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Dr. Kesler on Leadership

Leadership has stood as a hallmark of a Taylor education for over a century and a half. In recent years, the gentle management style of President Jay Kesler has helped to foster the University as a greenhouse for leadership development. An internationally-recognized speaker and author, Dr. Kesler offers much wisdom to emerging leaders. The following are excerpts from an interview with Dr. Kesler.

Defining leadership

Most of what I read about leadership today, and there’s an endless number of books and articles, isn’t much about leadership. It’s really about management. There is a great confusion in our culture about management, administration and leadership. I think management and administration are easily-taught things. They have to do with work habits and punctuality and those kinds of things. But I think, generally speaking, leaders are vision people, big-picture people – visionaries as opposed to task-oriented individuals. Leaders are able to surround themselves with competent people who can do the details; then they succeed.

A leader must lead by example. There are different strategies as you move through various levels of leadership. When I first began to be a leader, I was more like a lieutenant on a battlefield. A lieutenant lives with his men and goes over the hill first. A general has to stand on top of the mountain and watch the battle. As one moves higher and higher in leadership responsibilities, the most difficult thing is to not engage in the skirmish, but to assign, delegate, hold accountable, inspire, encourage, equip – all of those words that are connected with giving people the resources to do the job, and letting them do it.

A leader has to back off and let the other person have the joy of doing, and a leader has to deflect credit to the people who are doing it.

The dangers of leadership

The greatest dangers for leaders are really found in the Bible when it speaks about selfishness and self-centeredness. One must have a healthy ego in order to lead, but one must not be an egoist. Self is to selfish what childish is to childish. One should have a well-formed self without being selfish. One should have a well-formed ego without being egotistical. This has to do with pride and power and credit, so the greatest danger of leaders really is when they begin to feed on these things and forget their larger purpose. The battle of the ego is the biggest battle. People will not follow someone over a long period if the person uses up all the rewards on himself. The people who win the battle have to be given the spoils. The leader takes pleasure in the victory, but not in the spoils of the victory.

Humility in service

One of my watchwords has been the idea “promotion comes from the Lord.” I have never sought a position in my life. Everything I have ever done is the result of someone coming to me and asking me if I would do it. There are people who are self-promoters, who equip themselves and offer themselves; that is not my way. I wait for others to come to me and ask me if I would do it, because I believe promotion comes from the Lord. Leadership is not something you demand; it’s something you command.

At Taylor, I feel our claim to leadership is tied to the servant-leader model of Jesus Christ. Jesus helped Peter learn that when a leader washes your feet, you can’t be too big to wash somebody else’s feet. So, in a sense, if we can teach people to imitate Jesus Christ, then by the New Testament definition of leadership, which is servanthood, we have created leaders. Jesus is the only true leader I’ve ever read about who sought to be less rather than more. So leadership at Taylor would really be to teach people servanthood. We lead others by following Jesus Christ and over time, even in a materialistic non-Christian world, people will see the strength in servanthood and follow.

We can teach many of the qualities leaders have, like industry, punctuality, academic rigor, discernment and tough-mindedness. We can teach all those things in the classroom. But unless they are harnessed by this desire to serve, then we haven’t necessarily provided any new leaders yet.
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ON THE COVER—James Katnow ’00, Anwar Smith ’00 and Kelly Dickerson ’00 are among the many faces of leadership at Taylor University.
Although a steady rain fell throughout the day Saturday, it didn’t stop a large contingent of Taylor fans from participating in the outdoor festivities that included the football game (a 7-3 win by the Trojans over St. Xavier) and the Homecoming 5K run (right).

At the Alumni Brunch awards presentation, Mark Soderquist ’80 cited Ezekiel 22:30 ("I looked for a man among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land ...") after receiving recognition for living and working in Chicago’s inner city. Scott ’91 and Nohemy (Barahona ’92) Crook were recognized as the distinguished young alumni for personal achievement.
The highlight of Homecoming was the many reunions, including the 50th where Ruth and Bill Kimbrough '49 reviewed planned activities. The 60th anniversary reunion gave longtime friends Rodah (Elliott '41) Welch, Dorothy (Ferree '41) Yocom, and Jenny (Shuppert '45) Bertsche a chance to gather and remember earlier times.

The 1999 Homecoming continued a tradition of fine musical entertainment as Christian recording artist Bob Bennett performed his hit single, "Jesus in Our Time," during his Saturday evening concert. In the Taylor Music Department's Collage Concert, trombonist Greg Delich '00 performed, accompanied by pianist Margaret Hammond '86.
What makes a great leader? Throughout the century, visionaries have offered their personal insights on the characteristics of successful leaders. Theodore Roosevelt said it was sense and self-restraint; Eisenhower claimed a sense of humor was essential. Indira Gandhi said the ability to get along with people is vital to leadership, while General H. Norman Schwarzkopf cited a combination of strategy and character; popular author Stephen Covey put initiative and patience at the top of his list.

The variety of opinions available proves leadership is hard to define and even harder to develop. Leaders do not learn their skill in the classroom; they learn to lead by applying a little elbow grease, taking notes on their mistakes and successes, and moving on to the next project. Lessons in leadership occur in the workplace, as the following four Taylor graduates willingly share. What characteristics do they possess? All of the above.
When Sam Wolgemuth ’65 became CEO of Freedom Communications, his only experience in the paper business was as a delivery boy starting in the sixth-grade. Now, despite the learning curve, Wolgemuth heads a company that oversees 27 daily newspapers, eight television stations, 20 magazines and countless sixth grade paperboys.

The leap from paperboy to major media mogul was more natural than it might appear, Wolgemuth says. When career changes led him down unfamiliar streets, he simply asked God for wisdom then went to work – first by observing and learning as much about his new field as he could, and second by surrounding himself with qualified individuals he could trust.

Just a few months into his position as CEO, Wolgemuth is still plotting his course. He’s taking his direction, however, from a people-first approach. “The single most important movement I plan to take is to concentrate on the development of people,” he says. Developing individuals works to the company’s advantage as employees take ownership of projects that stem from their own strengths.

Identifying associates’ strengths and moving them toward a common goal is a special skill of Wolgemuth’s. One colleague calls it “herding cats” – uniting independent creatures and pushing them toward a shared objective. Professionally, his success is documented by the growth of Freedom Magazines, where he served as president before accepting the leadership position at its parent company. In just four years at the helm, Wolgemuth built the magazine portfolio from two fledgling publications generating less than $4 million to more than 20 titles with revenues of over $80 million.

In a marketplace where a single-minded focus on profit drives many decisions, Wolgemuth is proud his company has a values-driven approach, even when the morally correct action has worked against the company’s financial interests. Wolgemuth recently renegotiated a contract that had proven favorable to his company but disenfranchising to a partnering company. Financially, this meant less profit for Freedom, but it kept a positive working relationship with a valuable associate. “It didn’t work to our advantage in the short term, but it was the right and honorable thing to do.”

This respect for individuals that transcends the fiscally pragmatic is what Wolgemuth calls his “moral true north” as a Christian. With his sights set on strengthening individuals, Wolgemuth’s compass is pointed toward success.

—Amber L. Anderson
As an investment banker, Amy Bixel '85 works with wealthy people. A senior vice president in the private banking division of Firststar, one of the nation's leading bank conglomerates, Bixel has a clientele that are affluent and demanding.

Her work takes her into the lifestyles of the rich and somewhat extravagant. One client, for example, purchased a beach house for $3.7 million, a country home for $2.5 million, $200,000 in jewelry from Tiffany's and two new Mercedes Benz cars in a single day.

Despite the opulence she sees, Bixel is surprisingly down to earth, even and against the office change that came with a recent promotion. She preferred her simple windowless office by the view of the Cincinnati skyline and the famous Fountain Square.

"People who have everything in the world still have voids in their lives," Bixel says. She recalls a phone call from the wife of an executive, a wealthy woman by the world's standards. Yet the woman called Bixel in teary, struggling to understand how she could have every material thing she wanted and still feel unhappy. The void was obvious to Bixel, who shared her faith with the client.

"Balance is the key," Bixel says. Neglecting the spiritual, emotional or physical will damage the financial as well. To help maintain her own balance, Bixel mentors kids from all walks of life, building friendships with them, sharing her love for Christ, and encouraging them toward successful futures.

"I work so much with the small percentage of the world that is so unbelievably wealthy, that I need to have the other extreme to keep myself balanced," she says. Bixel seems to live comfortably between the two worlds of poverty and wealth, filling the voids with the message of God's grace and bringing balance to both.

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When Dan Gordon '71 was a freshman at Taylor, he never dreamed he would someday be president of a billion-dollar business. "When you're a freshman, you're just trying to pass economics and meet the cute girls in your class," he laughs.

Now happily married and well versed in economics, he oversees the management of Gordon Food Service, a fourth-generation family business that distributes products across the United States and Canada. GFS recently hit the $2 billion mark in sales, a figure that has doubled since 1994. Last year, Forbes magazine listed GFS among the top 100 private companies.

Despite the big budgets, GFS has a remarkably home-like atmosphere, a factor Gordon attributes to the family principles and core values to which the company and many of its employees adhere. "It's a blessing to perpetuate something that is important to your family," he says. "When family businesses work well, there's nothing better."

GFS has flourished, unlike many family businesses that failed because of commitments to outdated business practices. This, Gordon says, is because his father and uncle established a legacy of forward thinking that encouraged Gordon's generation to make progressive decisions for the company.

"It's been easy for the next generation to make changes because the previous generation was committed to change," Gordon says. "We honor the fundamental values they established, but we embrace the philosophy that change is necessary."

For Gordon, this meant changing the business model to use the Internet and other technologies. "E-business is changing the way we go to market," he says. His company is at the forefront of the movement, creating a legacy of forward thinking for the next generation of Gordons to follow.

—Amber L. Anderson
SERVANTHOOD

Leadership is a hot subject on university campuses all over the U.S. today. Servant-leadership is equally “hot” on the campuses of Christian colleges and universities. I can personally testify to this as an observer, as a participant in higher education for over 41 years and as a trustee on the boards of two schools (30+ years of service) that are members of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

For the life of me, however, I cannot discover a biblical warrant for presuming that we in Christian higher education have a summons from Christ to identify ourselves, or any educational programs in our schools, with the explicit objective of focusing on “servant-leadership.” Christ calls His disciples to be servants. He has much to say about God’s desire for us to be like Him in this regard. Christ did not come to mentor leadership. Indeed, He had some rather harsh things to say to those who desire leadership. He came to serve and not to be served.

The psychology of “servant-leadership” is very contemporary. It is a worldly magnet that is appealing but is drawing our focus away from God’s heart. I believe the lesser qualities of our fallen human nature cause us to focus on, and stimulate our desire for, the leadership aspect of servant-leadership, over the servant dimension that is rooted in Christ’s call to us.

