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PASSING THE MANTLE:
KESLER TRANSFERS LEADERSHIP
In good and trustworthy hands

When I announced my intentions to retire to the Taylor University Board of Trustees, I expressed my prayerful desire that the transition would be a smooth, open and positive experience for all involved, as well as the institution itself. None of the trustees were inexperienced in leadership transitions in various organizations, churches and businesses over which they have responsibility. Rosie Kerlin, as chair, approached the task with a deep and abiding love for Taylor, long experience in board activities and a desire to involve all of the stakeholders in the process. Current chairman, Paul Robbins, and vice chair, Ken Flanigan, took the mandate and, in my judgment, led the search committee and the process in “textbook fashion.”

Seldom in the transition process do plans proceed as envisioned. Glitches happen, feelings are hurt, inadvertencies occur and tensions mount. Not so this time. Confidences were kept while appropriate input, involvement and communication were maintained. The end result is that we have a new leader in whom we can take great confidence and pride. David and Nancy Gyertson are choice servants of God and competent and proven leaders. Leadership involves both competence and character, and they have both. My heart is singing over both the process and the choice and in the appropriate sense I am very proud of our board and its leadership. We are in good and trustworthy hands.

Now for the promised adjustments. Janie and I plan to rest a bit and then give ourselves to becoming the most loyal and supportive friends the Gyertsons have ever known, without hovering over them with inappropriate concern. I’m confident that the Taylor community will show its unique character and Christian grace as we adjust to needed new initiatives, ideas, structures, style and vision. I am filled with anticipation for David and Nancy as they experience the love that is present in our community and its many expressions generously shared by so many. Blessings!
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Through 15 years of leadership, the Keslers' most appreciated characteristics have often been their down-home personalities and colloquial charm. Facing a day like May 13, therefore, took an extra measure of grace for this couple that has learned to live so humbly in the spotlight of an adoring Christian community.

The Taylor family could not say goodbye to its favorite son-turned-university president without a fanfare of modest proportions, and so the Keslers, shuffling their feet a little, presided over a daylong celebration that Dr. Kesler jokingly called "his funeral."

"Jay, I suspect you'll feel at the end of this day like a pancake with too much syrup on it," quipped W. Richard Stephens, retired president of Greenville College (Ill.). Perhaps the Keslers did feel overly saturated with thanks, praise and well-wishes, but there was no limiting the accolades for a couple whose more than four decades of service for Youth for Christ, Taylor University and the Kingdom of God has touched the lives of so many around the world.

"You can see Jay Kesler's footprints and fingerprints all over much of what has happened in Evangelicalism over the last quarter of a century and before that." -Chuck Colson

"I consider Jay Kesler to be one of the most well-read and thoughtful individuals I've ever met. And his contribution to the cause of Christ just cannot be overstated." -James Dobson
"We like your moxie, your passion for life. We think maybe there's a 21-year-old locked inside you still. You're still a little rough around the edges, a little salty." -Dan Bubar '01, student representative

"We swelled with pride to call you our president." -Karen Musselman Thomas '87, alumni representative

The far-reaching impact of the Keslers' work was evident in video-taped testimonies by Chuck Colson, founder of Prison Fellowship International, and James Dobson, founder of Focus on the Family. These videos were played at an afternoon celebration also featuring testimonies from members of the Taylor community and other friends and colleagues of the Kesler family. Presenters spoke of the Keslers' commitment to Christ, Taylor and each other.

The first lady of Indiana, Judy O'Bannon, honored Dr. Kesler with the "Sagamore of the Wabash" award, Indiana's highest honor for citizens. O'Bannon said Dr. Kesler is one of the individuals to whom she and her husband turn for guidance.

Other individuals offering thanksgiving and praise during the program included Dr. Robert Andringa, president of the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities; Paul Robbins, Board chair and Christianity Today, Inc., COO; and Dick Wynn, former president of Youth for Christ.

In addition to the video presentations and the testimonials, the Taylor Chorale performed "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord," the title selection from the CD recorded to commemorate the Keslers' legacy.

A picnic was held for the Taylor community following the afternoon program. The Jazz Band provided the evening's entertainment as students, alumni, Board members and Taylor employees gathered informally to celebrate the Keslers' years of leadership and wish them well as they retire from the presidency. —Amber L. Anderson

Note: To learn more about the May 13 celebration, the Keslers' time at Taylor and their plans for the future, watch your mailbox for a special edition of Taylor Magazine to be published later this summer.
On March 13, when Dr. Kesler announced the name of his successor to the chapel audience, he asked that the Taylor community do more than pass the mantle of leadership to Dr. David Gyertson. Kesler asked them to share their affection as well.

"In I John, God says, 'If you love the Father, you ought to love His Son,'" Kesler said. "And if you love me, you ought to love David. Transfer that love."
Tough Mind, Tender Heart

Sharing that love is no small request for a student body who so dearly loves its president that they give a standing ovation each time Kesler is introduced. And yet, Kesler is confident that Gyertson matches him strength for strength and is more than ready to assume the leadership of a growing institution with two campuses and a network of students around the globe.

“David Gyertson is a man deeply committed to Jesus Christ. He embodies the values, the essential commitment of Taylor University,” Kesler said. “In just a few months he will begin to bleed purple.”

The announcement of Gyertson as Taylor’s 29th president came after more than a year of prayerful searching by the Board of Trustees, under the direction of board chair Paul D. Robbins and board vice chair and chair of the search committee Ken Flanigan. The process, which began in May of 1998 when Kesler announced his desire to retire, concluded at a March 12, 2000, meeting of the Board. Gyertson and his wife, Nancy, flew to Indiana later that evening and were presented to the faculty and student bodies of both campuses on the following day.

UNIQUELY QUALIFIED

At the time of his appointment as Taylor’s president, Gyertson was completing his seventh year as president of Asbury College (Wilmore, Kentucky), a Christian undergraduate institution of 1300 students. He has also served as the president of Regent University (Virginia Beach, Virginia), which he helped to found.

Though he has taught and served at several levels of administration, Gyertson’s professional experiences have taken him beyond the field of higher education. From 1985 to 1991 he worked for the Christian Broadcasting Network Publishing as the general editor and executive producer. Disney’s EPCOT Center in Orlando has used him as a consultant on projects, as have a number of national and international charitable and educational organizations. Gyertson is a frequent guest on television and radio programs, an accomplished author and a noted inspirational and motivational speaker. He’s held senior pastorates at the Kempsville Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) in Virginia Beach, and the Kingsview Free Methodist Church in his home country of Canada.

Gyertson holds a Ph.D. from Michigan State University with a major in higher education administration and management, and has completed graduate studies in adult education, higher education, counseling and college student personnel services.

While Gyertson’s vitae attracted the attention of the presidential search committee, it was his spiritual depth and the enthusiasm with which he serves that made him a noteworthy candidate for the presidency. It was out of this testimony that Gyertson chose to share with the student body in his first chapel address.

The son of an alcoholic father and an emotionally troubled mother, Gyertson found himself on his own at the age of 13. He dropped out of high school, never earning his diploma. Christian friends took him in and shared the gospel message. Gyertson later attended Bible college and married his wife, now a retired elementary school teacher. They have one married daughter, Andrea, who lives in Los Angeles.

Taylor’s Future

In several addresses to the Taylor community and the media, Gyertson shared his vision of making Taylor a flagship institution for traditional students, adult learners and Internet education. “We have the potential to set the pace for the 21st century’s expectation of Christ-centered education,” he said.

While Gyertson sees Taylor as an institutional leader, he stressed that a tough mind must accompany a tender heart. “More than just degrees or the acquisition of skills, it is the development of character that really counts.”

Kesler, who will continue at Taylor in the newly-created role of chancellor, is certain Gyertson possesses both a tough mind and a tender heart, and the spirit it takes to win the affections of a devoted student body.

—Amber L. Anderson

Bishop Taylor’s walking stick stands as a symbol of Taylor’s leadership, but Kesler asks that the student body transfer more than just leadership to Gyertson.
In his final weeks as president, Dr. Kesler quipped that he heard the voice of the Lord calling his name, and Kesler replied, “Here I am, Lord. Send David Gyertson.” What Kesler and the Board of Trustees, who named Gyertson as Taylor’s 29th president, both know is that he is a uniquely qualified individual who, like Kesler, has answered God’s call on his life. A scholar, businessman, pastor and devoted husband and father, Gyertson possesses the academic intellect and spiritual vitality that are benchmarks of a Taylor leader.

Why invest yourself in Christian higher education?
My favorite definition of a school is four walls and a roof with tomorrow inside of it. A meaningful Scripture is Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope” (NKJV). Christ-centered higher education is about the hope of tomorrow for the Church, for the Kingdom and for those whom God will use. It was in the context of such an educational experience, both in Bible college and the Christian liberal arts, that I sensed God’s call to help prepare the next generation for His service. In these settings Nancy and I have found great fulfillment following that call to equip servant-leaders for His purposes.

