’s Best Builders.” MacLeish Building is a family affair. Wife Joyce (Gray ‘63) handles the bookkeeping and interior design of new homes and models; Dan, Jr. ‘96 is a licensed builder and serves as superintendent; Melody ‘92 manages the sales office; and Bonnie ‘90 helps with creative direction and advertising. Dan & Joyce live at 2474 Tall Oaks Dr, Troy, MI 48098.

1966

Donald Allbaugh has joined the Madison Clinic of Saint John’s Health System. Allbaugh is a member of the Academy of Certified Social Workers, Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, The American Association of Christian Coun-

1969

Jim & Sandy (Kashian ‘72) Sieber have relocated to the Chicago area. Jim is the vice president of finance and planning for the midwest division of Alliance Food Service. Their address is 1301 Wild Rose Ln, Lake Forest, IL 60045. Email is JSIEBERCPA@aol.com.

1970

Val & Marilyn (Dunn x’69) Stevens reside at 103 W Third St, Genoa, OH 43430. Email is valhenry@juno.com.

1972

Lon & Valerie Garber celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 10, 1997. They live at 920 Hobson St, Longwood, FL 32750. Email is longarber@aol.com.

1974

Carolyn (Barton) Mudge and family returned to the Solomon Islands after husband Jim’s graduation with an MA in Biblical Studies from Denver Sem in June 1997. They are still with Wycliffe Bible Translators working with national translators in the Roviana language. Jim is also serving as translation consultant coordinator for the other Wycliffe teams in the Solomons. Carolyn will be homeschooling Jeffrey (11) and Emily (9). The family’s address is c/o SITAG, PO Box 986, Honiara, Solomon Islands.

1977

Mona (Williams) Coalter recently had For Every Season, hymn arrangements for 4 hands at 1 piano, published by Lillenas. Her first duet book, Praise Him! Praise Him!, was published by Word. Husband John is a faculty member at Illinois College of Optometry and a vision rehabilitation specialist. Son Timothy is 10. Mona performs at church and in a duet ensemble whenever possible. Anyone interested in her books or in having her perform can reach her at 1300 N Astor #16A, Chicago, IL 60610; (312) 943-0316. Sidney Hall, after 20 yrs of service at TU in the maintenance dept, has accepted the position of service technician at Building Control Systems in Ft Wayne, IN. Sid, wife Bonnie (Johnson ’78) and sons Chris and Matt, still live in Upland. Michael Walcott ran in the Atlanta Thanksgiving Day half marathon wearing a Taylor jersey. Several spectators encouraged him with “Go Taylor” cheers! Michael is head cross country coach at Truett-McConnell College. He & wife Pamela (Wilks x’79) live at 162 Doug Allison Hts, Cleveland, GA 30528. Mark & Vicki (Wilson ’78) Weedon joyfully announce the birth of Madeleine Wilson Weedon on Oct 2, 1997. Brother Mark is 7. The family resides at 1504 E Forest Ave, Wheaton, IL 60187.

1978

Russell Patton married Judy Molter on Oct 5, 1996 in Carmel, IN. Russ is pastor of the Centerville UM Church. The couple lives at 312 S First St, Centerville, IN 47330. Former suitemates Cathy (McClew) Church, Debby (Hahn ’79) Schloemer, DeeAnn (Higginbotham) Feick and Diane Stoner gathered in Zurich, Switzerland in May 1997 for sightseeing and reminiscing. DeeAnn & Ron Feick hosted the travelers while the Feicks were temporarily living
in Switzerland. The Feicks are now residing in Northville, MI. 

**Stephanie Strawser** married Kent Dash on March 22, 1997 in Marion, OH. Stephanie worked for GTE for 4 yrs, but resigned in June 1997 to finish her ed certification. After student teaching this spring, she hopes to teach in the Marion, OH area. Kent teaches 4th grade. The couple resides at 467 Kilbury Rd, Marion, OH 43302.

1979 
Clayton & Angela 
(Patterson) Gruner live at 205 E Plantation Dr, Sharpsburg, GA 30277. Email is cagruner@juno.com. 

**Don & Connie (Anderson ’81) Krier & their children Jennifer (12), Zachary (5) Andrew (3) and Matthew, born March 11, 1997, reside at 26 Cherry Hill Rd, Branford, CT 06405. Connie is busy homeschooling, now in her 7th yr. Don is vice president at Woodbridge Group, a small investment banking firm doing mergers and acquisitions of middle market companies. Email is donald.krier@snet.net.

1980 
Brad & Beth Brinson are church planting on the west side of Knoxville, TN after 13 yrs in Los Angeles. It has been a bit of an adjustment, but they are certain this is where the Lord has called them. They invite Taylorites to contact them at 351 Sweetgum Dr, Knoxville, TN 37922. Email is Bradzmail@aol.com.