Why do I believe this? Servants are called to die to themselves and to put others before themselves. This is a real challenge to the best, and requires the enabling work of the Holy Spirit in us to do it. Leaders, on the other hand, are confronted with all the temptations associated with having followers — pride, authority, power, etc.

I believe an important task in Christian higher education is to model, to encourage by providing opportunities, and to teach Christ’s call to His followers to be servants.

People with true servant hearts make great leaders, though. But we can count on Christ to raise up His leaders, in His time, through providential opportunities where circumstances or other people call His servants forward to lead. I believe there are a number of future servant-leaders in our Christian schools. But I believe Christian schools should focus on Christ’s call for a servant heart, and let Christ raise up leaders providentially, after long periods of apprenticeship.

—Dick Chewning

Dr. Richard Chewning is spending a semester at Taylor as part of an arrangement with his institution, Baylor University, which allows him to teach ethics each fall at an associated university. An international scholar in the field of business ethics, Chewning has challenged faculty and students alike to make clear application of their Christian faith in their chosen professions.

Chewning is recognized for his C.S. Lewis-like ability to make deep insights accessible to all. He also is recognized for his bow tie, a signature piece he says he wears for two reasons: 1) an uncanny ability to spill food on regular ties, and 2) his wife’s fondness for the shorter neckwear.

The author of “Business through the Eyes of Faith,” Chewning is currently completing a seventh text, tentatively titled “The Shaping Influence of God’s Personality and Grace on the Human Heart and Behavior.”
James Kutnow '00,  
Christian education:  
Student body president;  
Habitat for Humanity trips;  
small group leader.  
"My leadership role is helping me to develop character. Part of the leadership role is dealing with conflicts. You can't please everyone when confronted with opposing viewpoints. To work those out now will be very valuable to me in the future."

Anwar Smith '00,  
Christian education:  
Captain of the football team;  
career planning assistant;  
AHANA cabinet;  
Telemachus mentoring group;  
Real Life;  
Sunday school teacher;  
small group leader;  
Fellowship of Christian Athletes.  
"I love to get involved with things. I don't think I would stay at Taylor if I couldn't be a part of helping others. You want to do everything well, and it does take up an extremely large amount of time. I'm willing to give that time, but it doesn't leave for any stale moments."

Kelly Dickerson '00,  
communication studies:  
SAC secretary;  
intern for admissions office;  
CREW;  
small group leader.  
"I think there is a difference between a job and a ministry. I love Taylor; it is so Christ-centered. I want to portray to the prospective students who come that Taylor is unashamedly Christian ... show how Christ is working in school and on campus."
Megan Garmers '01, psychology:
Co-director of community outreach; director of girls' club; leadership cabinet (high school/college conferences); small group leader.
"Leadership is service. It is doing anything that needs to be done ... doing the grunt work."

Jailene Erickson '01, elementary education:
Vice president of leadership services; TSO executive cabinet; high school leadership conference; national college leadership conference; youth conference leader/coordinator; small group leader.
"A part of leadership is learning to be serving leaders who will then go out and teach others to serve. Through my leadership positions, I have succeeded and failed a lot, but in return, I was able to see how I can't do things without God."

John Fellowes '01, business systems:
ICC junior treasurer; PA, Samuel Morris; hall council.
"It is important to have a significance. I would like to think that I am having much more of an impact here than just getting a piece of paper at graduation. My favorite part of leadership is knowing I have the title or authority to have an impact on people. The title helps me be accountable to my position as a PA."
Effective leaders function interdependently.

Just a few weeks into the school year, it was evident Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, Taylor University’s new dean of the chapel, had already earned the respect and affection of the Taylor community through his solid messages and riveting benedictions. Previously the senior pastor of the Bethany Baptist Church in Pittsburgh and dean of the chapel at Gordon College, he also is the president of RAF Ministries, a church renewal ministry which tailors expository preaching and music to the needs of specific congregations.

When Richard Allen Farmer leads, he doesn’t do it alone. In a society which esteems independence as a virtue to be prized over many other virtues, Farmer values the benefits of working with others. One of the greatest elements of leadership, says Farmer, is delegation – allowing others to use their gifts, which also frees the leader to focus his or her energies into specific areas of concentration.

Farmer recognizes the need for leaders to share responsibilities in order to maintain their own well-being, thereby maintaining their capacity to lead. He refers to Exodus 18, in which Moses’ father-in-law urges him to distribute tasks to capable men. Passages like this combine with personal life experiences also indicating the importance of delegation.

“The worst leaders I’ve seen have thought themselves indispensable. When I share the load of leadership it keeps me from burning myself out.”

Besides the physical refreshment interdependence provides, it also stimulates creative thinking. “I have more ideas when I share my vision and tasks with others, for invariably those with whom I work will share their ideas with me. Those who go it alone only consult themselves. Those who interact receive the benefit of others’ perspectives.”

For Farmer, the most effective leadership is not the independent work of one individual, but the work of one who is interdependent on the gifted people who surround him or her.

— Jocelyn Falck ’99
You don't need a title to be a leader.

One of Taylor's newest additions, Rosemary Farmer is responsible for programs and services which foster the academic achievement and personal and spiritual development of minority students. Her title is director of American-ethnic student programs, but she insists one doesn't need a title to be a leader; there should be no difference between leading with a salary and leading behind the scenes. In fact, she was a leader long before she earned her undergraduate degree, and she has been leading since in more capacities than her resume suggests.

Her secret to leadership is simple, "Know who you are and who God has called you to be. Identify your gifts and be willing to use them to build up the body. Wherever God places you, if you allow Him, you will bring glory to God. He's going to use you wherever you are."

By tenth grade Farmer was teaching Sunday school. During her high school and college years, she directed youth camps and Vacation Bible Schools. Having completed her master's, she then went on to serve as admissions counselor/minority recruiter at Endicott College; academic advisor at Duequesne University; admissions counselor at Geneva College; director of Christian education at a Georgetown, Mass., church; and adjunct professor at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, Fisher College and Endicott College.

After her son Timothy was born, Farmer traded full-time employment for other work: substitute teaching and assisting teachers with special projects, crafts and field trips. For one Thanksgiving play at Timothy's elementary school, she was in charge of locating or creating all the costumes for the children. At her last church in Dallas, Farmer conducted a Creative Storytelling Lab for Sunday school teachers, AWANA and children's ministry workers. She also served as the chair of her church's Mission Commission.

Having served in both official and unofficial positions, Farmer maintains there is no greater value in one over the other. All leadership should be "serving as unto the Lord. We are all accountable to Him for our motivations. All glory is to Christ."

- Jocelyn Falck '99
President, program recognized in book of leaders

Taylor’s name is listed among the leaders in a new resource, “The Templeton Guide: Colleges that Encourage Character and Development.” The guide, published every two years, contains profiles of 405 exemplary college programs in 10 categories: 50 college presidents who have exercised leadership in character development; and 100 colleges and universities named to the Templeton Honor Roll for their commitment to inspiring students to lead ethical and civic-minded lives.

Both Dr. Kesler and the Spiritual Growth Program are recognized in this year’s guide. According to Donna Downs, director of university relations, who oversaw the application process, the assessment of programs was different this year than in years past. Previously, the University submitted all information to the Foundation. This year, the Foundation conducted more extensive research on its own. University spokespersons for each program were selected, and they answered the Foundation’s questions about different areas.

The Templeton Guide recognizes programs that represent the best practices in the field of character development during the college years. The programs were chosen through a highly selective process that considered clarity of vision and statement of purpose; institutional resources; involvement of institutional leaders; impact on students, faculty, campus and community; integration into the core curriculum or academic study; longevity; external awards and recognition; and assessment.

Presidential search narrows to list of prospects

The presidential search is one step closer to completion as Search and Screen Committee members begin meeting individually with top candidates. Following the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Roger Jenkinson, committee member, announced the formation of a short list of top prospects.

Over 130 names were collected in the initial stage of the search. Both men and women were suggested; potential candidates have a variety of experiences and ethnic backgrounds. Alumni and non-alumni are being considered.

The committee now has narrowed the original list to a shorter list of 10 to 15 names. They presented this refined list to the Board at the Homecoming Weekend meeting.

Committee chair Ken Flanigan and Paul Robbins, chair of the Board, along with other committee members, are meeting with the prospects. “These are all highly qualified individuals who are significant leaders and decision makers,” Flanigan says. “Any one of them would make a fine president for Taylor.”

Individual meetings with top prospects are a time for intensive discussion of personal and University plans, Jenkinson says. The Committee would like to offer a refined list of two to three candidates to the Board at the January meeting.

Flanigan encourages the community to continue praying for the process. Specific requests are listed on the right.

Prayer Requests for the Presidential Search

1. Dr. Kesler and his family as he transitions from president to chancellor.
2. The prospects and their families as they move through the application process and seek God’s will.
3. The current employer of Taylor’s future president, as the company/organization seeks to fill the leadership void.
4. The Taylor community as we welcome the leadership of a new president with trust and openness.
Series 7 provides students with a sound investment

To land a job in the world of investments, you have to be ahead of the pack. Taylor's unique Series 7 program puts students in front of their peers.

Taylor's business department offers seniors a ticket to a job in the world of finance. The Series 7: Brokerage course, unique to Taylor, opens doors for new graduates by preparing them to take the Qualification Examination for General Securities Registration; passing the exam is necessary to buy and sell stocks and bonds and other securities.

Taylor is one of the few universities in the United States to offer students a class of this kind. The course, created by Rick Seaman '78 (1956-1998), covers law, ethics and finance in preparation for their professional exam. With this exam under their belts and their securities license in hand, students can go to work immediately for employers, a bonus that leads to ample job opportunities.

Calling the course "a fantastic idea," John Bastian '98 believes it put him "at least a year" ahead of the other new employees. Bastian, now with Schwab, said when he interviewed for jobs in the Chicago area, people were surprised he already had his license.

Besides the head start it gives Taylor graduates, what makes this course so valuable is the money it saves prospective employers. Under normal circumstances, a stock brokerage firm or mutual fund company pays new employees a salary while they study for the test to get their license. An employee with a license in hand saves the company several thousand dollars in salary and test fees, says Bastian.

Judging by the results, the Series 7 course is quite a success. Taylor University students have a pass rate in the mid-eighties, compared to a national average of only 70 percent. To date, 136 students have completed the course, and according to Dr. Christopher P. Bennett, chair of the business, accounting and economics department, almost all the Series 7 students find jobs. "People want our graduates because they are competent and have a strong ethical foundation," Bennett says. "Taylor offers them good people who already have their licenses, and the firms are knocking down our doors."