Why would you consider Taylor University a place for that investment?
We are preparing a generation with the potential to fulfill the Lord’s Great Commission and Great Commandment mandate in their lifetime. To accomplish this, Christian higher education must take the lead in every arena of learning, life and service. In praying about Taylor, with its complementary programs on two campuses, we sensed that it would be a pioneer in the 21st century adaptation of Jesus’ discipling mission. Most significant in our decision was the sense that the Board, faculty, alumni and students want Taylor to be a place where God’s Truth is faithfully explored, His Son fully honored and the Spirit freely followed.

You have been described as a students’ president. Why is that?
Nancy and I have a wonderful vision for and passion about young people. I think they sense that from us and respond to it. Institutions like Taylor exist to help students become all that Christ intends. They are the reason Taylor was founded. They are not just our business; they are our mission. As a result, everything we do must be focused on equipping them with academic excellence, professional effectiveness and spiritual vitality. I want, as well, to be seen as the president of those who directly impact the students. All of our employees, particularly the faculty and student development team, are on the front lines of this life-transforming mission. I am committed to providing the resources, encouragement, context and vision for their essential ministry. By being their president, I become more effective in my goal to be the students’ president.
Taylor's community members represent a wide variety of beliefs and religious traditions. What can you tell us of your own background and how it prepared you to serve such a varied community?

There is a wonderful statement that Nancy and I resonate with: If your heart is warm, give me your hand and let us do Christ’s work together. For me the central issue is one of commitment to the person and purposes of Jesus Christ. My faith is a tapestry woven from many of the strands that make up the worldwide fellowship of Christ. I became aware of the majesty of God in the formal worship of the Anglican Church. Personal faith was realized in the evangelical fervor of the Holiness Movement’s call to the fully surrendered life. A love for Scripture and the conviction of its primary authority came through a biblical education that blends a theology of personal responsibility with God’s sovereign grace and mercy. Our joy in worship is the result of exposure to many styles of sincere, Spirit-filled fellowship – both traditional and contemporary. Our commitment to serve the needy is fueled by involvement with the work of the Salvation Army. We have pastored in Free Methodist and Presbyterian settings. We are privileged to minister across a wide range of denominational, theological and experiential expressions.

What personal disciplines have encouraged your spiritual and personal growth?

Discipleship is a partnership between the work of the Spirit and the will of the disciple. The Holy Spirit uses various tools in my life to varying degrees. These include systematic study of the Scriptures, corporate and private worship, teaching the Word, the administration of forgiveness, service to the poor, readiness to witness, stewardship of resources and spiritual accountability. Perhaps one of the richest has been the discovery of the discipline of praying without ceasing – of being in a state of on-call readiness to communicate with God whenever and for whatever. While all of these disciplines of discipleship are present, there are seasons of concentration in each depending on ministry needs and personal disposition. Since the spirit is willing but the flesh can be weak, I am learning the importance of trusting the work of the Holy Spirit both to will and to do of His good pleasure in these disciplines.

Who has been a mentor in your life?

I owe a great debt to several people. My spiritual parents, Jim and Marion Poynter, made a profound impact on me. Their simple faith and unconditional love for all that God brought across their path influenced me deeply. Dr. David McKenna opened the door to the mission of Christ-centered higher education. His articulation of the Christian perspective in the liberal arts has a significant impact on my calling. The writings of Elton Trueblood, Watchman Nee, E. Stanley Jones, C.S. Lewis, and Chuck Colson inform my commitment to Christ-centered thinking. Nancy’s consistent confidence in God’s love is a solid anchor. Alex Parachin is, my spiritual brother and another of Jim and Marion’s jewels; joy in Jesus is a wellspring of both encouragement and conviction.

How would you describe your leadership style?

I am quite eclectic recognizing that different circumstances and situations may require varied approaches. My preferred style is collegial and consensual. I like working as a team giving all of the stakeholders an opportunity for input. While I am comfortable with the responsibility of making the final decision, I prefer a process that leads to informed consensus. My most important priority is to lead by example. I desire, with God’s help, to be known for integrity, consistency and transparency.
Missy Chambless: Missy Chambless’ grandparents always taught her that character was the most important thing – more important than education, appearance or material possessions. So Chambless, a psychology major from Cleveland Heights, Ohio, came to Taylor to develop character. Grandma and Grandpa would be proud of the results.

Chambless has been involved on campus as an active participant in her residence hall, Swallow-Robin, with the admissions office CREW and as a chapel planning assistant. But it was her semester away from campus at the Focus on the Family Institute that most shaped her character and her plans for the future. “Now I know what it means to be a Christian in this world and a student leader in this generation,” she says.

This summer Chambless will work with New Horizons, a Marion, Indiana, based program for at-risk teens. She’ll be teaching survival skills in the wilderness of Canada – a job she says is sure to stretch her character and make her grandparents proud.
MARK MOHRLANG: Community is what first attracted Mark Mohrlang to Taylor when he visited the campus as a junior in high school. It is also what had the greatest impact on him while he was here, and what he looks forward to most as he graduates with a degree in Christian education and Bible.

This Spokane, Washington, native says that the “iron sharpening iron” relationships he’s found in his wing brothers have pushed him to know the Lord in deeper ways.

Mohrlang and friends Josh McMullen and Eric Davis are planning a move to Seattle, where they’ll work to build an intentional community of faith in an urban neighborhood. He’ll also serve as an intern at a local church. “Experiencing community here at Taylor has fostered that desire in all of us,” he says. “Why does it have to be that we all go our separate ways after graduation?”
Trina Helderman:
As a biologist, Trina Helderman's view of God gets bigger as she looks through the eye of a microscope. "When I see how the body works, I wonder how anyone can say there isn't a God," she says.

And while the microscope often reflects the face of God, Helderman says she also learned about her Creator as she came to understand the culture and experiences of the people she met while spending a semester in Latin America. As part of a study program through Taylor, Helderman worked on her Spanish minor and took classes toward her biology major. She also spent time working with children in orphanages where she learned a valuable lesson: "God is good, even when there is a war going on, or when your parents are gone."

This fall, Helderman, of Marshall, Indiana, will head for medical school at Indiana University. "For me," she says, "there are different ways of showing God's love. If I can provide for someone's medical needs, maybe [he or she] can see God's love through me."
Bruno Montero: Bruno Montero comes from a tight-knit family. He and his aunts, uncles and cousins all live on the same street in Santa Cruz, Bolivia; everyone works for the same businesses and all the cousins attend the same universities ... except Montero.

Montero had a deep desire to attend a Christian college. "I had it on my heart that I needed to apply here," he says. He came to Taylor as an international business major. Almost immediately, he found upperclassmen who encouraged him when he was homesick, helped when he was academically stressed, and challenged him in his spiritual growth. As a senior who lived off campus, Montero still returned to his old floor to play big brother to a new group of underclassmen.

"Taylor is my Christian family I never had at home," he says. He plans to return to Bolivia in three years, after working and completing his MBA.
Lisha McKinley: Lisha McKinley's interests and talents are varied; at Taylor she was a musician, a frequent lead in theater productions, and a co-director for urban exposure trips. And while she is used to being on center stage, McKinley would be the first to admit she still has a lot to learn.

Following graduation, McKinley, originally from Lake George, Colorado, headed for the west side of Chicago, where she'll work with the children's ministries of Judson Baptist Church. The church, which borders Chicago's urban and suburban communities, has an economically and culturally diverse population. She anticipates her time at Judson will stretch her to learn more about children, intercultural communication, and serving sacrificially.

"I feel like I've grown so much at Taylor," McKinley says. "If I grow as much in the first years I'm out of Taylor, then I'm excited to see who I'll become. ... I'm not done learning yet."
Joel Sonnenberg: The first time Joel Sonnenberg spoke in chapel was during his freshman year. The 1,500 people jammed into the chapel-auditorium listened in rapt attention as Sonnenberg told his life's story, from the car crash that scarred him for life to his message of forgiveness and renewal. During the past four years, he has demonstrated that grace isn't just something he says, but also lives. Popular on campus, Sonnenberg has enjoyed the life of a typical college student. But when CBS correspondent Carol Marin and her news crew came to campus two years ago, Sonnenberg responded with the aplomb of a man wise beyond his years. As a senior class officer and co-director of Taylor Community Outreach's One-on-One, a ministry similar to Big Brothers Big Sisters, Sonnenberg has lead with grace and compassion. He is a friend to many in the Taylor community, including pal Logan Potts, pictured above.
Minde Young lifts her vibrant red hair off her shoulders and tucks a few strands behind her ears before reaching for a piece of paper in her back pocket. “We got another commitment form today,” she says. “That makes 40.”

Young ’01 and her 39 committed colleagues are the ringleaders of Project Hair, an initiative to donate as many ponytails of human hair as possible to a charity that will then use the donations to make wigs for children with medical hair loss.

Project Hair participants hope for as many volunteers as possible, since 12 ponytails are needed to make a single hairpiece. In order to donate their hair, donors must have a 10-inch ponytail. The Project Hair participants are measuring their hair each month and anticipating a group hair-cutting sometime in November. Local beauticians have volunteered their services.