1981 
Kevin & Kay Marie Brennfleck announce the arrival of Amy Carol born Oct 11, 1997. Brother Brian is 5. The family resides at 1709 Las Lunas St, Pasadena, CA 91106. 

**Jill Howard** traveled to Mongolia last fall to train Mongolian teachers to use a new World History book she helped write. Eventually, the book will be used in every aimag (state) in the nation. 

**Timothy Lockwood** lives at 548 Trotwood Cir, Springfield, OH 45503. 

**Todd Shinabarger, Jim Stimmel, Brian Dawes, Reid Kennedy and Mark Lantz ’83** traveled via a van to the Promise Keepers’ “Stand In The Gap” event in Washington, DC on Oct 3, 1997. They met **Merlin Holmes** and stayed with **Tim Lugbill** in Fairfax, VA. This gathering of First East Wengatz men was not only a great time of reunion, but also a significant time of spiritual examination and recommitment.

1982 
Ken & Lori (Weber ’82) Armstrong are the proud parents of Caleb Andrew born March 10, 1997—13 weeks early! He was healthy from the start and came home from the hospital on May 5. Both Caleb and brother Adam (2) are adopted. Lori is a busy stay-at-home mom. The family lives at 825 Bank St, Bridgeville, PA 15107. 

**Michael & Janet (Ryker) Burrell** praise the Lord for the safe home birth of Benjamin Josiah on June 23, 1997. Siblings are Anna (12), Ruth (10), Jonathan (5), Daniel (4) and Stephen (3). Michael is manager for BellSouth Corporate Marketing in Atlanta and is a dean and Growing Kids God’s Way instructor at Calvary Baptist Church. Janet home educates their quiver of blessings under the auspices of the Advanced Training Institute. Their address is 1634 Massachusetts Ave, Marietta, GA 30008. Email is mburrell@bellsouth.net. 

**Franklin** are back from Germany and are now living at 4200 Sugar Leaf Dr, Bellbrook, OH 45403. 

**Rebecca Hill** is working at Dayspring Counseling Ctr in Chattanooga, TN. Her address is 5600 Lake Resort Terr, 321R, Chattanooga, TN 37415. 

**Kelly Holt** is employed in the industrial sales group of The Valvoline Company. His territory covers the Carolinas and Virginia. 

**Marcia (Melvin ’84) homeschooled Laura (10) and Emily (8), and tries to keep up with Mac (3) and Lucy (1). The family lives at 1227 Windy Hill Ln, Matthews, NC 28105. Email is kgholt@juno.com. 

**Dave & Cathy (Endean ’82) Wagner** proudly announce the birth of Matthew
1983
Bruce & Beth (Jessop) Boyer joyfully welcome Sarah Beth born May 27, 1997. Siblings are Joshua (7), Phillip (5) and Abigail (3). They live at 4409 Shoram Ct, Columbia, MO 65203. • Tim x & Penny (Smith x'84) Schultz are the proud parents of Andrew John born Aug 15, 1997. Siblings are Emily (12), Anne (9), Paul (7), Karen (4) and Jenny (2). The family lives at 3916 W Dakin, Chicago, IL 60618. • Jon & Susan Stocksdale are the proud parents of Caroline Elizabeth born Oct 1, 1997. Jon & Susan are on home assignment from Rift Valley Academy. Email is Jon_Stocksdale@aimint.org.

1986
Dean Amann was promoted to president of the Broward Div of Lennar Homes. In 1992, his company rebuilt the homes damaged by Hurricane Andrew. They are the largest builders in Florida, Texas and California. He & wife Alicyn (Jacobs) & children Ashlee (4) and Tyler (2) live at 4072 NW 62 Ln, Coral Springs, FL 33067. Email is ski2norway@juno.com.

1987
David & Laura (Kroesen) Bauer happily announce the birth of Julie Mercy on Aug 21, 1997. Brother Gus is 2. They live at 9 School St, Sugar Grove, PA 16350. • Mike & Valerie (Wilson) Boado have been in Tagum, Davao, Philippines for 7 yrs. It has been a joy for them to be involved in their NEOS ministry and see the young people grow in the Lord. In July 1997 they moved into their very own home in Tagum. In Nov 1997 Valerie ran a 10K race in Tagum and was the only woman among the 95 entrants. Mike & Valerie would love to hear from their TU friends and they welcome visitors to see their ministry and play with Esther Grace (3) and Steven Michael (1). Contact them at PO Box 681, Tagum, 8100 Davao del Norte, Philippines. Email is valboado@enterprise.sprc.com.