Professor Gary Cooper, formerly with Lincoln National where he headed the management of a $20 billion investment portfolio, teaches Series 7 and investments classes. A knowledgeable man in his own right, Cooper gives credit for the course to Rick Seaman.

The success of the course also is dependent on a sponsoring agency that serves as a surrogate employer for Taylor students. Cambridge Investment Research, Inc., in Chicago, is Taylor's sponsor. In addition, Nancy Johnson, Taylor's contact person at Cambridge, completes all of the government-required paperwork.

"Taylor offers them good people who already have their licenses, and the firms are knocking down our doors."

-Murray Montague
Survey says Taylor satisfies

Check the admissions materials from almost any university, and you'll find pictures of happy and fulfilled students. But do those same schools really deliver what the pictures promise? Noel-Levitz, a national collegiate consulting group, determined it was time to find out.

At the prompting of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities, Noel-Levitz conducted a survey of college students’ expectations and satisfaction levels. The results? Students attending schools within the Council, including Taylor, do demonstrate higher levels of satisfaction than their public and non-Christian private school counterparts.

The annual survey shows Taylor in a positive light, indicating Taylor students have some of the highest expectations, and equally high satisfaction levels. The inventory measured satisfaction levels in 11 areas, including academic advising, campus life, instructional effectiveness and safety and security.

"Because the news is mostly good, it becomes like a pat on the back," says Steve Mortland, director of admissions. "There is a lot of danger in that. We have to recognize that in each area, there is still a need for growth and improvement."

With the presence of the third year’s results, Mortland anticipates the identification of trends in student expectations and satisfaction, which will then be used to determine areas of needed growth. "The standard we’re shooting for is not to be better than others, but to better than we are," Mortland says.

MLK Day speakers make early appearance

Chapel attendees got an early introduction to this year’s Martin Luther King Jr. Day guests as Mark Soderquist ’80 and Derrick Rollerson addressed the University. Rollerson and Soderquist, neighbors and members of the same church congregation, spoke of the racial reconciliation God has worked in their lives through their friendship.

At the time they met, Rollerson had been wounded by white Christians and their disinterest in the black community. Dialogue between the two began to allow them to see the world through the other’s eyes.

Their wives will join them for their January appearance at Taylor.

Kerlin honored with alumni leadership award

Taylor matriarch G. Roselyn Kerlin, "Rosie," was honored at the Board meeting with the naming of a new award, the G. Roselyn Kerlin Women in Leadership Award. Rosie, the immediate past chair of the Board of Trustees, was the first woman to be named to that position.

A 1955 graduate with a major in elementary education, Rosie was a leader long before she graduated. She met her husband, Dr. Joe Kerlin '56, while serving as youth conference publicity cochair. After completing their education, the Kerlins moved to an Arizona Indian reservation where Joe practiced medicine. Rosie, who taught elementary school for seven years and raised their four daughters, has served as a committee member with the Indiana Department of Education. In addition to her role with the Taylor Board of Trustees, Rosie also is a board member for Kingdom Building Ministries. She has her master’s in teaching from DePauw.

While her formal commitments have made significant contributions to the Taylor community and beyond, her personal interactions helped create the legacy for which she was honored. "Rosie continually sends students to Taylor," says Joyce Helyer, associate vice president for development, who helped write the resolution naming the award. “She embodies the characteristics of support and encouragement.”

Rosie is the first recipient of the award, which will be awarded annually at the women's conference for students, held each spring at TUU.

The award was created at Dr. Jay Kesler’s recommendation. "Taylor was founded as Fort Wayne Female College, which is an indication that the church has always been concerned about justice issues and women’s rights. In our 154th year, it is very appropriate and fitting that we should honor Rosie Kerlin with the Women in Leadership Award,” Kesler says.
I owe it all to Thee

Andrae Crouch, in his song entitled “My Tribute,” states: “The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude. All that I am, or ever hope to be: I owe it all to Thee. To God be the glory!”

This expresses well the thoughts of the Board of Trustees, administration, faculty and staff regarding the outstanding support provided to the capital campaign.

The campaign is of highest priority to the Board of Trustees as they see the long-range plan for Taylor is achieved. The construction of the Student Commons underway on the Fort Wayne campus is transforming in nature, as will be the library addition. The promise of the Kesler Student Activities Center and Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center will likewise impact the Upland campus.

Will you do me a favor? Please commit to pray for the continued success of the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign. In that prayer, will you ask how you may be involved?

Taylor has a rich heritage and is publicly recognized for academic excellence, character building and Christian commitment. A glance in the rear view mirror is good at times to see what has been accomplished, but only as we look forward with anticipation can we achieve our destination. In short, Taylor is “anchored in the past,” yet “focused on the future.” To God be the glory!
Construction continues on Student Commons

The TUFW Student Commons Center and the TUU Kesler Activities Center have been named the top two priorities for the completion of the campaign, says Vice President Gene Rupp. Both new buildings will provide needed facilities for student gatherings and growth.

Funds still need to be identified before both projects can be completed. Over $6 million is needed to complete the TUFW Student Commons and addition to the Lehman Library. In Upland, $13 million is needed for the Kesler Activities Center. The Board of Trustees has established the goal of breaking ground for the Kesler Center at the May 2000 graduation, Dr. Kesler’s last graduation as president.
Scholarship donations bring Russian student to Taylor

Natasha Sizikova was a freshman at the Teacher's Training University in Russia when she met her first Americans. They invited her to a Bible study where she could practice her English and learn more about the faith they spoke of so openly.

Natasha, raised in the Russian Orthodox Church, was overwhelmed with the open relationship between the Americans and the God they worshipped. She soon committed herself to the Lord, too, and the missionaries committed themselves to finding a way for Natasha to study in the United States.

Now Natasha is pursuing a degree in business administration at TUU. She enjoys studying under the professorship of Jim Coe and other instructors, who she says mentor her professionally and spiritually. "I have a dream to start a Christian agency for adoption of Russian orphans, and be able to serve others using my business skills and experiences I received at Taylor," she says. Her education is due in part to the persistence of her missionary friends, and also to the generosity of faithful alumni and friends who provided scholarship money. Natasha's parents, overwhelmed by the provision from total strangers, wrote the following letter, which they sent with a small wall hanging, pictured below.

Please accept our heartfelt greetings and thanks in appreciation of your kind help to our daughter, Natalya (Natasha) Sizikova, who is now a student at your college. We are endlessly thankful to God for you and your caring hearts, who made it possible for her to continue her studying at Taylor.

Unfortunately, we can't express our gratitude to you in person and demonstrate it with a big loving Russian hug and a special dinner. But, please, accept this humble present from us. It is a picture with an old Russian church. May it be a symbol of our common faith in the Lord. May God bless you, our American friends! –Sergei and Ludmila Sizikova.
His compassions are new every morning

Here at the dawn of the millennium, I cannot help but notice a lightness in the steps of the men and women who walk across campus. Though winter has just begun, there is a certain sense of spring. This coming century will be a time for fresh starts and new beginnings.

As I ponder these thoughts, my mind is drawn to Lamentations 3:22 and 23, “His compassions never fail, they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.” Our compassionate Lord has offered us a fresh start with each dawning day.

While the new year is just beginning, we are reaching a high point in the Taylor Tomorrow Capital Campaign. At press time, our total teeters near the $56 million mark – just $19 million short of our goal. With so much God-given success, it would be easy to expect to coast through the final stages of the campaign. Instead, we must approach each day as a new beginning. In fact, Dr. Kesler and I will focus our attention almost solely on the progress of the campaign during the last few months of his tenure as president. With the end goal in sight, we proclaim with the author of Lamentations, “... great is your faithfulness.”

Pray for the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign

“Not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy name give glory.”
Psalm 115:1

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completing their education, the Kerlins moved to an Arizona town.

"Taylor," says Joyce Helyer, associate vice president for development, "is a Women in Leadership Award," Kesler says.

Gene L. Rupp ’59
Vice president for development
Rocket carries Taylor sensors

Floating nearly 60 miles above the earth’s surface is a formation of ice crystals known as noctilucent clouds. Their existence baffles scientists because clouds should be incapable of forming at such heights. Their existence may soon be explained, however, thanks to the data received from three Taylor-designed sensors and a camera.

The instruments traveled through the noctilucent clouds on NASA rockets, which launched from the Arctic Circle of Norway. Hank Voss, director of TUU’s science research program, and Dave Prentice ’96, research engineer, traveled to Europe for the launch.

Information was digitally recorded and transmitted during the rocket’s 15-minute flight. Voss and others will now analyze the data in an attempt to understand how these clouds form. The results may have serious implications for our understanding of weather. “The clouds cover the polar cap and contribute to the greenhouse effect and the depletion of ozone,” Voss says.

He is pleased with the success of the launch so far and is thankful all the instruments worked properly. “Anything could have happened,” he says. “We were holding our breath.”

Students prove math and kids can add up to fun

Taylor University and Upland Elementary School joined forces on Nov. 4, for Family Math Night, an effort to make mathematics fun and accessible.

Students in grades three through six participated, along with their parents and family members. The coordinators of the evening were Kevin Mars, sixth grade teacher, and Dr. Ron Benbow, associate professor of mathematics. Elementary education students staffed eight activity stations, including making geoboards, playing calculator golf, constructing geometric solids, and solving puzzles.

Service garners award for Harner

Cathy Harner, associate professor of social work, is still in shock after receiving the 1999 Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award in the Faculty Chapel on Sept. 3. The award is given by the faculty to recognize professors who make a distinct difference in teaching.

Hamer, who joined the social work department in 1992, was surprised to hear her name called and to see her family in the chapel as she was presented the award. She never considered her service to people worthy of receiving such a high honor.

Hamer has a passion for service that she tries to share with her students. One passion took her to Sri Lanka in the summer of 1998. Only .5 percent of the population in Sri Lanka is Christian, and public evangelism is illegal. The country had few skills and little education to meet the needs of an estimated 150,000 children who are sexually abused. Child abuse has been illegal in the country only since 1995.

In the summer of 1999, she traveled again to Sri Lanka to teach educators the skills and techniques they need to teach their children about abuse prevention. Harner plans to do a sabbatical in Sri Lanka this spring to continue training teachers in child abuse prevention programs she has written and adapted to their culture.

“The best things happen when I move out of the way,” says Harner. “I have to be bold enough to say what He wants me to say and to do what He wants me to do. It’s a growing time for everyone.”