“Growing up, I hated my hair,” says Young, whose hair is now longer than it has been in years. “Old ladies would say, ‘Oh, I love your red hair,’ and I hated old ladies for saying that.”

After nearly two decades of hating her hair, Young was asked why she despised something God had given her. It was then that she realized her hair could be used for something worthwhile.

“Every adolescent girl has that desire to be beautiful,” she says. “When girls don’t have hair, it’s a huge self-esteem issue. We can be a tool of God and give our blessings to others.”

With a new appreciation for her red hair, Young shared her plan to donate her hair with several of her friends. Before long, she had a handful of signed
commitment cards, and a small army of soon-to-be long-haired women, eager to offer their tresses as a sacrifice.

"Whenever you do something for God, there's going to be some opposition," says junior Susan Beebe, who is working with Young to organize the effort. She's found that to be true of Project Hair. In this case, however, the opposition comes in the form of split hairs and confronted vanity.

"Maybe it sounds shallow because it's about hair," says Beebe. "But everything we have is a gift from God. And everything we give back to him will be used."

Growing hair to donate is a developing trend that has received recognition from celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey and Jay Leno. Rock legend Sammy Hagar donated his lengthy locks last fall. While the women of Project Hair do not claim to be celebrities, their efforts have received attention from several local and national news media and a teen devotional magazine, including the Indianapolis Star. But for Project Hair's participants, it is not about publicity. It is about giving a piece of themselves to others in order to meet a need.

Custom hair pieces for children start at $3,000. For families already struggling with medical bills, the purchase is often impossible. A few charitable organizations, like Locks of Love in Palm Springs, Fla., exist in order to provide hair pieces to children with medical hair loss.

Of all the Project Hair participants, perhaps Bethany DeRosa, a Taylor sophomore, can understand this loss the most. DeRosa lost half her hair during her senior year in high school. Though her hair loss was a temporary condition caused by mononucleosis, and not a more degenerative disease, DeRosa still struggled to accept her thinning locks.

"The doctors didn't seem to think losing your hair was a big deal," DeRosa says as she touches her now thick brown tresses. "But it gave me a lot of compassion toward people who do lose their hair. I feel like this is a chance to use what God has brought back to my life."

On Taylor's campus, Project Hair has brought additional benefits. Sara Oyer, the residence director in Olson Hall where many of the participants live, says the project has pulled the women in her hall together. "It has made a difference in getting women on different wings together," Oyer says. "Their enthusiasm is spreading; they're networking and trying to get other floors involved."

Sophomore Candace Kemp is enthusiastic for this practical opportunity to serve. "At some point, I'm going to need a haircut," she says. "Usually the hair just hits the trashcan. Now I hope it goes to a little girl who needs it."

To learn more about Project Hair and how you can donate, contact the participants at projecthair@hotmail.com

—Amber L. Anderson
A man of limitless boundaries and a humble life

In his life, former Taylor professor Dr. Elmer Nussbaum was internationally known as a physicist. While living most of his professional life in Indiana, his accomplishments were not hindered by any boundary lines. In 1963, Dr. Nussbaum began working with the International Atomic Energy Agency; he also was the senior scientist and consultant on highly confidential projects with the Oak Ridge Associated Universities. A writer of numerous articles published in scholarly journals, Dr. Nussbaum used his research and grant writing know-how to bring acknowledgment to the University's science department, where he worked 37 years as professor and department chair.

Dr. Nussbaum, who retired in 1988, suffered from Parkinson's disease for years prior to the stroke that lead to his Monday, April 3, death. (Dr. Nussbaum's wife, Ruth, died in 1987.) In his passing, friends and family have reflected much on the life of this man, for whom the University's science center is named. Qualities which struck Andrew Whipple, a Taylor biology professor, Marty Songer, director of Taylor's alumni relations, and Nussbaum's son Mark Nussbaum, a chemist for Eli Lilly, were his intelligence, humor and humility.

Whipple was a friend and colleague of Dr. Nussbaum's. The two worked together during Dr. Nussbaum's last year at Taylor. Whipple said, "He was involved in teaching at Oak Ridge labs in Tennessee. The last time, I went along.

Allegedly, I was teaching, but really I was just there to help him ... That was the setting where I really got to know him." Dr. Nussbaum soon became close to the entire Whipple family. "We adopted him as an in-town grandfather to our kids," Whipple says. From getting to know Dr. Nussbaum on a personal level, Whipple called him "one of the most godly men [he] ever knew."

Songer believes that Dr. Nussbaum was a "a brilliant scientist, but a humble man." Growing up with her parents, the Cleveland's, as the Nussbaums' best friends, Songer saw Dr. Nussbaum in a fatherly role. "I first admired him as my father's friend. But he became much like a father figure. He had his priorities straight. As a child, I saw him always making time for his family." Songer remarked on the contrasts in who he was. "He was an electrician - he had so many talents. But what you saw and knew of him was [that he was] a humble, godly person; he loved life and he was a lot of fun."

Mark and his three siblings - Kathleen, Paul and Sonja - were raised by this man, about whom he said, "I always had a feeling that family was of utmost importance to him."

Mark's favorite childhood memories of his father were at bedtimes, when Dr. Nussbaum talked with him and prayed the same prayer Mark now prays with his children. This prayer includes the well-known Aaronic benediction from Numbers 6:22-26, "May the Lord bless you and keep you;
A magnificat of thanks

My 15 years at Taylor have been a wonderful adventure in God’s grace, and I assure you that my commitment to the University will not end as I turn the presidential duties over to my successor. Janie and I look forward to living in our house on the hill, and my new position as chancellor will allow me to continue working with the Taylor Tomorrow capital campaign.

These days I feel a little like Hannah, who prayed so fervently for a son, and then, when her prayers were answered, returned the child Samuel to the Lord’s service. We, too, prayed fervently before setting out on this campaign, and every day for the last four years many members of the Taylor community have dropped to their knees for whispered prayers of guidance and thanksgiving. Today we are happy to announce that we have passed the $59.5 million mark, with just $15.5 million to go to reach our targeted goal. Like Hannah, our duty is to give this campaign over to the Lord’s service.

The interesting thing about Hannah is that her song of thanks, sometimes called the magnificat of the Old Testament, is not sung because she was given a son. Instead, she sang for joy for her God was proven faithful. Again, I find myself like Hannah, grateful because the campaign’s success is evidence of our ever-faithful God. Join with me this day in singing our own magnificat to a God who proves himself faithful in all things.

Campaign success brings reminders of a faithful God

Jay Kesler
Chancellor

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Dickey will be remembered as a tenderhearted friend, as is evidenced in this memorial by his nephew, Andrew Dickey ’98. Andrew, as a child, is pictured above with his uncle and sister.
In his life, Nussbaum was involved in teaching at The Oak Ridge labs in Tennessee. The last time, I went along.

The proposed visual arts center is the third and final phase of Taylor’s new fine arts complex.

Anonymous gift of $3 million brings visual arts center closer to construction

Funding for the Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center received a major boost with the announcement at Taylor’s recent board meeting of a $3 million commitment. This raises the total committed to $5.1 million. The total project includes capital costs of $5.8 million with an additional $2.1 million required for the establishment of an endowment for operations. Construction cannot begin until the full $7.9 million has been raised.
A gift with eternal consequences

Little did I know that in the summer of 1971, when I accepted Christ as my Lord and Savior, that it would lead to a connection with Taylor University. Rev. Lowell Reeder '52 and his men’s group of West Independence United Methodist Church provided the impetus for a city-wide crusade in Findlay, Ohio, where I gave my heart to the Lord. Over the years I have grown to know and love Lowell and his wife Phyllis '51.

Recently, I had the opportunity to see Lowell when he visited my mother in the local hospital. During our conversation, Lowell inquired about the Taylor Tomorrow capital campaign. He shared his family’s love for Taylor and their desire to give. In Lowell’s words, “We may not be able to give a large amount, but we want you to know that when we receive the Taylor Magazine and see your name as director of the campaign, we prayerfully thank God that you are indeed our gift to Taylor.” I am humbled. I want to be faithful of this gift and be a good steward of the investment made in me by these Taylor friends.

Think about it – eternal life and Taylor too!

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An Ohio family finds their contribution to Taylor’s campaign was made in 1971

Connie and Jerry Cramer

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Jessica M. Barnes '00
Lessons learned from a faithful God

I spent 30 years teaching and leading in public school systems before I accepted the challenge to work in development at Taylor. The danger of being an educator is that you sometimes forget you still have a lot to learn. If ever I thought I knew it all, these last eight years as vice president at Taylor have taught me otherwise. One of the more significant lessons is one that comes directly from Scripture – how to pray without ceasing.

I suppose I’d read those verses a thousand times: “Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances.” They make so much more sense now. As Jay and I travel, we find ourselves praying as we drive down the interstate, run to catch a flight or knock on a donor’s front door. When checks arrive in the mail, calls come confirming a gift, or we see students being able to stay at Taylor because of their financial aid, we offer a prayer of thanksgiving. And each evening, I fall asleep asking God for guidance as we enter the next day.