1988
Janelle Behm graduated from Oakton Community College on May 22, 1997 with an AAS in physical therapy. Her address is 3503 SR 150, Neenah, WI 54956. She would love to hear from TU friends! • Todd & Leigh (Hammond) Carlson are the proud parents of Elizabeth Layne born Jan 8. Siblings are Katie (4), Daniel (3) and Benjamin (2). They live at 319 S Hart St, Palatine, IL 60067. • Philip & Pamela Herman joyfully welcomed Matthias Stephen on Oct 20, 1997. Brother Josiah is 3. They reside at 838 McIntosh Ct #308, Prospect Heights, IL 60070. Philip is community outreach coordinator for the Wheeling and River Trails Park Districts. He also continues his part-time work, leading a ministry which reaches out to unchurched youth, including gang members, in the communities of Prospect Heights and Wheeling. • Janice Lambert married David Williams on July 26, 1997 in Apex, NC.

Ruthanna (Denton) Bridges was in the wedding. The couple resides at 8728 Pierce Olive Rd, Apex, NC 27502. Janice teaches 6th grade math and Bible while David teaches HS history and coaches football and baseball. Both teach at Wake Christian Academy. • Dr. Stephen & Kris (Burchi) Stricker proudly announce the birth of Noah Emanuel on Oct 31, 1997. They live at 21349 Kelly, Eastpointe, MI 48021. • Greg & Melissa (Beamer '89) Wilson joyfully announce the birth of Katherine Ann on March 6, 1997. Twin sisters Megan and Abby are 4. The family lives at 2570 Grange Rd, Trenton, MI 48183. • Chad & Dana (Deacon) Emery are the proud parents of Dillon James born Nov 13, 1997. Sister Quinn is 2. They live at 1707 Carolyn Way, Richardson, TX 75081.

1989
John & Kim (Tacchella) Hapner proudly announce the birth of Matthew Louis on Oct 3, 1997. Siblings are Erika (7),...
twin Joshua and Laura (5) and Krista (2). They live at 2000 Sun Valley Pky, Muncie, IN 47303.

Peter & Melinda (Fine) Just announce the birth of Andrew Luke on May 29, 1997. Siblings are Nathan (4) and Rachel (2). Their address is 9311 Monte Ln, Indianapolis, IN 46256. Richard Muthiah and Beth Hosley were married on June 28, 1997 in Grants Pass, OR. TU participants in the wedding were Rob Muthiah ’88, Joel Durkovic, Dave Askeland ’88 and Dave Horne. Richard is the admissions office coordinator of student services at Taylor, while Beth serves as English Hall director. Brian Pletcher married Jennifer Hoth on July 5, 1997 in Indianapolis. Participating in the wedding were Jay Hanko ’88, Chris Baker ’90 and Dave McPherson x’91. Brian received an MS from Butler Univ last May and is currently a HS guidance counselor at Hamilton Southeastern. The couple lives at 710 E Laverock Rd #8, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

Lynette (Dyson) Shoemaker recently received an MEd from Indiana Wesleyan Univ and “The Dekko Award for Teachers of Excellence,” including a $1,000 teaching grant. She & husband Terry live at 502 Jefferson St, Rochester, IN 46975. Email is ndyson@netusa1.net. Fred & Cheryl Stayton proudly announce the birth of Hannah Grace on May 14, 1997. Siblings are Sara (6), Rebekah (4) and Caleb (2). Fred is pastor of the North Liberty UM Church. The family’s address is PO Box 904, North Liberty, IN 46554. The children of Jon & Sue (Reddy) Rader and

Steve & Shelley (Lawrence) Taylor play together. The young friends are Jordan Rader (6), twins Amanda & Ashley Taylor (7 months) and Kyle Rader (3).

1990

David & Ann (Calkins ’91) Abraham are the proud parents of Mark Thomas born Dec 8, 1997. The family lives at 1009 Young Cedar Ct, Virginia Beach, VA 23462. Dave & Jenny (Rogers) Durkes proudly announce the birth of Joel David on Dec 19, 1997. Brother Derek is 3. Dave teaches and is head football coach at Eastern HS and Jenny is finishing her MA in marriage and family counseling. She works part time as a counselor at IU-Kokomo. Their address is 325 N Meridian, Greentown, IN 46936. Captain John & Deborah (Litsch) Hutton happily announce the birth of Andrew John born Oct 7, 1997. John is stationed at Hill Air Force Base, Utah and Deborah stays at home with Drew. Email is JPHutton@aol.com. Paul Henningsen married Kelli Stillman on May 17, 1997 in Palma, Maine. John Madison was a participant in the wedding. The couple lives at 143 S Main St, Wharton, NJ 07885. Stephanie Novak married Todd Nicholson on Dec 28, 1996 in Sacramento, CA. They reside in Springfield, MO where Stephanie is a resident director at Evangel College. Todd is a computer programmer. Email is senten19@aol.com. Adam & Kate (Howlett) Odell proudly announce the birth of Meredith Nicole born June 1, 1997. Jack is an assistant pastor at First Baptist Church of Canton, OH. Melissa is an automation training instructor for Westfield Companies. They reside at 7463 Celina St NW, Massillon, OH 44646. Email is melissawilson@westfieldcos.com.