—Arna M. Smith ’87

Professors plan trip to Salzburg, Austria

Study music or film in Salzburg, Austria, the city of Mozart and “The Sound of Music.” During July 2000, Dr. Barbara Dickey will conduct a piano workshop and David Dickey will direct a film workshop on several Hollywood projects filmed in Salzburg. For approximately $3,000, travelers will have roundtrip air, housing, two meals per day, all ground transfers, an unlimited Salzburg bus pass, bilingual staff, and many other extras. Contact Barbara or David at brdickey@tayloru.edu or dvdickey@tayloru.edu for more information.
Alumnus shares amazing story of struggle and redemption

Margaret Troyer FWBC '92, lives daily with the reality of death. Suffering from terminal cancer, Maggie savors what remains of a miraculous second chance. Her life is a troubled story of drug abuse, teenage motherhood, prostitution and manslaughter of an abusive boyfriend. With a plea bargain and prayer, Maggie's life turned around. Now, as she endures an aggressive form of cancer, she still finds hope in the bitter irony that the God who saved her life is now allowing this battle with terminal cancer.

Maggie married Rich Troyer FWBC '92 in 1984. Though their journey had a shaky beginning, a shared faith in Jesus Christ now glues them together. A step of faith led them to quit their jobs, sell their belongings and enroll in Fort Wayne Bible College (now Taylor, Fort Wayne). They experienced the redemptive love of Jesus as family, friends and even strangers donated tuition, rent, clothes, furnishings and groceries. Maggie received an associate's degree in early childhood education and a bachelor's degree in elementary education and graduated with honors.

After graduation Maggie discovered her own ministry as a motivational speaker and Sunday school teacher. She will continue the speaking engagements as long as she is able, telling the story of how God saved her life. Indeed, the cancer and treatments have weakened her body, but not her faith. —adapted from an article by Carol Taunehill, published in The News-Sentinel, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Gifts expand WBCL Radio Network to web ministry

Two years ago, the dream of the WBCL staff was to become the "best Christian radio website in the nation." Richard and Lynette Merillat also believed the website, www.wbcl.org, could make a difference. Their initial $22,500 donation allowed WBCL to purchase equipment to establish a web presence. Additional contributions totaling $65,000 enabled the purchase of other equipment for continued expansion.

During the HeartSounds for Tomorrow Project broadcast in June, Tom Nicholson of Solid Rock Computers in Defiance, Ohio, contributed a web server valued at over $10,000, helping to make expansion of the website possible.

Improved services projected for completion by January 2000 will make available more features, contests and special options, including recorded versions of the most popular programs. In addition, web-only programming will be developed so web users will hear and experience features not aired on the radio frequency.

Gerig's Steinway may accompany new major

New music students at TUFW may have the opportunity to practice their skill on a Steinway concert grand, a piano Dr. Jay Platte, TUFW professor and chair of the Community School of the Arts, says is one of the best available. Dr. Ira Gerig used the piano for over 30 years.

"The piano has almost inseparable ties with this wonderful man," Platte says. Gerig, who taught at Fort Wayne Bible College, Summit Christian College and elsewhere for over three decades, died in June.

The $21,000 needed to refurbish the piano must be identified before the six to eight month rebuilding process can begin. The piano will be placed in the auditorium for use in recitals and concerts.

Pending financial resources, the Steinway may be used by students majoring in recently approved music programs. The Academic Policy Committee has approved a bachelor of arts in music and a bachelor of science in music with elective studies (in one of eight areas). A minor for non-music majors and an associate of arts in music also will be offered. These programs will be enacted as funding is identified. "We believe this will give us increased strength in our offerings and in our student numbers," Platte says.
Treasure hunter Mike Harmon makes TU home

When Mike Harmon was a little boy, he dreamed of deep-sea diving to find hidden treasures: gold coins, pirate’s swords and pieces of eight. He became a Christian at 16, and soon felt God leading him into full-time service. In 1986 he and his wife, Tracey, followed God’s leading to the Dominican Republic, where they served with New Horizons Youth Ministries.

An adventurer at heart, Mike often took the troubled teens he worked with on land and fishing expeditions near their home. On one of these expeditions, a native guide pointed to the sunken Spanish ship 10 feet below their fishing boat. Soon Harmon began diving to see other ships up close.

On his first dive he discovered a bronze buckle, probably worn on the belt or shoe of a Spanish sailor more than 350 years ago. “At that moment, I realized a boyhood dream had become a reality,” Harmon says, “and that God cares about even the smallest desires of our hearts.”

Since that day, Harmon has gone on many dives, discovering flintlock rifles submerged underwater for centuries and clay smoking pipes, cannons and coins from Spanish shipwrecks. On land, Harmon’s hunts have unearthed numerous relics, pre-Columbian Indian artifacts, and countless copper coins, the first type minted in the New World. Harmon donated many of his treasures to museums within the Dominican Republic.

“I like the finding, the discovery,” Harmon says. “That’s probably what I like most about my position at Taylor.” Harmon, recently welcomed as a development associate, works with friends and alumni to provide financial support for the University. “With over 14,000 active alumni, I have a lot of folks to see, and meeting each one is like discovering a new friend.” After all, he says, “True treasure is found in relationships.”

Credit card giving now available

Taylor alumni and friends now have an additional resource for donating to the University. The development department has recently made contributing through credit cards a possibility.

Including credit cards as a means of donating came at the request of constituents, says Joyce Helyer, associate vice president for development. After receiving several suggestions, Helyer and others implemented a study, finding that many universities and non-profit organizations have successfully employed credit card giving.

“There are individuals who have strong opinions about the use of credit cards,” Helyer says. “Taylor is sensitive to this and encourages judicious use.”

Despite that caution, Helyer says donating via credit card offers several advantages. For donors, it allows an immediate record of their gift, a favorable feature for end-of-the-year giving. Some constituents also accrue airline miles or other benefits from using their credit cards. Because no postage or pledge follow up is needed for credit card donors, the system is beneficial for the University as well.

The University will accept Visa, MasterCard and Discover, and also will continue to accept cash, check, stock or automatic electronic transfer donations.
Reducing estate taxes through planned giving

Can you reduce estate taxes? Yes. Sound estate planning can minimize the number of dollars passing to the government, thus maximizing the property passing to the beneficiaries. There are two principal levels of taxation, federal estate tax and state inheritance tax, and the rules governing each are radically different. Because many of Taylor University’s friends and alumni do not live in Indiana, we will focus here on the federal side of taxation at death.

Transfers from one spouse to another normally generate no federal estate tax because of the “unlimited marital deduction.” As a result, a husband or wife can leave to the other as much property as he or she wishes at death without incurring an estate tax. When the surviving spouse dies, all of his or her property could be subject to tax, decreasing the amount of property that would pass to the next generation. The federal rules, however, contain an exemption allowing each individual who dies in 1999 to pass $650,000 (increasing to $1,000,000 per person in 2006) free of any federal estate tax. This exemption also applies to gifts made during life.

Connecting these ideas, assume that one spouse dies in 1999 with assets of $1,000,000, and the other spouse’s estate is not significant. If the first to die leaves everything to the survivor, no federal estate tax would be payable in the first estate because of the unlimited marital deduction. However, when the surviving spouse later dies, that person’s estate would pay a federal estate tax on $350,000 ($1,000,000 minus $650,000). The tax approximates $135,000.

This tax burden can be avoided with a properly structured estate plan. The first to die can create a trust (known as a “credit shelter trust”) for the benefit of the surviving spouse, and this trust would be protected from estate tax in both spouses’ estates. The balance of the property ($350,000) would pass outright and without tax to the surviving spouse. On the second death only $350,000 (not $1,000,000) would be accountable for federal estate tax purposes, and since that amount is less than the surviving spouse’s own exemption, the $135,000 tax in the first example is eliminated. Because the couple made the effort to develop a basic estate plan, the entire $1,000,000 passes to the children estate-tax free.

This basic estate planning technique can increase the amount of property that passes to your children tax-free.

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Stones honor Taylor with scholarships for ministry internationals

In their 52 years of ministry, Bill ’48 and Helen Stone worked with youth in many ways: in the local church, with the Civil Air Patrol cadets, in campus ministry and pastoring in an Air Force community. Both are certified by the Rural Chaplains Association. They are convinced young people need a Christian education, and know that scholarships are necessary to provide for this education.

Because of this, they have begun two scholarships, one for a student studying ministry and a second benefitting an international student. “We want these to remain strong emphases at Taylor, and we want to do our little part to encourage it,” Bill says.

Bill’s cousin, Nolan Hite, and his wife Elsie have joined with the Stones in endowing these two scholarships. The Stones cherish the opportunity to prepare a future generation of Christian servants.

For more information on estate planning, contact Ken Smith at (800) 882-3456, ext. 5144.
Women’s sports face year of rebuilding, planning

Under the direction of new coach Chris Coy, the cross-country team faced a marked increase in workload intensity. The team, ranked 23rd in the nation, saw nearly every runner record her personal best time. Leadership from returning upperclassmen, as well as a strong sense of team unity, contributed to the team’s third-place finish at the conference meet.

Marked improvement in the soccer team’s overall skill and fitness levels attributed greatly to their successful season. The women faced much injury and inexperience, but overcame all to achieve success on the field. The team ended its season 13-4 after losing to ninth-ranked Indiana Wesleyan in the conference finals.

Losing three of last year’s key players has not impaired this year’s volleyball team. The women have continued their winning season, compiling a 34-10 record. The team won the Sprints, Madonna and Olivet Nazarene tournaments and beat teams like 5th-ranked Georgetown. With the end of the regular season drawing near, the team is aiming for a NAIA National Championship berth.

—Kimberly Shumaker '01

Horsemanship Club increases competitiveness and awareness

Taylor’s club is gaining recognition in the horsemanship arena as well, having participated for the first time in a pre-season Tournament of Champions show on Sept. 18 at Purdue University. The Taylor organization sponsored its own show on October 2-3, as a part of the Intercollegiate Horse Show Association (IHSA).

Individually, team leaders Lynn Sievert ’02, competing in the Novice Flat division, Amanda Schaffer ’02 and Amy Simon ’01, both Walk-Trot-Cantor participants, are strong contenders for regional berths.

Simon, club president, attributes the success of this year’s club to the members’ positive attitudes and strong commitment to competitiveness. —Kimberly Shumaker ’01

Men’s sports excel, earning area and conference recognition

Fall has proven to be an exciting season for men’s sports at Taylor. The cross-country team has flourished, ranking third across the nation. Winning the Indiana Intercollegiate and MCC Conference Championships, the team is now aiming for the National Championships.

Inexperience brought challenges to the soccer team, as they finished 6-13 overall. They upset St. Francis 1-0 before losing in the MCC Championships.

The tennis team lost its first match of the season, but responded by winning the next 13. They won the conference championship (6-0) and hope to compete in the National Championships to be held in the spring.

Senior leadership has been a great contributor to the football team’s winning season. Recording only one loss, the team secured the conference title, making it to another national playoff.

—Kimberly Shumaker ’01
1928
Virginia Summers passed away on Sept 5, 1999 in Lansing, MI. She was a school librarian for over 40 yrs. She was preceded in death by her sister Arlene (Summers '33) Dillison.