This unceasing prayer, as Paul writes, is God’s will for us in Christ Jesus. We are lost without his direction and joyless without His provision.

Pray for the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign

“Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” 1 Thes. 5:16-18

For More Information

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In March of this year, the Taylor community lost a very special person. David Dickey had been a friend to many students over the past three decades. Those who took his honors film seminars were given the chance to share with him the miracle of cinematography. Many others knew him as a boss. David greatly appreciated the students who worked at the Zondervan Library and he made an effort to get to know each of them. He went out of his way to be helpful to any student with a question. During my four years at Taylor, my relationship with him went deeper than this. David was my uncle.

For me, David Dickey and the Zondervan Library go hand in hand. As a child, I remember visiting Taylor shortly after David had overseen the moving of all the books from the Ayres Building. I still have the pin he gave me that said “I moved from A to Z.” As a student, I have many memories of him at the library – from his messy office to his voice on the intercom saying, “This is David Dickey. The library will be closing in fifteen minutes. If you haven’t started printing yet, don’t even think about it!” It was always a special time for me when I would walk into the library and he was working the front desk. No matter how busy he was, he always had something to say.

I feel my Taylor experience was enriched greatly by David. I had the opportunity to participate in three of his film seminars and enjoyed them very much. David’s expertise on films seemed endless, but he was like that with many subjects. He was never at a loss for something to say, and I think he genuinely enjoyed talking to people more than anyone I have ever known.

In the weeks following his death, I received many calls, letters, and e-mails from Taylor friends telling me how much they will miss him. I was not aware of just how deeply he had touched others until recently when I received a letter from a friend of mine who had worked at the front desk at the library. He told me that David was “a very generous, giving, sincere and well-meaning boss” whom he felt blessed to have known. The people who bless us are the hardest to lose.

So for those of you who knew David, and will miss him deeply, I share your grief. It is difficult to lose a favorite uncle. David did so much for me and I thought that he would always be here. There was so much left for us to talk about.

--Andrew Dickey ’98

David Dickey, director of the Zondervan Library and a 1965 Taylor alumnus, died on March 23, 2000. His wife, Dr. Barbara Dickey, a Taylor professor of music, survives him, as do his father Clement Dickey, and brothers Dayle ’67 and Daniel, their wives, and several nieces and nephews. Dickey will be remembered as a tenderhearted friend, as is evidenced in this memorial by his nephew. Andrew Dickey ’98. Andrew, as a child, is pictured above with his uncle and sister.
Not your normal spring break destination

It’s safe to say the former Yugoslavian republic of Kosovo doesn’t often see an influx of college students during spring break, but that’s where four Taylor University students headed this past March.

Rebekah Burtness, Katy Gustafson, Jessica Keiser and Steve Stahr spent nine days in Kosovo, working with Rachael (Burtness ’99) and Matt ’98 Piercey. Rachael, Burtness’ sister, and her husband are Youth with a Mission (YWAM) missionaries. The four travelers were accompanied by Burtness’ father, Bill.

The Pierceys’ work in Kosovo includes developing an Internet café that will become a center for intellectual discussion hopefully leading to conversations about faith. “They want to reach the thinkers of the city,” says Burtness.

While in Kosovo, the Taylor students had the opportunity to attend a Bible study and church service. Burtness says the people she met were starving to hear the gospel message. “It’s easy to start conversations because their minds are there already,” she says. “They can’t deny that they have problems and they listen because it’s new and because Jesus brings hope.”

Despite the harrowing images seen on the nightly news, Burtness says she never felt unsafe in Kosovo. “There’s danger in crossing the street,” she says. “Now is the time to go over there; if we don’t, we’ll miss an opportunity.” —Jim Garringer

Alumni doctors diagnose a problem, prescribe solution

Thanks to a cooperative effort of some Taylor University alumni medical doctors, a course offered for the first time this spring prepares Taylor’s pre-med students for the Medical College Admissions Test (MCAT).

The Kaplan Preparatory Course is designed to help pre-med students study for the MCAT – a test that helps determine whether or not a student goes on to medical school. In the past, the nearest venue for the Kaplan course was Indianapolis.

The course’s long-distance location made it nearly impossible for Taylor students to participate until Taylor alumni Lee Kinzer ’59, a retired medical doctor, and his son Mike ’79, a Fort Wayne radiologist, expressed an interest in assisting Taylor pre-med majors. That led to contact with additional alumni MDs, and as a result, the Taylor-based Kaplan course became a reality.

The alumni doctors plan to rebate one-half of the $1,100 class fee to each student who attended 80 percent of the classes and takes the MCAT. The course was taught by seniors Amber Bourne, a biology major, and Dave Hayhurst, a chemistry major, who did well on their MCATs last year.

“The course is definitely helping to prepare me for the MCAT,” says senior Dan Rocke. —Jim Garringer
Class project has students playing games with LEGO®

Computer science majors have to endure a lot of good-natured ridicule for being “computer geeks.” But no one was mocking them on May 16 when the seven computer science majors in the Introduction to Artificial Intelligence class publicly displayed their class project before the student body: a robot smart enough to challenge humans in chess.

“It’s just a bunch of LEGO®s and Scotch tape,” said freshman class member Tom Hruska, in an obvious over-simplification of the complex toy.

The actual robot itself works in conjunction with two other forms of artificial intelligence, according to Dr. Timothy Diller, the class’ professor. An overhead camera takes pictures of the chess board before and after the human opponent makes a move, and the camera then sends the data to a computer program, written by junior Jason O’Kane, which tells the robot what move to make.

The robot’s debut was a grueling chess match against Dr. Jim Spiegel, associate professor of philosophy. “I cannot be beat,” Spiegel proclaimed confidently before the match. Good to his word, Spiegel did beat the robot in the chess tournament, though it took him almost two hours to declare checkmate.

This defeat was no loss to the class, though, as these computer majors went away proud of the unprecedented feat they had accomplished. —Sarah Hinkle ’02

Scholarship honors board chair and publishing leader

Publishing corporation Christianity Today, Inc., has awarded two new scholarships, one benefiting Taylor students, in honor of the company’s leaders. The scholarships are given in the names of Harold Myra, CTi president of 25 years, and Paul Robbins, CTi executive vice president for 23 years. Robbins, a 1960 graduate of Summit Christian College, is chair of the Taylor Board of Trustees.

The award honoring Myra was presented to Gordon College of Wenham, Mass., while the award honoring Robbins will alternate between the two campuses of Taylor University. This scholarship is an annual award given to a junior selected by faculty for academic excellence and outstanding Christian leadership.

Dr. Kesler presented the Christianity Today award to junior public relations major Jeremy Reynolds, the tenth member of his family to attend TUFW. —Arna M. Smith ’87

Taylor plans new semester program in Ireland

Dr. Vance Maloney first fell in love with Ireland when he spent two months there as a college student in 1978. Two decades later, Maloney is eager to welcome a new generation of college students to Ireland as Taylor introduces the Irish Semester program.

Maloney, TUU professor of psychology, will oversee the program in its first semester, spring 2001. As part of the new program, 25 to 30 students will live and study in a village 20 miles south of Ireland’s capital city, Dublin. The Irish Semester is the first European semester program entirely for Taylor students. In addition to serving as the academic director for the program in its first semester, Maloney, with his wife Tammi, will oversee residence life and student development for the Irish Semester.

The program will also make use of professors from Ireland. In subsequent semesters, other Taylor faculty members will lead the program.

Maloney and Dr. Dwight Jessup, vice president for academic affairs, traveled to Ireland to evaluate a proposed facility. “The setting is ideal,” says Jessup. “We can take advantage of the city and yet have our own sense of community.”

Student response to the program has been good. To date, 50 students have pre-applied and Maloney anticipates no problem filling the program for the first semester or semesters to come.
New grants benefit library, leadership

The Institute will facilitate training sessions to help not-for-profit leaders competitively meet the demands created by the current marketplace environment. Potential study topics, according to Bob Hodge, vice president for planning, strategic initiatives and technology, may include customer service, conflict resolution, budgeting, and recruitment. Participants in the program may then apply for grants, funded through the initial $3 million grant, to initiate leadership programs within their non-profit organization.

“This will be an aggressive effort to strengthen Allen County non-profits through effectiveness,” said Dr. Daryl Yost, provost and executive vice president of the Fort Wayne campus.

A second grant of $200,000 was received from The Lincoln Financial Group Foundation. This will be used to fund the expansion and enhancement of the Lehman Memorial Library.

Students organize speech tournament

On Feb. 19, more than 100 area high school students from 12 regional high schools gathered in Founders Hall for the first TUFW-sponsored speech tournament.

The public relations department and enrollment services teamed up to host the Power of Communication speech competition, open to regional public high schools, Christian/private schools and home-schooled students. Twelve events were offered in the competition, including discussion, impromptu and poetry.