1991

David & Caryn (Reed) Atkins are the proud parents of Nathan David born Nov 1, 1997. David is employed by DuPont and Caryn works for Zeneca Pharmaceuticals. They live in Wilmington, DE. William & Jenny (Mathis) Cleaver joyfully announce the birth of Andrew James on Dec 10, 1996. William is a sales manager at Forrest Brothers and head coach at St Mary’s HS. Jenny enjoys being a full-time mother, part-time substitute teacher and Creative Memories consultant. Their address is 6216 Hunter Wood Dr, Ft Wayne, IN 46835. Jack & Melissa (Egolf) Wilson proudly announce the birth of Meredith Nicole born June 1, 1997. Jack is an assistant pastor at First Baptist Church of Canton, OH. Melissa is an automation training instructor for Westfield Companies. They reside at 7463 Celina St NW, Massillon, OH 44646. Email is melissawilson@westfieldcos.com.

Meredith Nicole, daughter of Melissa (Egolf) ’90 & Jack Wilson
Memories
instructor.
The family
lives at 343 E
Main St,
Gaylord, MI
49735 and
would love to
hear from TU
friends! ●
Jonathan &
Connie
(Moorman) Derby proudly
announce the birth of
Samantha Ruth on Aug 26,
1997. Brother Caleb is 2. The
family lives at 5201 S Western
Ave, Marion, IN 46953. ●
Dorothy Ensinger married
Matthew Friedman on June 15,
1996. TU participants were

Reynoldsburg, OH
43068. Email is
emanko@victoria.com.
● Tom & Amy
(Gruesser) Pitchford
reside at 852 Hillridge Rd,
Reynoldsburg, OH
43068. Email is
chevy@iwaynet.net ●
John & Penny
(Polsgrove)
Smarrella are
the proud parents of Jacob born
March 12, 1997. The family
lives at 746 Marquette Ave,
South Bend, IN 46617. ● Jon
Vandegriff earned a PhD in
nuclear astrophysics from Ohio
State Univ in Aug 1997. He now
works for a government
contractor in Greenbelt, MD.

1992
Ken Clarke married Laura
Biddle x’94 in Sept 1995. Ken
works for the Greater Columbus
Arts Council as the Columbus
Arts Festival coordinator,
continues to write and publish
poetry and still finds time to
get to the ceramics studio.
Laura is working toward an MA
in arts administration. She
works at the Wexner Center for
Contemporary Art as the
development assistant. Email is
kclarke@freenet.columbus.oh.us.
● Miriam (Scott) Demeritte’s
address is PO Box N-8564,
Baillou Hills Estate, Nassau,
Bahamas. ● Ernesto &
Carmen (Conley) Flores are
the proud parents of Veronica
Sister Victoria Elisabeth is 2.
Carmen resigned her position
as regional project manager at
CTB, Inc. to be a work-at-home
mom. ● Jennifer Harville
spent 5 yrs as a special
assignment missionary/1st gr teacher
in Guam. She returned home in
June and is currently awaiting
her next “assignment” from the
Lord. Her address is 503 1/2
Lincoln Ave, Alexandria, IN
46001. Email is bigjenny@
netus1.net. ● Stephen &
Kristine (Dyck) Mucher are
the proud parents of Teagan
Jacob Shepherd born Sept 12,
1997. They live in Saipan,
Northern Mariana Islands. ●
Mark & Emily (Bradley)
Vanest announce the birth of
Leila Rebekah on July 5, 1997.
The Vanests live in Bloomington,
IN, where Mark recently
graduated from IU with an MA
in TESOL/Applied Linguistics.
The Vanests are planning to
move to the Middle East and
Teach English.