1939
Marshall & Rodah (Elliott '41) Welch have moved from Arizona to Texas to be near family. Their new address is 115 Scissortail Tr, Georgetown, TX 78628.

1942
Members of a TU quartet, who have continued to meet for the past 58 yrs, gathered recently at the home of Jim '44 & Jenny (Shuppert '45) Bertsche. Jim, along with fellow members Howard Spinalle, Warne Holcombe and Ellis Webb started singing together while in college. They all married TU grads, too!

1944
Paul & Janet Clasper live at 738 Plymouth Rd, Claremont, CA 91711. Paul spends most of his time teaching courses in churches, leading retreats and providing spiritual direction.

1946
Rev. Herschel McCord died on Oct 3, 1999 in Longview, TX. He was a retired minister with the North IN Methodist Conference. His wife Dorothy survives.

1948
Mary June (Weber) Lindahl passed away on Sept 5, 1999 in Kendall, WI. Mary had suffered from Alzheimer's since 1992. Surviving is husband LeRoy '51, who resides at 30938 Novel Ave, Kendall, WI 54638.

1950
Rev. Fred Luthy died unexpectedly on Aug 23, 1999 in Marion, IN. He was a former Taylor Biblical Studies professor and a pastor. Fred is survived by wife Elaine (Millhisler). Her address is Taylor University, PO Box 1331, Upland, IN 46989.

1951
Robert Kessler suddenly passed away on July 17, 1999. She had been an elementary school teacher for many yrs. 

Elizabeth Van Horn died on July 22, 1999 in Muncie, IN. Among her survivors is sister Ruth (Brose '48) Rogers.

1956
Virginia (Sticklen) Gulick died on Aug 10, 1999 after a battle with ALS (Lou Gerig's disease). Her husband Richard survives.

1961
Duane Houser has joined the faculty at IU School of Medicine where he is a clinical associate professor of medicine. He has moved his practice and will be helping to establish an asthma and allergy center at the National Institute for Fitness and Sport. He will also teach med students, residents and fellows. Duane & Ruth (Rock) praise God for this unique opportunity at this stage in their lives. Fred Pomeroy retired from school superintendency after 29 yrs. He is currently working as the executive director of the New Mexico Coalition of School Administrators, housed at the University of New Mexico. He & wife Sandra live at 1421 Hillside Dr, Los Lunas, NM 87031.

1965
David Walker, president of Right Hand Ministries, has completed a translation of “The Roman Court Record,” the testimony before the Roman Court about the life of Christ. For more information contact rlhndmn@netsota.net.

1967
Larry Austin married Linda Cairo on June 5, 1999 in Detroit, MI. They reside at 413 Manor St, Grosse Pointe Wood, MI 48236.

1969
Sheila (Solomon) Beers & family traveled to Alabama for their daughter Shaindel’s graduation from Huntington College and again for her marriage. They reside in Argos, IN. Robert Wolgemuth was recently on 3 Christian Booksellers Assoc (CBA) BestSeller lists for his works, “She Calls Me Daddy,” “Pray With Me, Daddy,” and notes for “The Devotional Bible for Dads (NIV).” He & wife Barbara (Gardner x'72) live in Brentwood, TN.

1970
Terry Jordan is author of the book, “The U.S. Constitution and Fascinating Facts About It.” This pocket-size paperback is a reference book containing trivia about the Constitution, the founding fathers, the signers of the Constitution and the Supreme Court. Terry is a history teacher at Orange HS. He & wife Linda live in Solon, OH. Richard Stryker is president of Leisure Adventures Sportswear, the exclusive provider of VeggieTales.

One of the best parts of my job is compiling and editing class news for each Taylor Magazine. I rejoice with you in the blessings and mourn with you as I learn of your sorrows. Photographs are what bring class news to life for me, and thus I regret that we cannot continue to print each one that is sent in. Because of our increasing number of alumni and the volume of news we receive each quarter, we will no longer be able to print baby pictures in the magazine. Photographs of alumni will still be printed, and family photographs are very welcome. Please continue to send in birth announcements — we want to hear about our future alumni! Marty Songer, director of alumni relations.
apparel to the CBA market. They were Big Idea's first licensee of any ancillary product in 1995, and are enjoying increased acceptance of their products in the market. Mike Snider '75 is customer service manager. The company is based in Colorado Springs, CO. Email is rstrycker@lasqualityclothing.com.

1971
William & Maria Humbane are missionaries with the General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. William teaches English and communication skills at Africa Univ. Maria is director of “Ishe Anesu” Project (meaning “God is with us”) where she takes care of 15 underprivileged children. They are serving in Zimbabwe. Email is bill@sysco.com.co.zw.

1974
Jack Keller is a sales rep for Tension Envelope Corp. Wife Donna is a teacher assistant working with special needs children. They have 5 children and live in Raleigh, NC. Email is jkeller@iol33.com.

1975
Sheila (Ryan) Peabody is a freelance writer. She & husband Jeff have 2 children: Jennifer (21) and Jeff Jr. (18). They live in Oak Creek, WI. Email is sdp@prodigy.net.

1976
Steve & Sue Brogan & children Jessica (15), Kaillt (10) and Luke (4) live at 14305 W Hilltop Cir, Daleville, IN 47334. After over 15 yrs in the human resource management field, Steve started his own business in human resources and management consulting and training. They would love to hear from TU friends! • Curt & Sharon (Gates) Snell moved to plant a church with the Mennonite Brethren. Mission Calgary hopes to plant 10 churches in the city in 5 yrs. Their new address is 80 Douglaspark Close SE, Calgary, Alberta, Canada T2Z 2B2. Email is 10035.1.117@compuserve.com.

1978
Darrel & Alice (Bapes) Coon are the proud parents of Tiffany Grace born June 15, 1999. Siblings are Jason (16), Abigail (11), Emily (9) and Ashley (6). The family lives at 201 W Wick, Morton, IL 61550. • Stuart & Linda (King) Olson live at 10305 Brandenburg Ct, Great Falls, VA 22066. Children are Bryan (11) and Becca (10). Linda is president of Olson Assoc. Email is Olson7@ix.netcom.com.

1980
Brian Baker has resigned from coaching baseball at Olivet Nazarene Univ (IL) and has returned to MI where the extended Baker clan lives. He is a journeyman bricklayer again! Brian & wife Susan live in Holland, MI. • Steve & Jann (Doehrmann x) Irvin are proud to announce the birth of Kristin Heather on Sept 19, 1999. Siblings are Ben (13), Nathan (11), Jillian (9) and Erin (7). They live in Fishers, IN. • Cynthia Liggett is a case manager at Wabash Valley Outpatient-Attica. She lives in Veedersburg, IN. Email is carynt@k-inc.com.

1981
Harold & Elizabeth Akers are the proud parents of Amanda Paige born June 28, 1999. Siblings are Rachel (7), John (5) and Katherine (2). Their address is 850 W Maplehurst, Ferndale, MI 48220. Email is hakers@kmart.com.

1982
Robert Peterson is director of marketing and web design at Advanced Systems Concepts. Rob, wife Brenda & sons Brett (5) and Trevor (2) have moved to 2251 Warrenville Ave, Wheaton, IL 60187. Email is robpeterson@ameritech.net.

1983
David Holt is a major (weather officer) in the US Air Force. He is stationed in Germany. The address for David, wife Debbie & children Garrett (8), Alyssa (5) and Bryant (3) is PSC 2, Box 6325, APO AE 09012. • Alice Batcher Howard received her MDiv from Union Theological Sem on May 20, 1999. She is in the process of seeking a position in an American Baptist church and completing the requirements for ordination. She lives at 5 Darryl Dr, Morganville, NJ 07751, with husband Paul & daughters Ruth Ellen (13) and Melinda (6). She looks forward to hearing from old...

Preissler ’83 named president of CSA

The Christian Stewardship Association (CSA) board of directors recently named Scott Preissler ’83 president at the opening night of the association’s 35th annual conference in Dallas, Texas.

“We believe God has uniquely prepared Scott Preissler to advance the mission of CSA,” says Dr. Randall Barton, chairman of the CSA board.

Preissler served as the association’s vice president of education and member relations from July 1996 through January 1999. CSA seeks to equip leaders with an understanding of biblical stewardship. Preissler and wife Andrea (Price ’84) have two children, Stephen and Allison.
friends from TU! ● Debbie (Lissey x) Scott is a 2nd grade teacher for Indianapolis Public Schools. Children are Bradley (9), Erik (8) and Carly (6). Email is debscott3@aol.com. ● Doug Vogel is pastor at Winona Lake (IN) Free Methodist Church. Wife Lynelle (Beeson ’81) homeschools their 3 children Caleb (10) and Miriam and Marisa (both ’7). Lynelle is also rewriting denominational children’s midweek club ministry material and is a contributing editor on the family for “Light and Life Magazine.” Their new address is 1209 Wooster Rd, Winona Lake, IN 46590. Email is revschwvl@juno.com.

1984
Larry & Mandy (Cull) Chizum have moved to 76-49 Prairie View Lk, Indianapolis, IN 46256. Children are Sarah (10) and David (12). Mandy is a homemaker and Larry works for Oracle Corp. ● Shirley Houghtaling lives at 417 W 9th St, Newton, IA 50208. She is library director for Newton Public Library. Email is houghtas@pcpartner.net. ● Kerry & Star Oren are the proud parents of Connor James born March 17, 1999. Siblings are Brionne (13), Tyler (11) and Kalin (9). The family lives at 11130 Schlatter Rd, Spencerville, IN 46788. Email is kd.sj.oren@juno.com.

1986
Dean & Alicyn (Jacobus) Amann joyfully announce the birth of Emmajean Solveig on May 12, 1999. Siblings are Asidle (6) and Tyler (3). Dean is president of Broward County Lennar Homes in South Fl. Alicyn is a stay-at-home mom. The family lives at 4072 NW 62 Ln, Coral Springs, FL 33067. Email is ski2norway@juno.com. They would love to hear from TU friends! ● David & Michelle (Mathes x) Becker thankfully announce the birth of Elizabeth Grace on Sept 8, 1999. Siblings are Megan (6) and Garrett (4). Their address is 6301 Beacon Hill Dr, Plano, TX 75093. Email is DlBeckermusdsm@compuserve.com. David is a family medicine physician in private practice at Plano Family Practice Sports Medicine. Michelle stays home with the children. ● Lonnie TUFW x85 & Kimberly (Mouney) Powell exclaim “my three sons” after welcoming Spencer David born Oct 23, 1998. Brothers are Justin (6) and Connor (4). They have moved to 1282 Woodgate Dr, Carmel, IN 46033.