The idea to hold a speech competition began as a first semester Public Relations I class project. Plans for future Public Relations I classes are to incorporate the event into the class every year. —Justice Bradshaw '03

Taylor trip adds member to family

When Larry White, TUFW director of campus safety, along with his wife and son, joined eight seniors and one alumnus on a TUFW mission trip to Jamaica, little did they know a fourth member would soon be added to their family.

Larry’s wife Angie and son Everett,17, raised their own support to accompany Larry on the trip. The 12-member team stayed with missionaries Jim and Penie Koch who open their home to foster children and orphans. One of the children, seven-year-old Shantel Hewitt, has lived with the Kochs since last August. Although the Whites arrived in Montego Bay on Friday, March 24, it wasn’t until the following Tuesday that they discovered each was secretly dreaming of adopting Shantel.

“To find out that we had all been thinking the same thing was a confirmation that God was working in this situation,” says Larry.

“Shantel is very excited about the adoption,” he says. “She knows she will come to America to live with us.”

The Whites are involved with the pre-adoption paperwork in Jamaica. After that is approved they will receive information on the legal paperwork. —Arna M. Smith ‘87
Kesler’s Family Forums now on web

Dr. Kesler’s Family Forum radio programs are now available on Taylor’s website.

Broadcasts from Family Forum, the daily radio program hosted by Jay Kesler for over 20 years, can now be heard via the Taylor website. The four to five minute program sponsored by Youth for Christ involves Kesler responding to concerns sent in letters from parents.

Visitors to the website (www.tayloru.edu) may browse the archive from 1995-1999 first by topics of church, God, parenting, love, marriage and friendship, then by selecting a program within that topic. The actual audio program will be heard through Windows media player.

“In providing the Forums, we hope the Taylor website can become a resource for Christians around the globe,” says Evan Kittleman, university webmaster. “Dr. Kesler’s commentaries address the questions and concerns of many believers.”

Family Forum is not the end of Kesler’s broadcast career. Kesler was recently presented with the Distinguished Senior Fellow award by Dr. Robert Andringa, president of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU). As a fellow with the CCCU, he will co-host a radio program with Andringa. This program will promote Christian higher education to teens and their parents. —Jocelyn Falck ’99

Matching gift brings success to phonathon

“Five-thousand dollars,” was the response a surprised student received when he asked the alumnus on the other end of the phone what size donation he would like to make. The generous gift, the single largest gift in phonathon history, was doubled by a corporate matching grant. This is just one reason this year’s phonathon total surpassed its original goal.

Joyce Helyer, associate vice president for development, established a goal of $130,000. The phonathon ended with a total of $141,192 in pledges. A challenge match from Paul and Betty Zurcher encouraged many donors. The match doubles any new or increased gift that was made between January 1 and June 30 of this year.

The phonathon pledges contribute to the greater $1.205 million goal of the Taylor Fund.

Homecoming wish comes true for Taylor alumna Paula Davis

A wish-come-true landed Davis a job in Taylor’s development office, as the assistant director of the Taylor Fund.

There’s a new piece of paper in Paula (Frank) Davis’ prayer journal. On it she has listed the nine reasons she knows her new position at Taylor is a gift from God. Number one on the list? Returning to Taylor has always been a dream for this 1979 graduate who now serves as the assistant director of the Taylor Fund.

“Every time I would come to campus for Homecoming, I’d drive away and think, ‘Wouldn’t it be awesome if I could work for Taylor?’” Davis says.

Now that she has her wish, she’ll be coordinating the direct mail program, organizing the Student Ambassadors, and directing phonathons and the matching gift program.

Davis and her husband, Mark, have three teenage children. She taught sixth grade at Bethesda Christian School before accepting her position at Taylor. The Davis family has recently relocated from Brownsburg, Indiana, and is looking forward to Homecoming this year, though Davis will have to change her annual homecoming wish. “This year I want to see all my old friends at Homecoming,” she says.

There’s another special event Davis is looking forward to this fall: the arrival of her daughter Lindsay as a freshman. To contact Davis, e-mail her at pldavis@tayloru.edu.
Taylor athlete heads for 2000 Olympics

“I feel like I can’t do anything with this,” the broad-shouldered Croatian says as he looks down at his broken foot. “I’ve never really been injured before in my career. Now I have this.” He speaks in grammatically perfect English, his nationality showing only by a thick accent.

If Stevimir Ercegovac, or “Steve” as he is called by most at Taylor, can return to top form, the Trojan track team standout will be headed to the 2000 Olympic Games.

The upcoming Olympics are the culmination of a dream that began when Steve joined his first track and field club in high school. Steve eventually became good enough at the shot put event to start looking for scholarships. However, these were nearly impossible to find in his homeland. So he headed to Canada and eventually found a place at Taylor.

“He just found us on the web,” Coy said. “When he first told me how far he threw, I thought he had said nine meters, so I didn’t think I would be able to get him on here. When I talked to him again though, I found out he had said nineteen meters. That’s when I started getting excited.” Coach Coy has not been disappointed yet.

“We had to move the practice pit for him,” Coy says. “His throws were rolling out into the street.”

During the summer of 1999, Steve was able to take his abilities one step further. At the world university championships in Seville, Spain, he threw the shot 65 and a half feet. This was enough to beat the Olympic standard by one and a half feet and to secure his spot in the Olympic games.

Steve won the shot put event at the NAIA national men’s track and field championship this May, with a toss of 65-feet, 9 inches. The throw broke the national meet record by more than two feet.

Fellow teammate Darren Youngstrom also took home an NAIA championship, with his win in the 110 high hurdles with a time of 14.14. Several other team members finished in the top six of their individual events.

Coy was named the NAIA national outdoor coach of the year.

—John McConda ’01

Young tennis team faces tough nationals challenge

For the second time in four years, the Trojan tennis team has fought its way into the NAIA national tournament. The team worked hard for their national tournament berth at the regionals in late April, winning the last match against Aquinas College by a score of 5-4.

As they entered the national tournament, the Trojans, ranked 23, faced the twelfth ranked team Northwood College (Fla.) in nine grueling matches. In the end, the Taylor team proved victorious in only one match, though their coach, MCC coach of the year Don Taylor, says the team held its own. “The match was closer than the score indicates,” Taylor says.

“At first the team was a little in awe, but they realized later that they could be competitive,” Taylor says. The team is young; six of the seven will return next fall, and Taylor anticipates this year’s experience will prepare them well for next year’s competition.

Despite the difficult battle they faced on the court, Taylor team members received recognition at an awards banquet. Senior Craig Evans, whose win against Northwood, gave Taylor their only victory at nationals, was honored for having the highest GPA among all the male junior and senior athletes in the NAIA. Dan Rocke ’01 was honored for having the third highest GPA.

In a show of support, several of the team members’ parents attended the tournament, one family coming from as far as Honduras. —John McConda ’01
1925
J. Lauren Naden passed away on April 11 at the age of 96. He was a student athlete and editor of The Echo while a student. He studied speech and drama with Barton Rees Pogue, Taylor professor and well-known poet, with whom he developed a lifelong friendship. Surviving is his wife of 72 yrs, Harriet (Leisure '26) who lives at 23393 Hayworth Rd, Atlanta, IN 46031. Sprague Willard x celebrated his 101st birthday on Oct 23, 1999. He lives in Naperville, IL with his daughter and son-in-law. Other than some hearing loss, Sprague lives a healthy and happy life.

1937
Ethel (York) Kleppinger passed away on Feb. 13 in her home. She taught English at Allentown Bible Institute. Surviving is husband Arthur who resides in Bethlehem, PA.

1941
James Bell passed away on Dec. 10, 1999 after a 2-yr battle with myelodysplasia, which progressed to leukemia. James was a memorial counselor for 24 yrs until retirement in 1981. Surviving is wife Mary Jane. E-mail is j1944b@webtv.net.

1944
Rev. Donald Yocum recently had his 2nd book, Windows for Sermons, published by CSS Publishing Co. The library at the Otterbein-Lebanon Retirement Community held a “book display party” on Feb. 11, also the 55th wedding anniversary of Donald & wife Dorothy (Ferree ‘41). They live at 733 A Cedar Ct, Lebanon, OH 45036.

1948
John Sutton passed away on April 4. He had been in health care facilities for 25 yrs after experiencing a major stroke while he was in the pulpit.

1950
Betty (Tusant) Roehl died at home in Portland, OR, on Feb. 24 from cancer. Surviving are daughters Jan (Roehl ’82) Cook and Carla Braden and 5 grandchildren.

1951
Ulee (Clinton x) Hutchens died unexpectedly on Jan 31. Several days after successful bladder surgery, she collapsed at home from cardiac arrest. Surviving is husband Dan Hutchens ’50 who lives at 36 Wintry Dr, Hendersonville, NC 28792.

1956
Robert Morgan is a teacher and political activist in the Washington, DC, area. He is pictured here with Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O’Connor. Robert resides in Alliquippa, PA.