1993
Chris Balkema is a procurement
analyst at Caterpillar, Inc.
He is engaged to Jill Anderson
from Monticello, IN and plans
to be married on May 23,
1998. Chris’s address is 109
Dogwood Ct, East Peoria, IL
61611. Email is chalkema@
hotmail.com. ● Kenny &
Jennifer (Lambert) Burkhart
live at 17-377 CR J, Napoleon,
OH 43545. ● Janey & Robin
(Fulbright ’94) Dickman
proudly announce the birth of
James Joseph Dickman IV on
Oct 20, 1997. The family lives
at 321 Wagon Dr #648, West
Salmon, WI 54669. ● James
Embree is working on an
MDiv at Trinity Evangelical Div
School. He is working as a
part-time youth pastor at
Cumberland Baptist Church in
Mt. Prospect. The address for
James & wife Ella is TEDS D-
274, 2065 Half Day Rd,
Deerfield, IL 60015. Email is
ellasman97@aol.com. ● Kirk
Niveen married Jenny
Alexandria Acero Gonzalez on
Feb 1, 1997. Kirk is a middle
school teacher at Parkway MS
teaching 7th gr while Jenny is
busy starting 2 businesses
called Open Hearts Intl Educa-
tion and Miami Intl Import/Export.
If anyone is ever in the
Miami/Ft Lauderdale area,
please stop by or give them a
call! The couple lives at 5502
NW 18th Terrace, Miami, FL
33055. Email is ohintl@
aol.com. ● Brent Peters
married Michelle Lengacher on
May 18, 1996 in Ft Wayne, IN.
TU participants were James
Peters ‘64, Brian Peters
’88, Bruce
Peters ’91, Michael
Neal,
Jonathan
Rees ’95,
Heidi
(Kretsinger
’94) Thomas,
Kari
Kaempfer
’95 and
Jenny Kanning ’94. The
couple’s address is 25
Hammann Dr, Amelia, OH
45102. Email is peters.brent@
summitgroup.com. ● Chris
Spoolhof and
Misty
Tinholt were
married on
June 13,
1997. TU
participants were
Deborah
(Rampona)
Oliver,
Heather
(Kobernik)

Amy (Spallinger ’90)
Braunwarth and Bill
Ensinger ’96. Matthew owns
his own company (Acacia
Instruments) and makes
handcrafted bass guitars. Dorothy is
helping with the administration of
the business and working
part time at the YMCA. The
couple resides at 2091 Potts-
town Pike, Pottstown, PA
19465. Email is Stecru@
erols.com. ● Eric & Martha
(Fleetwood x’92) Manko
live at 6551 Portsmouth Dr,
Fracassi and Jill Jousma '92. Misty is a CPA and Chris is an estimator/purchaser for a home builder. Their address is 342 Wankazo Dr, Holland, MI 49424. • Jeff & Kelle (Stankey '90) Swanson are living at Cedar Bend Farm, an educational and retreat facility where Jeff is program director and farm manager. Both Jeff and Kelle are actively involved in teaching Bible studies through their local church. Kelle is also involved in their local homeschooling group. Jeff & Kelle have 2 boys, Josiah (4) and Elisha (2). Their address is 1171 B Doerr Rd, Mancelona, MI 49659. Email is cbfswanson@juno.com.

1994

Lana Agness married Brent Barnhisel on Nov 1, 1997 in Wabash, IN. Liz Ferris and Sharlee Stoner '93 were bridesmaids. Lana is management reporting coordinator for Brightpoint, Inc. Their address is 7921 Acre Ln, Brownsburg, IN 46112. • Shelly Dudelston married Jim Neal on May 10, 1997. The couple’s address is 312 1/2 N 8th St, Upland, IN 46989. • Jeff & Jenny (Crisell '94) Lehman, with daughter Emily.

Jeff is having fun as the full-time mom of Emily who was born June 4, 1996. It’s nice when fellow TU grads move into the neighborhood, as Bruce Breneman '61, found out in August when Mark Hull TUFW '93, Jason Mucher and Sara Oyer '96 came to TX 75063. Jeff is in his 2nd yr of PhD studies in philosophy at Univ of Dallas. His goal is to teach philosophy in a Christian setting. Jenny is at Houghton College, 1 Willard Ave, Houghton, NY 14744. • In 1996, Timothy Naylor left Merrill Lynch to go back to school in Orlando, FL, to study computer animation. He is now living in Orlando and teaching virtual reality and computer animation at the Full Sail School of Digital Media. His address is PO Box 1367, Englewood, FL 34225. Email is tnaylor@fulssail.com. • Drew & Sara Popejoy are the proud parents of Shelby Paige born Nov 22, 1997. The family lives at 30630 Drouillard Rd Lot 302, Walbridge, OH 43465. Email is aspopejoy@juno.com.

1995

Peter Bates is a mechanical engineer for W.A. Whitney. He, wife Jennifer & daughter Jordan (2) live at 3917 Pinecrest Rd, Rockford, IL 61107. • Holly Hilger's email is hollyhilger@juno.com. • Carolyn Kregel and Steve Kersten '92 were married on June 28, 1997 in East Lansing, MI. TU participants were Beth Behnken, Angie Hamsho, Tim Hertzler '91, Fred Knoll '92, Stuart Rex '92 and Doug Shrock '92.