1987
Paul & Lori (Kendall) Barnette are the proud parents of Devyn Elizabeth born July 26, 1999. The family lives at 450 Beverly Island Dr, Waterford, MI 48328. ● David Darrah is assistant principal at Southeastern Senior HS in Manchester, PA. Email is darrahl@mobilus.com. David, wife Lynne & children Bethany (5) and Nathan (3) have moved to 3640 N Sherman St Ext, Mt Wolf, PA 17347. ● Ron x & Michele (Utter ’89) Harsha live in Yorktown, VA. Ron is a computer engineer for Hewlett Packard. Michele teaches 5th grade at Living Word Academy. Email is ronaldvh@erols.com. ● Rachel Lindsay was born to R. Shawn & Cheryl (Gutsche) Hewitt on Dec 17, 1998. Email is milaca@sprynet.com. The family lives in Woodbury, MN.

1988
Sue & David (Seman) Lozowski are the proud parents of Gretchen Marie born July 29, 1999. Sisters are twins Rachel and Elizabeth (2). The family resides in Fresno, OH. ● Todd & Myra Moser joyfully welcome Drew Thomas born March 2, 1999. Brother Chase is 3. Todd is president of the Kokomo/Howard County Chamber of Commerce. They reside in Kokomo, IN. Email is tmoser@kocomohchamber.com. ● Kent & Darla (Griffith) Nelson have moved to 21084 Saddleback Cir, Parker, CO 80138. Email is knealon@hmbrown.com. After being with MCI for almost 6 yrs, Kent has ventured into a new business as an auto broker. He will be helping people purchase and/or lease any make or model, new or used vehicle anywhere in the country. Darla is still at home with Katy (4) and Zachary (1). They welcome any TU grads in the Denver area to stop in for a visit! ● Rick Sawyer married Lane Stoller on Sept 25, 1999. Steve Wild & Doug Stephens participated in the wedding. Rick is a financial manager for Master Group.

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Dr. Sheena Antonio has moved back to the Bahamas after living in the US for 6 consecutive yrs. She has opened a practice in internal medicine. Her address is PO Box CB13657. Sheena is praising God for protection during Hurricane Floyd!

Steven Huprich was awarded a PhD on Aug 2, 1999 from Univ of NC at Greensboro. He completed an internship in clinical psych at SUNY Health Science Ctr at Syracuse and is a faculty member at Baylor Univ. Steven lives in Waco, TX. Email is shuprich@aol.com.

A. Trent & Cheri Kamentz & children Joshua (12), Ben (9) and Sydney (2) live in Eagle River, WI. Trent is a registered financial consultant with First Financial Planners. He specializes in investment and tax planning for retired people. Email is atkamentz@nrs.net. Karl & Jenny (Diller) Knarr are rejoicing over the adoption of Rachel Makenna on Aug 15, 1999. Brother CJ is 2. The Knarrs live in Noblesville, IN. Email is knarrs@earthlink.net. Mark & Anne (Wagner) Leeper are the thankful parents of William Ezekiel born Jan 28, 1999. Brother Sam is 3. The Leepers live on Capitol Hill and would enjoy hearing from TU friends. Email is awleeper@aol.com.

Scott & Julie (Belknap) Nieven welcome the arrival of Ellie Morgan on March 6, 1999. Siblings are Kelsey (7), Hailey (5) and Drew (2). They live in Warsaw, IN. Melissa Resch earned a BFA from the Massachusetts College of Art. She lives in Somerville, MA. Email is mresch@planetdirect.com.

Kirby & Marji Tippie live in Parker City, IN with children Kolson (8), Malory (6) and Madison (4). Kirby is a science teacher at Arcanum-Butler H.S in Arcanum, OH. Email is ktippie@juno.com.

Mike & Kristy (Bradley) ’89 West joyfully announce the birth of Mallory Lynn on April 16, 1999. Brother Elliott is 4. Kristy loves being a mom and staying home with the kids. Mike is a production control specialist at Michigan Automotive Compressor, Inc. The family resides at 4168 Brown Rd, Parma, MI 44129.

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Brent & Julia (Resch) Huber are the proud parents of William Morgan born Feb 14, 1999. Sister Madeline is 5. Brent works at the law firm of Ice Miller, Donadio & Ryan. The family lives at 10333 Dolphin Ln, Indianapolis, IN 46256. Jeff & Jill (Burke) Lewis & Joseph (3) joyfully welcome Jordan Lynn born July 29, 1999. They live in Rochester, IN. Reann Lydick married John Poray on Sept 5, 1999 in Plainfield, IN. TU participants included Janene Anderson ’88, Victoria (Vite) Book and Dr. Lisa Calvin ’84. Reann is librarian of the Indiana Room at Monroe County Library. John is executive director of the Society for Broadcast Engineers. The couple lives at 4167 Connaught E Dr, Plainfield, IN 46168. Email is rlydick@monroe.lib.in.us.

Shawn Pala is telecommunications administrator for Baldwin and Lyons. He lives in Fishers, IN. Email is spala@baldwinandlyons.com.

Joel & Katrina (Stout) Rathbun are the proud parents of Austin born July 1, 1998. Their address is 3000 Park Rd #36, Graford, TX 76449.

Phil & Lisa (Puck) Sepanski are the thankful parents of Alina Margarite born June 14, 1999. Lisa is senior consultant at CSC Consulting. The family lives in Buffalo Grove, IL. Email is sepanski@megsnet.net.

Shelley (Lawrence) Taylor is the busy mom of 3-year-old twins Ashley and Amanda. For recreation she works 1 night a week at Family Christian Stores with 2 other Taylor alumni! Shelley, husband Stephen & daughters live in Bartlett, IL. Email is stephen_taylor@iebertgs.com.

Rob & Lynn (Schafer) Thomas & sons Robert (7) and William (4) live in Westmont, IL. Rob works in customer service at Harris Bank in downtown Chicago. He is also trying to get children’s books published. This year he entered a poetry contest and won! Lynn works part-time at Family Christian Stores with 2 other TU alums and is a nanny for a family with a special needs child. In her “spare” time she homeschools their boys.

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Brad & Alicia (Helyer ‘92) Brummeler are pleased to announce the arrival of Anna Grace born May 28, 1999. Brother Jacob is 3. Brad is a computer consultant with Malaret Computer Technology. Alicia enjoys staying at home. The family recently purchased their first home in Elgin, IL. Email is brumfsam@megsnet.net.

Rick & Kamela (Moore ’91) Duff are the proud parents of Ethan James born Aug 23, 1999. Brother Cory is 3. Rick works with USDA-National Resource Conservation Service, Soil and Water Conservation in Peru, IN where he is in charge of three counties. Kamela is a stay-home mom who enjoys spending time with her sons.

Jeff & Sarah (Nussbaum ’91) Kaper & son Alex (4) joyfully announce the birth of Ethan Joel on Aug 24, 1999. Their address is 622 S Fourth St, Water, IA 60970. Email is Kapes@juno.com.

Paul & Connie (Lindman) Michael have moved to 22 N School St, Greenfield, IN 46140. Email is pnmc@juno.com.

Eric & Donna (Mickelson) Misener are the proud parents of Emily Elizabeth born Feb 19, 1999. Sister Mallory is 3. Donna is a 4th grade teacher and Eric is an...
assistant principal. They live at 110 1/2 E Jackson, Morris, IL 60450. • R. Timothy & Sharon (Jones) Murphy joyfully announce the birth of Erin Nicole on May 17, 1999. Sister Marikate is 3. The family resides in Carmel, IN. Email is slmurphy@ameritech.net. • Kent & Joan (Munson) Myers are the thankful parents of Hannah Nicole born July 3, 1999. Siblings are triplets Ryan, Elizabeth and Christian (3). The family's address is 8551 136th Court W, Apple Valley, MN 55124. Email is jnmyers@vision-tech.com. • David & Jennifer (Dominquez) Ochs are the proud parents of Tyler Olivia born Sept 20, 1998. After 8 yrs of teaching Jennifer is a stay-at-home mom. David is a sales executive for ServiceMaster. Their address is 911 N Cherry St, Wheaton, IL 60187. Email is djoxen@aol.com. • Karen Strong has moved to Lexington, KY. She is a personal lines underwriter for the Ohio Casualty Group. Email is KastieCas@aol.com. • Steve Wolfe is a 3rd grade teacher at Center Academy, a division of Mosaicca Education. He lives in Grand Blanc, MI. Email is wolfe68@juno.com.

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Jenne (White) Beecher is director of professional development at Barkley Evergreen & Partners. Email is ennj7@aol.com. She & husband Anderson live in Kansas City, MO. • Bob & Sherry (Schrock) Boyack joyfully announce the birth of Cami Jean on April 15, 1999. Sister Katy is 2. They live at 207 Evergreen Ct, Round Lake Beach, IL 60073. • Mark & Sheri (Russell) Daubenmier praise God for Nathan Russell born June 20, 1999. Sisters are Megan (4) and Emily (2). Sheri is now at home full time caring for these 3 little ones. • Matt & Karyn Garnett lived in the Dominican Republic for 2 yrs and have now returned to the US. They worked with teens for the past 6 yrs. Matt is now attending Grace Seminary. The Garnetts, including Kelsea (4), live at 317 W Monroe, Plymouth, IN 46563. Email is mgarnett@yahoo.com. They would love to hear from anyone--it has been hard to stay in contact overseas when email goes down! • Steve & Wendy Haase are the proud parents of Madeleine Murray on Aug 11, 1999. Steve is in his 4th yr of general surgery residence with plans for fellowship training in plastic and reconstructive surgery. This is a research year, so Steve is enjoying the extra time he can spend with his new daughter! Email is doctorx@concentric.net. • Wayne & Leah (Dunlap '90) Kimbrell are proud to announce the birth of Ross Duncan on Feb 13, 1999. Sister Abbey is 4. The family lives at 14827 Lima Rd, Ft Wayne, IN 46818. Email is LBKimbrell@aol.com. Wayne is a PE teacher at Indian Meadows Elem School and Leah is a stay-at-home mom working part-time as an insurance agent. • Chris & Kathy (Payne) Mackintosh are excited to announce the birth of Kiersten Renee on April 16, 1999. Brothers are Caleb (4) and Nathan (almost 2). Kathy keeps busy at home chasing the 3 little ones. Chris continues to sell cutting tools for Mackintosh Tool Co. The family lives in Centerville, OH. Email is mailcam@prodigy.net. • Todd & Pam (Agee) Miller joyfully announce the birth of Brock Michael on Sept 17, 1999. They reside in Middlebury, IN. • Bill & Chris (Sherrill) Muhr are the proud parents of Kendall Lauren and Kaylin Ann, identical twins born Aug 3, 1999. The family lives at 517 S Dunton Ave, Arlington Heights, IL 60005. • Susanne Peterson married Peter Larkham on July 30, 1999. It was a fun night; as friends gathered to celebrate Susanne's 30th birthday they were surprised with a ceremony. The happy couple wed beneath a star-filled sky in the garden of their new home. Peter is an industrial photographer for the Textron Corp and a Jazzercise instructor.