1958
Carol (Tyte x) Ferguson retired from Suffolk County division of real estate on Dec. 30, 1999. She is an active member of the Eastern Suffolk Camp of the Gideons, serving as chaplain and coordinator for prison ministry. Husband Genie has a ministry to the male inmates as well. They feel very blessed! Their home is in Riverhead, NY. Email is genieandcarol obrig@aol.com.

1959
Sherry (Perkins) Gormanois received her master gardener certificate from the Univ of IL. She is also the Kenilworth representative for “Plant A Row For the Hungry.” Email is sgormanois@aol.com.

1960
James S. King, PhD, was appointed associate dean in the College of Medicine and Public Health at The Ohio State Univ. Dr. King, a faculty member since 1965, became dir of the new School of Biomedical Science in 1999 and remains in that role. Dr. King was chair of the dept of cell biology, neurobiology and anatomy from 1982-1998. He was also co-director of the OSU neuroscience program, which won an Academic Challenge Grant for the State of Ohio, from 1986-1998. In addition, he initiated and chaired the university’s Neuroscience Graduate Program from 1986-1999. Dr. King is a member of the College of Medicine Alumni Board.

Isn’t it interesting to see what is happening to Taylor alumni around the world? Being part of a “family” means sharing in the joy of all kinds of good news: weddings, births, educational and professional accomplishments, travel and service opportunities. But it also means sharing hurts, disappointments, illnesses, deaths and many other life struggles. While I know many requests and concerns are not published in Taylor Magazine, please know that you - our alumni - are being prayed for about cared about every day. Thanks for sharing your lives with the Taylor “family.”

-Marty Songer, director of alumni relations
referee for numerous neuroscience professional journals, has served on NIH and NSF review panels, and has authored 75 scientific articles. He received the College of Medicine Alumni Faculty Teaching Award in 1995.

1963

Penny (Procuinair) Larson is a math instructor at Dormont HS. She lives in Spartanburg, SC. Email is larsonpenny @juno.com.

1967

Dr. Rollin Karnehm was named president of Relational Management, Inc., where he brings over 25 yrs of experience in human resources, holistic training and executive development. Previously he was a pastor, had a private psychotherapy practice in Boston, MA, and was instrumental in the establishment and growth of an intermanagement consulting company with over 200 offices worldwide. He has served as an adjunct faculty member at Andover-Newton Theol School, Brown Univ and the New England College of Finance. Rollin lives in Bristol, RI, with wife Constance & son Andrew (7). He also has 2 married children, John and Tracey.

1968

Deborah (Toroede) Beck has been elected executive vice president and will head Northwestern Mutual's corporate planning and development dept. She will coordinate the company's business and technology strategies, including Northwestern Mutual's approach to the Internet. She also became a member of the company's management com-

mittee. Beck previously headed the company's insurance operations and was chief compliance officer.

1970

Dale & Peggy Comstock are actively involved in the Southwest Community Church where she has developed the Barrier Breakers ministry, working for inclusion of all persons with disabilities into the life of the church. Peggy has spent her career in advocacy for disabled persons. The Comstocks live in Palm Desert, CA. Rev. Richard & Jessy (Egli) Phillips live in Oceanside, CA. Email is jessyphillips@juno.com. Ray Shultz is a pilot with Evergreen Intl. He & wife Wanda live in Washougal, WA. Email is rshultz919@aol.com. After living in Hawaii for 22 yrs, David Karl has moved to South Florida. He is retired on disability. He currently volunteers with CenterOne, the largest AIDS Service Organization in Ft Lauderdale. Email is kwikki@bellsouth.net.

1971

Rev. Thomas Holsworth is a psychologist in private practice at Clinical Psychology Associates. He earned an MTS degree from Saint Meinrad School of Theology in 1999. He & wife Shirley have 3 children: Melissa (25); Damian (22) and Thomas (21). They reside in Jasper, IN. Email is thomash@fullnet.com.

1973

Jessica Leonhard is director of training and education at Goshen Health System. Email is Jessica.Leonhard@aol.com. She & son Nathan Robert Coddens (7) live in South Bend, IN.

1975

Nancy Dusckas was named "Woman of the Year" for 2000 by the Erie, PA, Women's Roundtable. Previously she was named the Jan. 2000 Outstanding Business Person by the Erie Business & Erie Area Chamber of Commerce. She is a licensed funeral director and operates Duscksas Funeral Home, Inc. in two locations in Erie, PA. In addition to her professional responsibilities, she actively supports the Girl Scouts and youth-related social and sports events. As a board member of Inter-Church Ministries, she has chaired the task force on aging for over 10 yrs and has facilitated community programs that deal with bereavement. She lives in Erie, PA.

Kevin Holzapfel is a doctor of chiropractic. He & wife Rae Lynn live in Convalis, OR, with children Tyrllyn (7) & Anndr (4). Email is kevre.eholz@juno.com.

1976

Jim Barnum is president of the Nassau/Suffolk Autism Society, a chapter of the Autism Society of America. He is pursuing a DMtn at Columbia Theol Sem in Decatur, GA. His dissertation will be in the field of disabilities and spirituality as it relates to individuals with autism. Email is revbpc@aol.com.

1977

Mark & Vicki (Wilson '78) Weeden joyfully announce the birth of Michael Wilson on Dec. 22, 1999. Siblings are Mark (9) and Madeleine (2). The family lives in Wheaton, IL.

1979

David Hall is a teacher and science team leader at Martin District Schools. He has received several awards for teaching excellence at local, state and national levels. He currently provides inservice training for AP biology teachers in the Southeastern US. David, wife Lori & children Angela (15) & Rob (14) live in Stuart, FL. Email is hallider@netscape.net.

1980

Jon & Susan (Carnes) Fiet live in St. Croix, VI. Email is jsfiet@juno.com. They were called by God to leave the business world for the mission field in the spring of 1998. They made an initial 3-yr commitment to start a literature ministry and are now seeking God's will about making this a permanent move. Dr. Jay Short is president and CEO of Diversa Corp. Diversa achieved the largest primary IPO in history for a biotechnology company. It is the first company in the world to harvest DNA directly from the environment to discover novel genes and gene pathways. The company's genetic materials are obtained from remote environmental sites, including places such as Costa Rica, Indonesia, Iceland, Africa, Yellowstone National Park and deep sea ocean thermal vents. Email is jayshort@aol.com.

1981

Air Force Lt Col James Brydon flies on VIP-configured Boeing 707 aircraft taking the nation's leaders to numerous locations worldwide. Recently he was the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) 50th anniversary summit project officer for Andrews Air Force Base, Camp Springs, MD, where he ensured the security, protocol and transportation requirements for foreign heads of state transiting Andrews. He is currently directing the acquisition of a $4 million, state-of-the-art command and control facility to run all operations at Andrews, as well as special air missions navigator with the 89th Airlift Wing, James, wife Lisa & daughter Emily (6) live on Andrews Air Force Base. Steve & Vicky (Halupnik) Clinkscale have moved from the mile-high city of Denver, CO, to the "mile-wide" city of Denver,
Marion (Reeves ’86) have 5 children: Lauren (12), Ronald III (10), Joel (7), Katie (4) & Jayson (2). They live in Crown Point, IN. Dr. Jenny (Rarick) Pannabecker is a social work consultant at Indiana Physical Therapy. She, husband Daryl & children Spencer (9) & Katie (6) live at 14723 Bobcat Ct, Leo, IN 46765. Email is dgp8746@iac.com. Dr. Ron & Tammy (Hinman) Scott are thrilled to announce the birth of Lindsey Lou on Feb. 16. Brothers are Tyler (6) & Joshua (3). The family lives in Zeeland, MI. Dan Waller is president of Energy Management Technologies, Hayward, CA. Email is gdarwaller@iac.com. Dan is divorced and has 2 children, Danielle (8) & Savannah (7).

1985
Eric & Kelly (Devries) Bangeman are the proud parents of Marlowe Jean born March 1. The family lives in Chicago, IL. Email is bangeman@pcc.net. Dr. David x & Robin (Taylor) Guerriero live in Longwood, FL. Children are Alexandra (10) & Grantley (5). Email is Robbie122162@iac.com. Skip & Ginger Lockyear proudly welcome Noah Andrew, born Jan. 17, 1999. Sister Allison is 5. Skip is a sales mgr at Borgman Ford/Mazda/DAewoo and Ginger is a part-time dental hygienist. They reside at 8963 Bosworth Dr, Jenison, MI 49428. Email is GingerSkip@iac.com.