Carolyn is an English teacher at Williamston HS and Steve teaches math and coaches football and track in Fowlerville. The couple lives at 1720
Jenni Arnold and Richard Runestad were married on Oct 4, 1997. The 1994 district tennis champs were reunited at this special event! The couple’s address is 11212 Crested Oak Ct, Ft Wayne, IN 46845. ● Tom & Dana (Steckley ‘95) Broderick live at 800 Mark Ln Apt 318, Wheeling, IL 60090. Email is zbroder@trin.edu. ● Drew Dailey and Tina Glancy were married on May 17, 1997 in Lakeville, IN. Drew is employed by the Dept of Natural Resources, Div of State Parks and Reservoirs, as assistant property manager at Potato Creek State Park in North Liberty, IN. Tina is a registered nurse at St Joseph Med Center in South Bend. The couple resides at 65536 Pine Rd, North Liberty, IN 46554. ● Jason Loftis is an associate missionary with TEAM. He is a member of the Operation City Gold Church Planting Task Force in Cagayan de Oro City, Mindanao Island, Philippines. The team includes 5 families and 3 singles. He is the school teacher for 8 missionary kids from 1st through 10th grades in a one-room schoolhouse. His address is 013 Iponan Hwy, Cagayan de Oro City, 9000, Philippines. ● Molly Orebaugh married Eric Uliczny on Oct 12, 1997. Participating in the wedding were Mary (Orebaugh ’88) McDaniel, Paula Hartzler, Gretchen Newhouse, Eric Heiman ’94, Tim Winterholter ’94, Steve Eckstrom ’94, Rebecca Grandi, Beth (Hartzler ’97) Harrell, Erin Hill ’97, Jeff Greene ’94, Scott Misher ’94, Eric Larsen ’95, Pam Mulder ’95 and Melanie (Moller ’95) Nichols. Eric is a field technician at Heartland Technologies. Molly is a trainer at USA Group. Their address is 12124 Parkview Ln, Fishers, IN 46038. ● Brian Shaw married Amy Thomas on Oct 12, 1996 in Columbus, OH. TU participants were Eric Shaw ’00, Tim Quandt ’97, Greg Jones ’95, Marcia Hasenmuyer, Karen (Williams x) Kooistra and Erin Reynolds. Their address is 2733 Greystone Dr Apt E, Columbus, OH 43220. Email is brian_amyshaw@juno.com. ● Beth Yoder lives at 1201 Sunrise Gt, Fisher, IN 46383. Email is byoder@unidial.com. Carrie Barnhart is a youth leader for teenagers at The Buckeye Ranch. Her address is 175 E Frambes, Columbus, OH 43201. ● Navy Ensign Joshua Fahl recently received his commission as a naval officer after completing Officer Candidate School at Naval Aviation Schools Command, Pensacola, FL. ● Derek Powell is raising support for a year’s worth of missions work in Benin, West Africa. He can be contacted at 8203 W 88th St, Indianapolis, IN 46278. ● Sara Williams and Jon Molendorp were married on June 7, 1997. TU participants were Bill Techanchuk x, Josh Fahl, Brian Schaffer, Jill Thompson, Jennifer Pike, Erin Henry, Carissa Guinneau, Traci Baker, Nicole Corcoran, Jason Odam and Doug Johnston. The couple resides at 1708 Whispering Forest Dr #305, Charlotte, NC 28270. ● Brian Wynkoop x lives at 8500 Ravenwood Dr, Muncie, IN 47303. Email is Bwynkoop@juno.com.

The 1994 district tennis championship team reunited: (1 to r) Amy Smith ’96, Puglia, Sara Nedereld ’98, Janis Hawk ’96, Jennifer (Arnold ’96) Runestad, Katie (Collown ’96) Austin, Beth (Prior ’96) Goldenstein, Dana (Steckley ’95) Broderick and Liz Diakoff ’95.

Drew ’96 & Tina Dailey

Molly (Orebaugh ’96) & Eric Uliczny

John ’97 & Sara (Williams ’97) Molendorp
One Saturday morning in early summer 1961, Peg Townsend picked up the telephone receiver and heard her husband’s voice.

“Peg? There’s been a shake-up. One of the pastors in the conference has had to take early retirement at the last minute because of some medical problems, and several of us at the annual meeting have been asked to take a new parish.”

Peg heaved a deep sigh. Moving again, she thought. Only two years had passed since she and Lowell ’51 and their two remaining children had moved to this tiny town in northern Indiana. One year before that move they had said goodbye to their oldest child, ten-year-old Ben, a beautiful and promising young man who lived barely five months after his parents were told of his “rare, little-known” disease called leukemia. Prior to that, there had been numerous other moves as Lowell juggled seminary and all the administrative and counseling duties of a pastor. Finally, just as life was starting to look normal (if a family can ever really be “normal” after losing one of its members) and just when they had begun to feel settled, suddenly again they were having to face the countless adjustments associated with moving to a new town—not to mention the repacking and unpacking of countless cartons! Surely there was some mistake, Peg thought. Surely it could not be God’s idea for them to move again... not so soon!