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Shawn & Candy (Sellers) Chrisman are the proud parents of Micah James born June 4, 1999. Candy is taking a year off from teaching to stay home. The family lives in Marinette, WI. Email is c.chrisman@mailcity.com.
parents of Ellyssa Marie born April 2, 1999. The family lives in East Grand Rapids, MI. • Reuel & Junc (Roddy) Sample & son Reuel II have moved to Quantico, VA where Reuel serves as a Marine chaplain. June enjoys staying at home. Email is rjsample@sprynet.com. • Jason & Alida (Stark) Stellman have moved to Miskolc, Hungary after more than 5 yrs in Budapest working with Calvary Chapel. They are planting a new church and covet your prayers for the work ahead. Email is jayalida@elender.hu.

Debbie (Metcalfe) Wessner is an administrative assistant for the PALNI (Private Access Library Network of IN) dept for the IN Cooperative Library Services Authority. Email is debbiew@incolsa.net.

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Bruce Bearden married Anett Lakatos on May 30, 1998. TU participants were Samuel Bearden ’65 and Tzu-Jen Tan. Bruce & Anett met in Hungary where Bruce was teaching ESL. He now teaches middle school social studies at Oakland Christian School and Anett is pursuing a degree in English and French. Their address is 3319 Brookshear Gr, Auburn Hills, MI 48326. • Laila (Dallal) Bechtle has earned her MA in educational ministries from Trinity Evan Div School. She is employed in student ministries at Biola Univ. Husband Jonathan also graduated from Trinity with an MDiv. They live in La Mirada, CA. Email is laila_bechtle@peter.biola.edu.

Ed Cross is a financial service officer for Centura Bank. He & wife Michelle (McBride) live in Greenville, NC. Email is ecross63@aol.com. Ed would love to hear from old buddies on the “O-line” from the Coach Law football era! • Kevin Diller married Gwenaël LeGall on Aug 9, 1998 in Princeton, NJ. Participants included Mike Hammond ’92, John Benjamin, Micah Newhouse, Jamey Dickman and Chad Beck x’94. The couple currently lives in Germany. • Patrick & Anna (Bullock) Hurley are the proud parents of Rhiannon Leigh born April 16, 1999. Anna is a business sales consultant at GTE Network Services. Email is laurieko@gte.net. • Ivan Lee is pursuing an MA in marriage and family counseling and an MA in Christian ed at Southwestern Baptist Theo Sem. The address for Ivan & wife Siang-Jin (Rachel) is 1800 W Seminary Dr, Apt A, Ft Worth, TX 76115. Email is ivanjslee@wans.net. • Tim & Dawn (Russo ’94) McDaniel are the proud parents of Brennan Timothy born June 3, 1999. The family lives in Kendallville, IN where Tim has been a youth pastor for 6 yrs. Email is tdinc1@aol.com. • J. Terry & Kristy (Kett) Rolen & Kasey (2) reside in Virginia Beach, VA. Email is kirstyrolen@mindspring.com.

Scott & Michelle (Hollar ’89) Sanchez are proud to announce the birth of Grant Joseph on Nov 17, 1998. Michelle teaches 1st grade at New Paris Elem School and Scott is the recreation coordinator for Goshen Parks and Recreation. He also coaches football in the Fairfield School System. The family lives at 68949 CR 21, New Paris, IN 46553. Email is scottsan@bnin.net. • Stacie Shopp is living and working in Russia for the next 2-3 yrs. She is serving with the Assoc for Spiritual Renewal where she will have 3 responsibilities: training, equipping and supporting Russian missionaries; coordinating a network of resources and community among Russian children-at-risk ministries; and living in and heading up a community home for single Russian women called Esther House. Stacie would appreciate prayers for her time of ministry in the former Soviet Union. Email is stas@asrru.

Kimberly Voskuil married Lt Kevin Smith on Feb 21, 1998 in Green Bay, WI. TU attendees were Jennifer (Voskuil ’91) Sones, Gretchen Voskuil ’97 and Jamie (Karrasch) Howard. The couple is currently stationed in St Thomas, Virgin Islands with the US Coast Guard. Their address is PO Box 818, St Thomas, VI. Email is jsmith@viaccess.net.
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Marla Butch married Robert Potts on June 12, 1999. TU participants were Danielle (Beauchaine) DeCarlo. Kim Snow, Todd ’96 & Rose (Cross) Horton and Patti (McGee) Lapiene. The couple resides at 121 S Central Ave, Fairborn, OH 45324. Email is marla_potts@recrey.com. • David & Anne Chamberlin have moved to the Dallas area. David is senior global communications manager of Nortel Networks in Richardson, TX. Email is dchamberlin@bigfoot.com. • Melanie Erner and Tim Fisher were married on Oct 17, 1998 in Findlay, OH. TU participants were Gayla (Plata ’95) Konanz and Stephanie (James) Douma. Melanie played her bassoon in the Civic Orchestra of Chicago during the 1997-98 season and has played in the Utah Symphony, Ballet West and the Utah Opera. Tim recently completed his surgical residency in podiatry. Their address is 1022 Horet Ln. #12 T. Middletown, UT 84047. Email is melanie@inconnect.com. • Dave x & Beth (Delmastro ’94) Kenniv are the proud parents of John David born Aug 25, 1999. Beth resigned her teaching position to stay home. Dave builds houses for a small construction company. • Crissy (Fox) Knoderer is director of quality improvement/risk management for HealthSouth Rehab Hospital in Fayetteville, AR. Email is CLKnoderer@hotmail.com. She would love to hear from TU friends in the area! • Timothy Naylor teaches computer animation at Full Sail Real World Education in Orlando. Email is taylor@fullsail.com. • Paul & Jessica (Burkard) Orme are the proud parents of Morgan Nicole born June 18, 1999. Brother Michael is 3. Paul is senior network engineer for Miami Valley Hospital. The family lives in Centerville, OH. Email is porme@hotmail.com. • Niki (Johnston) Rosswurm was promoted to case manager in the compliance area of Lincoln Retirement Financial Services. Her husband Dave & daughter Emily (3) live in Ft Wayne, IN. Email is wurm@fwi.com. • Brent & AnnElise (Larsen) Rudin joyfully welcome Alaina Suzanne born April 30, 1999. Brent is director of admissions at Cornerstone Univ. Email is brudin@cornerstone.edu. • Rob & Julie (Bosche) Sager live in Lake Orion, MI. Rob is program manager for Woodbridge Automotive. Email is rob_sager@woodbridgegroup.com. • Sally Bryan married Andrew Molhoek on July 18, 1998 in Haslett, MI. TU attendees included Becky (Wichterman) Nelson, Christine Loose, April (Hunter) Cloggett, Angie (Lyons ’94) Knight, Jeffrey Ramsdale ’94 and Janet Bryan ’99. The couple resides in Livonia, MI.

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Brad ’95 & Gloria Johnson and daughter

They would love to receive email at amolhoek@provide.net. • Randy Dillinger married Stephanie Kerr on Dec 26, 1998. They have a daughter Natalie Joy Kerr (5). Randy is a writer for Anderson Univ. They reside at 5621 W Jackson St, Muncie, IN 47304. Email is dillingers@netdirect.net. • Kellic Geer is a 5th grade teacher at Saline Christian School (MI). Email is kellic-jeus99@yahoo.com. • Karen Granville and Jonathan Santoro were married on May 29, 1999. The couple resides at 100 Rock Rd Apt 75, Hawthorne, NJ 07506. • Brad & Gloria Johnson are the proud parents of Sabrina Grace born June 19, 1999. The family lives in Boca Raton, FL. • Christine Kuhns is a clinical therapist. She earned a MSW from Andrews Univ in Aug 1998. She resides in South Bend, IN. • Dawn Pick earned a master's of mass communication from Univ of Georgia. She works for Walk Thru the Bible as assistant editor of “Believe” devotional magazine. She resides in Dunwoody, GA. Email is dawnpick@hotmail.com. • Andy Harbour married Brooke Holland on June 5, 1999 in Atlanta, GA. Dianna Woodward and Mark Raikes were in the wedding. The couple lives in Atlanta. • Debra Bagnull Shollenberger graduated on June 6, 1999 from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She is doing her internship at St Joseph’s in Reading, PA. Email is debsho@hotmail.com. • Jared & Tammy (Upton ’96) Smith have moved to 2625 E Indian School Rd #336, Phoenix, AZ. Jared is a pastoral intern with Camelback
Bible Church. He received his MDiv from Trinity Evan Div School in Dec 1998. **Mike Syer** has taken a new teaching position at Marion Pleasant HS. He will also be the soccer coach. He lives in Waldo, OH.