1986
Chris x & Sherri (Wheeler x’84) Cardiff are very proud of their daughter Lauren (8). She is credited with saving the lives of brother Daniel (1) and sister Lindsey (6) during a fire on Dec. 30 that destroyed about a third of their Springboro, OH, home. When the fire started, Lauren and her younger siblings were upstairs. She was able to get them out of the house safely. For her effort, Lauren was officially recognized by the Clearcreek Twp Fire District. Doug & Andrea (Salin) Hockenbrocht live in Farmington Hills, MI. Children are Greg (10) & Michelle (5). Doug is mgr, manufacturing-info technology consulting at Plante & Moran, LLP. Email is hockenbrocht@iac.com. Tim & Heidi Jackson are the proud parents of Samuel Greg born Sept. 15, 1999. Tim is chief of surgery at Memorial Hospital in Guilford, MS. Their address is 5009 Plantation Dr, Long Beach, MS 39560. Dr. Jim Wolff is database administrator/analyst at Taylor Univ. Email is jmwolff@taylor.edu. Kendall & Katharine (Jones) Neu proudly announce the birth of Zachary Micah on Sept. 9, 1999. Kendall is sports medicine coordinator at Salem Hospital and Katharine is a social worker with PLAN Loving Adoptions Now. Email is neu@open.org. Dr. Jim & Tami (vonGunten) TUFWx’83 Robbins joyfully welcome Micah James born Nov. 18, 1999. Sister Hannah is 4. Jim is a director at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Ft Wayne, IN. Dr. Doug & Tracey (Jorg) Rollison are the proud parents of Arabelle Sydonie (Belle) born March 15, 1999. Brother Alec is 3. Belle was born a month prematurely, delivered after Tracey sought pneumonia for 6 mos. Doug is publications designer for The American Legion Nat’l Headquarters. They live in Indianapolis. Email is drollso@aol.com.

1987
Rev. Michelle Bailey is a pastor with the United Methodist Church. She lives in Star, MS. Email is mkbailiey@juno.com. David & Lisa (Walker ’89) Baird are the proud parents of Colin Samuel born June 22, 1999. Sister Lauren is 5. David is national marketing dir for MagnePro. They live in Lino Lakes, MO. Email is MinnBaird@iac.com. Cathie (Wolfe) Horne is co-director of Epworth Daycare Ministries. She & husband Reppard live in Ft Wayne, IN, with children Joshua (8), Isaiah (7) & Aaron (4). Email is calley333@iac.com. David & Kris (Sampley) Kukul are the proud parents of Mackenzie Elise born July 21, 1999. Brother Collin is 2. The family resides at 2042 Lunenburg Dr, Saint Peters, MO 63376. Kris is a stay-at-home mom. Email is kkukul@juno.com. Kevin Mortitz lives in Colorado Springs, CO. Email is kevinmortitz@juno.com. Michael & Kimberly (Stephens) Brown live in Kendallville, IN. Children are Graham (4) & twins Aaron & Jordan (2). Michael is a missionary with
the Church Growth Center in Coralville, IA. Kim is a stay-at-home mom and is finishing a graduate certificate in theology from Wheaton College. **Judi Gibbons** completed a PhD in counseling psychology from Arizona State University in Dec. 1999. She is now a senior clinical counselor at Oklahoma State University. Judi lives in Stillwater, OK. Email is judi.143@ymail.com. **Philip & Pam Herman** are the proud parents of Abigail Susan born Jan. 17. Brothers are Josiah (5) & Matthias (2). Philip is project director of The Chartered Foundation, a not-for-profit school mentoring and tutoring organization for junior high and high school youth. They live in Prospect Heights, IL. **Mark & Tammy (Widdoes) McMahan** are the proud parents of Ashley Anne born March 23. Brothers are Alexander (5), Zachary (4) & Hunter (2). The family lives in Lawrenceville, GA. Email is dnt1@bellsouth.net. Dr. Stephen & Cristina (Burchi) Striker joyfully welcome Luke Weston born Aug. 23, 1999. Brother Noah is 2. They reside at 21634 Van K Dr, Grosse Pointe, MI 48236.

1989

Daniel & Victoria (Vite) Book proudly announce the birth of Madeline Elise on Sept. 22, 1999. Siblings are Gabrielle (5) & Morgan (3). Email is dvbook@gateway.net. **Jay & Wendy (Carlson '90) Dells** are the proud parents of Parker Nathaniel born Oct. 7, 1999. Brother Stefan is 2. The family lives at 6833 James Ave S, Richfield, MN 55423. Email is JayDelles@msn.com. **Weyman & Susan (Decker) Howard** proudly announce the birth of Michael Benjamin on Aug. 9, 1999. Sisters are Abigail (8) & Rebekah (5). Susan earned a PhD from the Clayton College of Natural Health and is a homemaker and private consultant. The family lives in Charlotte, NC. Email is SusanHoward@caroline.rr.com. **Jeff & Kristie (Kuhnle) Jacobson** are the proud parents of twins Tate Ryley and Levi Rhyes born Oct. 22, 1999. Brother Gabe is 5. They live in Mt. Wayne, IN. Email is jkgnatarge@aol.com. **Kent & Becky (Litwiller) Lehman** joyfully welcome Krista Noelle born Nov. 4, 1999. Sisters are Jessica (4) & Sarah (2). They reside in Berne, IN. **Blair & Jacqueline (Smith x) McCloud** are the proud parents of Elias Peter born Nov. 11, 1999. Sister Sadie is 3. They live in Winfield, IL. **Matt & Debi (Callant) Shinn** are the thankful parents of AJ born July 22, 1999. Brothers are Adam (7), Andrew (5), Austin (3) & Alex (2). The Shinn family actively supports the Broadway Christian Church in downtown Ft. Wayne. Matt is a financial consultant with Merrill Lynch. Email is DebiShinn@yahoo.com. **Daniel & Faith Smith** proudly announce the birth of Hannah Grace on Oct. 30, 1999. Dan is a personal banker at First Capital Bank. They live in Peoria, IL.

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This year marked job changes for David & Ann (Calkins '91) Abraham. Ann recently joined WHRO, the Public Telecommunications Center for Hampton Roads, as marketing communications director. In March, David joined Cox Communications after several years running his own video production company. They live in Virginia Beach, VA with son Mark (2). Email is drmalabur@quixnet.net. **Ron & Shannon (Thorne) Costello** are proud to announce the birth of Ryan on Feb. 18. The family resides in Atlanta, GA. **Mark & Deb Kincade** joyfully announce the birth of Joel Tucker on March 26, 1999. Mark is senior pastor of Grace Alliance Church in Piscataway, NJ. Their address is 45 Lincoln Ave, Piscataway, NJ 08854. Email is mkincade@gracealliance.org. **Stephan & Nina Kroeker** became the proud parents of son Youli on Feb. 21. They reside in Brussels, Belgium. Email is kroeker.kilow@wordonline.be. **Brian & Marcia (Diller) Motter** are the proud parents of Marcas Paran born May 20, 1999. Brother Paul is (3). They live in Winona Lake, IN. Email is bsmotter@kconline.com. **Dan & Gina (Trejo x) Shelley** joyfully announce the birth of Hollyanne Anne on Nov. 6, 1999. Siblings are Kayleigh (4) & Benjamin (2). Dan works as an engineer for MCI WorldCom and Gina enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. The family resides in Colorado Springs, CO. **Scott & Sue (Conley) Shrider** announce the birth of Kyle Scott on Aug. 8, 1999. The family lives in South Bend, IN. Email is sueclick2gohome.com. **Denny & Nicole Smith** are living in South Korea with daughters Madeline (3) & Claire (1). They are helping start a new school for Koreans interested in youth ministry called the School of Youth Ministries in English. They are looking for volunteer teachers for the youth ministry and English programs. If you are interested, contact them through email at denicsmith@aol.com.
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Daves & Chris (Wilcher) Cole are the proud parents of Dawson David, born Oct. 12, 1998. They reside in Dallas, GA, where Dave is pastor of student ministries and missions at West Ridge Church. Their address is 15 Mary Ln, Dallas, GA 30157.

Sherry (Stevens x) Collier is a marriage and family therapist registered intern. She, husband Andy & Benjamin (1) live at 916 Caminito Estrada #E, Carlsbad, CA 92009. Email is racsc@aol.com. Jonathan & Susan (Green) Dotson joyfully announce the birth of Delaney Grace on May 15, 1999. Delaney's proud grandma is Kay (Baer ’63) Green. Proud aunts are Christin (Green ’91) Cundiff and Joyce (Dotson ’95) Lopes. Jonathan continues to work for Bright Horizons Family Solutions as a senior project mgr. Susan resigned from her position with Bright Horizons to stay at home with Delaney. The family lives at 12165 Bluejay Terr, Alachua, GA 32611. Email is jdon1@brighthorizons.com.

Andi Eicher was married to Dr. S. Bethsheba on Dec. 15, 1999. The ceremony was held in Rourkela, a city in the state of Orissa in Eastern India. After a honeymoon to the Taj Mahal and a wildlife park in Rajasthan, they are now back working together at the Nav Jivan Hospital in the state of Bihar. Sheba is working half-time in the hospital and half-time with the DISHA community health and development program of which Andi is the director. They welcome visitors willing to brave the trip out to see them! Their address is DISHA, Nav Jivan Hospital, PO Saltarwa, Palarma District, Bihar 822 126, India. Stuart & Dana Hite announce the birth of Hope Ann on Feb. 22. The family lives in Elkhart, IN. Stuart is managing dir of Successful Living Co. Email is sdhite@aol.com. They'd love to hear from Taylor friends!