“So where are we going... and how soon do we have to be there?” It seemed pointless to analyze the situation. As was her way, Peg smiled to herself and prayed for strength.

Six days later, while unpacking cartons of dishes in her new home, Peg was interrupted by the doorbell. Interestingly, the visitor was not a member of the local congregation who was stopping by to welcome the new pastor’s family; rather, he was a salesman. Although the Townsends were not in the habit of spending much time with salesmen, this particular one had a rather charming and persuasive manner—so persuasive, in fact, that before Mr. Scholten left their home, Lowell and Peg had decided that now might be a good time to purchase a life insurance policy for Peg. Papers were signed and everything seemed to be in order, pending a complete physical examination by the insurance agency’s chosen physician.

The following week, Peg drove to Elkhart for her examination. “Mrs. Townsend,” the doctor said, “I see on your medical history that you’ve been under a doctor’s care for...”

“Nervous indigestion,” Peg replied, patting her abdomen. “It’s nothing, really. Actually, it’s probably due to some careless dieting. I’ve put on a few pounds—too many church suppers, you know. I was concerned because I’ve outgrown nearly all of my clothes, so I’ve been dieting and exercising. Frankly, though, I’m getting a little annoyed; it seems that the more sit-ups and other exercises I do, the fatter I get, particularly in my abdomen. Why, the other day, someone I hardly knew asked me when I’m due!”

Within minutes, Peg had failed to pass the physical exam as the doctor noted that, indeed, her abdomen was quite distended and disproportionate. Unfortunately, however, this enlargement was in no way related to adipose tissue, nor was Peg pregnant. Rather, the increased girth was due to a significantly enlarged liver.

“Mrs. Townsend, you have the largest liver I have ever seen,” the doctor said, visibly alarmed. This revelation obviously called for further study, and the next few days were a hectic blur of doctor referrals, examinations, blood tests, x-rays and miscellaneous poking. Then came the consensus: there was a problem, but it would not be identified without exploratory surgery.

A tense hush crept over the little town of Bristol, Indiana, the following Tuesday afternoon as the residents anxiously awaited the results of Peg’s surgery. Sadly, there was no good news to share as Lowell spoke of the surgeon’s report with those who dropped by the parsonage to inquire. “It’s a tumor on her liver.” Lowell began, matter-of-factly. “It’s huge, and it’s filled with blood. But, there’s nothing... they could not do anything. They sewed her back up.” His eyes filled with tears.

After a long silence, Lowell went on to explain how the surgeons had said that Peg’s survival was hopeless and how sorry they were. They estimated that Peg could live only about four to six weeks more. The tumor...
apparently presented a double threat; first, there was the disease itself—the source of the tumor. The survival rate from some forms of liver disease is still quite low; certainly, the time before such things as chemotherapy and transplantation (i.e. 1961) was no better a time to have a crisis of any kind in one's liver. Second, the sheer fragility of the tumor membrane nearly guaranteed the eventual bursting of the tumor, resulting in immediate hemorrhage and death. 

Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, M.D. (On Death and Dying, 1969) identified a fairly orderly system of emotional stages one can expect to experience when dealing with a situation similar to Peg's. These stages, according to Kübler-Ross, are denial, anger, bargaining, depression, and acceptance. Although many people tend to follow some semblance of the order given here, the precise order and the length of time one might spend in any given stage can vary greatly from person to person. Strangely, Peg responded immediately with acceptance and, with very little fluctuation, stayed there. Did she perhaps feel she did not have enough time to experience the other stages? This is an amusing thought, but unrealistic since the stages are not like a menu of computer functions from which one can make a deliberate, objective selection. Had she been told so emphatically about her condition that there was no room for questioning? This is an unlikely explanation for skipping over denial. Could she have already been so weakened by her condition that she had no mental energy for anything other than acceptance? Hardly; she still had no real physical discomfort, except that from the surgery and her continued "nervous indigestion."

In reality, it was Peg's confidence in the wisdom of the Almighty God that permitted her to receive His peace in this situation on such short notice. As she lay in her hospital bed over the next four weeks, Peg felt nothing but peace and comfort. Often she would awaken in the night, humming Mendelsohn's "O Rest in the Lord," repeating its words over and over again in her mind: "O Rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him; and He shall give thee thy heart's desires; commit thy way unto Him, and trust in Him; and fret not thyself because of evil doers; O rest in the Lord..." In the daytime, scores of people would stop by the hospital to assure her of their concern. Literally thousands of people throughout Indiana were praying fervently for her recovery, although Peg prayed only for the Lord's perfect will to be accomplished in her life, however short or long it might be.