Lori (Hope ’96) & Jonathan Franklin and friends

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Kristen Benson married Jesus Vega on May 8, 1999. Kristen has worked in intl schools in Peru and Guyana. The couple lives in La Mesa, CA. Email is gringakb@hotmail.com. **Patricia Dugan** lives in Ft Wayne, IN. Email is RCDugan@compuserve.com. **Jason Fisher** resides at 720 Hendrick Rd, Muskegon, MI 49441. **Michael & Marla (Miller) Folkerts** live in Toledo, OH. Mike teaches choir at Ottawa Hills Local Schools. They have 2 big dogs, Bach and Sibellus (both named after composers, of course). Email is mmfolkerts@prodigy.net. **Caryn Grinstead** is Gerig Hall director at Taylor Univ. She earned an MA in counseling psych from Trinity Intl Univ. Her address is TU, 236 W Reade Ave, Upland, IN 46989. Email is crgrinstead @tayloru.edu. **Casey & Theresa (Mikels) Hancock** are the proud parents of Elizabeth Joy born April 22, 1999. The family lives in Maryville, TX. Email is caseteri@cs.com. **Lori Hope** was married to Jonathan Franklin on Jan 9, 1999 in Miami, FL. TU participants were Lori’s roommates from the Kenney House: Kia Kenney, Heather Shimko, Deanna (Stevens) Smith and Jennifer (Burke) Moeschberger. Lori works for Project Teamwork, a Christian relief organization that provides assistance in Honduras for victims of Hurricane Mitch. Taylor spring break teams have come to Miami to build homes to relieve the needs created by Hurricane Andrew. Project Teamwork is now providing opportunities for teams to travel with them to Honduras to build houses, an orphanage and support for a Christian school. Two TU students have also completed internships in Miami—others are welcome! Email is lorifranklin @worldnet.att.net. **David Kline** is defensive backs coach at Tri-State Univ in Angola, IN. He was a linebacker on the Taylor Trojan football team. **Elizabeth Kroeze** and other Washington, DC area alumni gathered last April for a Mexican Fiesta in Elizabeth’s home. Many of them attend the same church or work together on Capitol Hill. Those attending were Natalie Galbo, Elizabeth Kroeze, Bryan Jacobs ’94, Erik Hotmire ’95, Jamie Terral ’98, Jon Stanley ’98, Charlene Swartz ’98, Amy Fagan ’98, Joy Jones ’98 and Scott Shortenhaus ’98. **Jason Loftis** lives in Gurnee, IL. He recently returned from the Philippines where he served as a missionary for 2 yrs with TEAM. Email is jaslofis@yahoo.com. **Nathan Lowe** married Anne Harriman on June 13, 1998. Todd Lightfoot, Jason Bontrager and Rachel Lowe ’97 were in the wedding. Nathan teaches psychology and geography at West Noble HS and also directs the Alternative Program that targets at-risk students. Anne is an RN and works at Family Health Care Services. They are taking a college-career group to Kenya for 3 weeks in the summer of 2000. Since going to Zimbabwe on a Lighthouse trip, Nathan has wanted to return to Africa. The couple lives in Ligonier, IN. Email is nnlowe@hotmail.com. **Peter Marshall** earned an MSW from IU in May 1999. Email is pope91@hotmail.com. **Gretchen Newhouse** is a PhD student in parks, recreation and environmental ed at the Univ of New Mexico. She is a grad assistant in recreational services for the university. She lives in Albuquerque, NM. Email is treehugger1@hotmail.com. **Luke Swartz** married Sheri Williamson on April 17, 1999 in Overland Park, KS. They live in North Richland Hills, TX. Email is lukeswartz@hotmail.com. **DeAnna Verway** married Chad Westerbeek on March 20, 1999. They reside at 2700 Meyer Ave SW, Wyoming, MI 49509. DeAnna is a project administratoir for Irwin Seating Co. Chad is a shipping coordinator at Hascall Steel.

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**Christi Childs** is studying occupational therapy at the Univ of Indianapolis. Email is childscl@uiindy.edu. **Nicholas & Stacy (Miles) Christian** live in Charlotte, NC. Nick is college of business program coordinator in the Univ Career Ctr at Univ of NC at Charlotte. He assists business students with internships. Email is nickchristian @excite.com. **Jennifer Davis** married Alexander Choi on Sept 5, 1998 in Princeton, IN. TU participants included Liz White, Kiersa Nahler.
Lori (Wells ’98) Snodgrass, Julie Holder ’96, Jennifer (Hammond) Clamme, Julie Smallwood, Rachel Smith and Eric Davis ’02. Jennifer & Alexander are med students at IU School of Medicine. They reside at 5783 Chipmunk Run Apt A, Indianapolis, IN 46254. Email is jennadavi @iupui.edu. ● Erin Dryden married Aaron Bronson on July 11, 1998 in Grosse Ile, MI. IU participants were Lisa Hamlin ’99. Liz Germann, Angi Alvarez, Rachel Furgesson, Michele Anderson, Mike Pobanz ’96. Brent Bradish and Justin Moore. Erin teaches 5th grade. Aaron is the key account manager for Obie Media, an advertising firm. The couple lives in Dallas, TX. ● Sharon (Blok) Escobar is head teacher for 2/3-yr-olds at Infant Welfare Society of Evanston. She & husband Ruben live in Chicago, IL. Email is Sheriebe@aol.com. ● Michael born Aug 10, 1999. Chris is a brick mason for Potts Masonry. The family lives in Holland, MI. ● Chuck & Sarah (Coe ’96) Kirkpatrick are attending IU as grad students. Chuck is pursuing a PhD in political science and Sarah is working on an MA in educational leadership. They live in Bloomington, IN. Email is csirk @email.com. ● Jon & Sara (Williams) Molendorp reside in Indian Trail, NC. Email is ihedorps @juno.com. ● Kierra Nahler is a chemist with Alexon-Trend, Seradyn Operations. She lives in Indianapolis, IN. Email is kiervas @hotmail.com. ● Kelli Romine married Eric Childs ’99 on July 17, 1999 in Upland, IN. IU participants included Mark Kornelsen ’96, Christi Childs, Melissa Pawley, Summer Black, Keri (Quick) Kornelsen, Jennifer (Plass) Powell, Jennifer (LaGrange x) Lahman, Steve Walsman, Steve Tanner, Amy Meyering ’98, Nicole Franz ’98, Amy Barnhart ’98, Tim Walston ’98, Brian Lovell ’99, Danny Eggleston ’99, Kyle Romine ’00 and Craig Childs ’02. The couple resides at 1816 E 50th St Apt C, Anderson, IN 46013. Email is ericchild @aol.com and kellechild @aol.com. ● Sheldon & Stacy (Leu ’98) Shrock both teach at Bell Shoals Baptist Academy in Brandon, FL. Sheldon teaches 6th & 7th grade math and Stacy teaches 3rd grade. The couple resides at 817 Pineberry Dr Apt #103, Brandon, FL 33510.

1998

Craig x & Lindsay (Crow ’97) Ackerman welcome Jenna Charlyn born June 27, 1999. The Ackermans live in Grand Rapids, MI. ● Melissa Albury married Dallas Roberts on July 3, 1999. IU wedding participants were Kash Kaur ’94, Rachel Krause ’97 and Latoya Farrington x. The couple’s address is PO Box SS-6017, Nassau, Bahamas. Melissa teaches 1st grade at C.W. Sawyer Primary School. Email is miss_nissa @excite.com. ● Steven Balint is regional project manager for Bulkmatic Transport Co. He lives in Easton, PA. Email is Steveb @bulkmatic.com. ● David Grubau is a world history teacher at Detroit Country Day MS. He & wife Christie live in Novi, MI. Email is thadmaster @hotmail.com. ● Chris Houser lives at 5530 Fjord Dr #C, Indianapolis, IN 46250. Email is chouser @bluweb.com. He works for Multiplicity. ● Kari Knudsen and Stephen Olson were married on June 26, 1999 in Marion, IN. IU participants were Veronica Allanach, Karen Brown, Tony Gerig, Weston Young, Jon Byers ’97. Christy Drummond ’97, Todd Hall ’99, Jessica Vandermeulen ’99, Neal Stamper ’99 and Steven Knudsen ’96. Parents of the bride are Donald ’64 & Judi Knudsen. Stephen is assistant controller for TUFW. The couple resides at 4010 Indiana Ave, Ft Wayne, IN 46807. ● Linda (Hard x) Moxon lives in Indianapolis, IN. Email is puddledgum @gateway.net. ● Rebecca Mulligan is doing research at Boston Univ Med School and getting a masters in public health. Her new address is 19 Myrtle Ave, Cambridge, MA 02138. Email is mulligan @med-biophd.edu. ● Lindsay Naranore teaches Spanish and math at Intermountain Christian School in Salt Lake City, UT. Her address is PO Box 17155, Salt Lake City, UT 84117-7155. Email is lnnaranore@juno.com. ● Dava Roth teaches at Cornerstone Community School. She lives in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. Email is davajaneil @juno.com. ● Douglas Shrieve is an account executive at City Securities. He lives in Ft Wayne, IN. ●
Brittany Sieling married Matt Book on June 13, 1998 in Oak Brook, IL. TU participants were Karen Brown, Matt Junker, Julie Hagen, Heidi Sieling '02, Kristin (Lee '96) Book and Kevin Book '96. They both teach at Concord Academy, a charter school in Alba. The couple's address is 383 Roberts Ave Apt 3, Gaylord, MI 49735.

1999

Whitni Bartle married Daniel Jentes on June 5, 1999 in Muncie, IN. TU wedding participants were Andy (Louckes) Hill, Michael Brandon, Ryan Schulz, Megan McCourt, Christy Jentes '98, Vic Worthington x'97, Andy Ankeny '97, Eric Jentes '94, Alissa (Morales '00) Mott and Kate Chandler '00. Whitni is pursuing a masters in counseling psych from Ball State Univ. Dan is serving as a Marine Corps reservist. The couple resides in Muncie. ● Rob Geiger-Pergrem is a sales and marketing trainee for Chore-Time Brock. Rob will be

Matt '98 & Brittany (Sieling '98) Book

ing in many of the various depts of the company and ultimately will be in sales and marketing of the company's automated controls. He lives in Syracuse, IN. ● Sarah Hershman married Jonathan Sell on June 26, 1999 in Tallmadge, OH. In the wedding from TU were Laura Bartlette, Julie Rosema, Scott Case, Nicole (Boss '98) Robyn. Spencer Smith '98, Franz Forman '98 and Micah Hill '98. The couple's address is 5103 Emerald Lake Blvd, Powell, OH 43065. ● Meredith Isgitt is teaching for at least 2 yrs in Venezuela at Academia Cristiana Internacional de Caracas. She is a JH/HS Bible teacher. ● Timothy Jahr lives in Muncie, IN. Email is stim

@rocketmail.com. ● Heather Price married Bruce MacFadyen '96 on March 6, 1999 in Indianapolis, IN. TU participants were Andrea (Price '84) Preissler, Sherri (MacFadyen '91) Pikus, Nathan Larsen '96, Jeremy Wagner x'96, Brian Dillon '96, Steve Saddington '97, Kerry (Hoy '97) Lehman, Stacy Haverstock '97, Melody Brown '98, Sharon Thomas, Kathi (Mansell) Bitter, Meredith Boeve, Janel Hart, Jen Dale, Andy Jeffrey, Matt Ford, Michelle Scott '00, Heather Rattray '01 and Christina MacFadyen '03. The couple lives at One Wheaton Cr #1512, Wheaton, IL 60187. Email is bmacfadyen @aol.com. ● Kathryn Roose married Joni Yliostalo on Dec 27, 1998. Kathy is an hourly teacher for Oulu Normalikoulu (elem and middle school). The couple lives in Oulu, Finland. Email is kylostalo@yahoo.com. ● Kassandra Stahl lives at 412

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Patterson, stoic in victory or defeat, feels like his work is not finished. “I know some people would like me to jump up and down and say 'This is the greatest day of my life,’” Patterson commented afterwards. “But for me, I'd like to win 600-700 games. That would be something.”

Patterson, 461-198 in his 21st season at Taylor, has been on the sidelines for many memorable wins including a 64-57 come-from-behind win over top-ranked Wisconsin - Eau Claire at the 1991 NAIA Nationals. The win allowed the Trojans to advance to their only Final Four. The 1996-97 team defeated conference rival and eventual national champion Bethel twice, and Patterson's teams have made 10 trips to the NAIA nationals.

Patterson is a 1996 inductee into the NAIA Hall of Fame and was the 1991 National Coach of the Year. –Jim Garringer

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