At Lowell's insistence that something be done, Peg's doctors made the decision to give her radiation therapy, which was relatively unsophisticated in 1961. The physicians told Lowell in no uncertain terms that they had never seen nor heard of an adult recovering from Peg's type of tumor, even with the use of radiation; although the radiation might shrink the tumor or slow its growth, this therapy could only be palliative. Still, what did they have to lose?

Peg was told that she would receive radiation therapy with as many treatments as she could tolerate, which doctors estimated would be about nine treatments. Peg received twenty-one treatments, however, before she became violently ill, at which time the radiation was stopped. Seeing that the tumor had in fact shrunk somewhat, and realizing that there was nothing more they could do, the doctors discharged Peg from the hospital so that she could spend her remaining time with her family.

It is impossible to describe how it happened over the next several months, except to say that Peg did not die. As people prayed, as Peg continued to trust the Lord with her life for each day, much to the complete amazement of numerous medical professionals across the Midwest, the tumor continued to shrink with no further treatment, and was eventually reduced to nothing more than a small stubble of scar tissue. By the time two years had passed, Peg's health was completely restored. Today, she sees physicians for her routine checkups like anyone else does, and with the exception of her well-controlled glaucoma, those who know her best have not been aware of Peg having much worse than a hangnail.

Any attention to the details of this story raises a number of "what ifs?" For example, what if Lowell had been unwilling to answer the call to a new church (in a town he had never heard of) on just six days' notice? What if the insurance salesman had not called on the Townsends? What if people had not prayed? How many lives might have missed a powerful testimony had Peg not been convinced of God's power and committed herself to accept His wisdom concerning her situation? The list of questions seems endless, but there is a bottom line: God continually works on behalf of those who love and trust Him; He faithfully answers prayer according to His will and in His own timing; and He alone has the last word.

Lowell and Peg spent many years in ministry together and there were many moves to new churches following Peg's restoration. On December 6, 1997, they celebrated their fifty-fourth year of marriage. As the reporter of this incredible true story, I am overwhelmed with blessing whenever I realize how bleak my life might have been without the influence of this sweet, humble woman—or without her ceaseless intercessory prayer for me. Peg Townsend is my mother; she is also my best friend.—Kate Townsend Linner
Thank You, Helen for a Job Well Done

by Betty Freese HA'83

A homespun phenomenon—that’s Helen Jones. A farm girl with extensive business skills. A community leader who is more comfortable when she is serving. Her self-effacing ways belies the keen insights and natural abilities she brings to her tasks. She is a diligent worker, a beyond-the-call-of-duty kind of person. She is a helper, one who can be counted on to work at finding solutions.

Helen spent the past twenty years at the heart of Taylor University’s fundraising efforts. As director of donor services, she was responsible for managing the receipting and record-keeping procedures for all contributions to the university. Although not a fundraiser herself, Helen was an enthusiastic cheerleader and supportive colleague to those who were.

In January those colleagues, together with her family and friends, gathered to honor her on the occasion of her retirement. It was an evening filled with light, anecdotal tribute to her years of exemplary service to Taylor. That was as it should be, for Helen likes to keep things light, especially when the bouquets are directed to her. She would tell you that she really liked her job, and conversation with her would quickly display her genuine interest in the welfare of Taylor University—so much so that she can still be found working every Tuesday in the area she knows so well.

Helen Spencer Jones grew up on a farm outside of Upland where she shared milking and other farm chores with her father and two brothers. As the only girl, she also shared household duties with her mother. Thus she learned the work ethic that marked her entire career, both at Taylor and as a partner with her husband in the Jones Funeral Home.

Serving families in their grief is not just a business in a small town like Upland; it is a ministry of compassion. Helen and Bob Jones excelled in this ministry, and are well-known and loved by their community. Since Bob’s illness and death a few years ago, a new partner has joined the funeral home, but Helen, and son Rick, continue to provide services and solace to those who are bereaved.

I speak as one who was Helen’s colleague in the development office for a number of years, and as one who is her fellow churchwoman and friend. I have watched her cope with seemingly endless computer database upgrades and revisions, with the ever-increasing expectations of fundraising, with the frequent shuffling of offices required by a growing department (Helen has occupied most of them at one time or another), and with changes in departmental leadership. Through it all, she has maintained her healthy outlook and contagious good humor. She is the ultimate team player, one who strives to make things better for others with little thought for her own glory. And when it comes to energy… I would call her downright perky!

We in college communities sometimes use the term, “town and gown,” always hoping for a perfect wedding of the two. When Helen Jones came to work at Taylor University twenty-five years ago, it was a perfect wedding, and the onset of a lasting and mutually beneficial relationship.
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