Marjorie Hobbs lives at 7435 Monticello Rd, Columbia, SC 29203. She is working on a master's at Columbia Int Univ. Email is marjoriehobbs@juno.com. Kevin & Holly Kelling reside at 9100 N White Oak Ln #114, Bayside, WI 53217. Email is kellino@ameritech.net.

Kermit & Lorna (Goldstrand x) Klesaas joyfully announce the arrival of Emmeline Myrtle on Aug. 26, 1999. Sisters are Adela (4) and Olivia (almost 2). The family has moved to 35585 Aztec Rd, Moltey, MN 56466. Email is klesaas@hotmail.com.

Kirk & Ann (Rutherford ’93) Luttrell are the proud parents of Serenna Rae born Oct. 1, 1999. They live in Naperville, IL.

Michael x & Jennifer (Walter x) Owen reside with children Kal (8), Lane (6), Nicholas (2) at 1335 W Forest Ln, Marion, IN 46952. Email is owensx@bpsnet.com.

Brian & Sabrina (Munson) Nowling have moved to 4426 McDonald Pk, Fort Collins, CO 80525. Email is strowling@yahoo.com.

Paul & Jennifer (Settlage) Thomas welcomed Maxwell Thomas into their family on April 16, 1999. Brother Spencer is 3.

The family lives in Muskegon, MI. Email is PJSURBS@aol.com.

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Heidi Clark was married to William Smitley on July 3, 1999 in her hometown of Alma, MI. Heidi recently graduated from Michigan State Univ with a master's in counseling. She is employed by Catholic Central HS as a guidance counselor. The couple resides at 6574 Vintage Dr, Hudsonville, MI 49426. Email is heidi_smitley@hotmail.com.

Matthew & Elizabeth (Ballman) Fisher have moved out of Chicago into the suburbs and are interested in getting together with other Taylor alumni. Matt is senior project manager IT for Art.com. Their new address is 705 N Cuyler, Oak Park, IL 60302. Email is mfisher@art.com.

Jon & Barb Laing joyfully announce the birth of Nathan Charles on Oct. 7, 1999. The family lives in Lansing, MI. Email is laing@voyager.net.

John & Julie Lugauer have been blessed with the birth of Rachel Christine on March 18. John is an investment advisor rep for Investment Centers of America. They reside in Middletown, MI. Email is julugauer@yahoo.com.

Stephen & Catherine (Ittzes) Miller are the proud parents of Caleb Samuel born March 2, 1999. The family is living in Hillsboro, MO, were they are currently considering teaching English in China. Email is steveandcathymiller@juno.com.

Micah & Kerry Newhouse proudly announce the adoption of Savannah Reagan born March 2. Savannah was born almost 3 months early, weighing less than 2 lbs. She is doing extremely well and the family is thankful. They live in Memphis, TN.

Kristin Rosema married Phillip Marquell on July 3, 1999. Taylor participants were Katie (Rosema ’96) Montgomery, Julie Rosema ’99, Dorene Shade, and Julie (Schramm) Hummel. Janel (Jacob) Deck and Wendy (Joye) Johnson both added to the ceremony with their singing. The couple lives and works in Fort Wayne, IN. Email is roseb11@yahoo.com.

1994
Christopher Baldwin is an agent with Prudential Individual Financial Services and is working on his Certified Financial Planning degree. He would love to hear from his fellow “brotherhood” members. Email is xianway@aol.com.

Jabin Burnworth received the Indiana Creative Teacher Award during the Indiana Assoc of Biology Teachers Convention on Feb. 10. Since 1994, he has taught biology at Manchester HS in North Manchester, IN.

David & Lisa (Oliverston ’95) Herschberger proudly announce the birth of Kathryn Penae on Jan. 1. Kathryn has the distinction of being Goshen's first baby born in the millennium! The family lives at 939 Colonial Manor, Goshen, IN 46526.

Christina (Fox) Kno- derer is the dir of quality/ risk management at Healthsouth Rehab Hospital. She & husband Chris live in Springdale, AR 72764. Email is cknoderer@hotmail.com.

After the loss of their first son in May 1998, Brent & Valerie (Walkup) Kriesch were blessed with the birth of Caleb Richard on Sept. 10, 1999. Despite complications shortly
after birth, Caleb is healthy and growing very well. They are grateful for the many prayers they've received from friends and family all over the world. The family lives in Elkton, Md. Email is tvck@avci.net. Hal & Charity (Smith) Paddock joyfully announce the birth of Adam Justus on Jan. 19. The family lives at 6501 Meas Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45224. Tony & Carole (Bulten) Yoder are the proud parents of Joshua Taylor born Sept. 18, 1999. The Yoders can be reached at 14507 Knoll Ridge Dr, Tampa, FL 33625-3338. Email is tcyoder@tampabay.rr.com.

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Daniel & Beth (Behnken) Daghighi joyfully announce the birth of Wilson Adib on Sept. 7, 1999. Dan manages a group of doctors at Highland Medical and Beth enjoys staying at home with Will. The family lives at 1312 Prairie St, Aurora, IL 60506. Email is bdaghighi1@aol.com. Joshua & Rhonda (Reynolds '94) Moody are the proud parents of Nathaniel Lawrence born on Oct. 11, 1999. Joshua graduated from Dallas Theol Sem with a master of theology degree and now works for Search Ministries.

Rhonda worked as a systems analyst at the Zale Corp until their move to Charlotte, NC, in the summer of 1999. She works at home now as Nathaniel's mom. Email is jnmood@yahoo.com.

Mark & Kristin (Theard) Ralikes joyfully announce the birth of Conner Steven on March 22. The family resides in Lewis Center, OH. Jamison & Amy (Ohler) Stenoien were blessed by the birth of Renee Nicole on Dec. 12, 1999. Jamison works at the Lincoln Electric Co and Amy is a teacher at the Kiddie Academy Day Care Ctr. They live at 7205 Mentor Ave D110, Mentor, OH 44060. Email is AMERS200@aol.com.

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Aaron x & Michele (Beers) Anderson have moved to 2650 Gateway Cir, Charlottesville, VA 22911. Jennifer Burke married Scott Moe schberger '97 on June 19, 1999 at the home of the bride's parents in Beaver Falls, PA. TU participants were Kia Kenney, Lori (Hope) Franklin, Heather Shimko, Deanna (Smith) Stevens, Suzanne Sterrett '96, Mary Elizabeth Burke '03, Joyce (Dotson '95) Lopes, Christopher Watson '97, Randy '88 & Michelle (Moeschberger '89) Crowder, Jeremy Colquhoun '95, Jay Curry '97, Kevin '90 & Suzette (Moeschberger '90) Roth, Justin Wisnewski '97, Bryan Pounds '95 and Brian Schmitz '95. Jennifer & Scott both earned an MA in counseling psych from Trinity Int'l Univ. The couple lives in Park Ridge, IL. Email is jnnburke@yahoo.com.

Curt & Jara Lyn DeBlaey joyfully announce the birth of Alexander Scott on Feb. 15. Sisters are Daria (4) and Kailyn (1). The family lives in DePere, WI. Email is cdeblaey@yahoo.com.

Michael & Marla (Miller) Folkerts live in Holland, OH. Marla is dir of choral activities at Ottawa Hills Local Schools. Marla has accepted a new position as admissions/marketing dir for Ridgewood Manor in Maumee. They would love to see Taylor friends! Email is mnmfolkerts@prodigy.net.

John Forbes married Brenda Acomb on Dec. 18, 1999. TU participants were Jim Vining, Andy Forbes '99 and Katherine Forbes '96. Prof Steve Snyder, David Forbes '64 and Bob Engel '82 performed the ceremony. The couple lives in Fresno, CA. Email is johnforbes@usa.net.

Christine Leah is in Los Angeles pursuing a career in acting; she can be seen periodically as an extra on various TV shows and films. She lives in Van Nuys, CA. Email is littleredhairedgirl@juno.com.

Matthew & Alexandra (Patterson) Lutz live in Rio Rancho, NM, where Matthew is a HS teacher and is working on an MFA at the Univ of New Mexico. Alex teaches psychology part time, is a freelance writer and cares for Jacob (3). Email is lutzandlutz@juno.com.

Michael & Kimberly (Peterson) Niebuhr reside at 6452 Laurel Cherry, Rockford, IL 61108. Email is kniebuhr@belvedercos.com.

Kurtis & Scott Ringley announce the birth of Kyle Christian on March 2. The Ringleys live in Fishers, IN, where Kurtis works for Lanier Worldwide, Inc. Mathew Roth works at Gordon Bennett Branhm McNeely & DeLaney as an attorney. Email is rothmj@hotmail.com.

1997

Carrie Barnhart married James Brothers on Dec. 12, 1999. TU alumni who shared in this special occasion were Sarah (Morrow) Landt, Gretchen Buher, Abi (Booth) Noble, John Noble '98, Aimee Black, Jeanette Banashak '97, Beth Dohogne, Jen Stark '99 and Erin Reynolds '96. Carrie is finishing a masters in religion and an internship with a college ministry through The Chapel in Akron, OH. The couple lives at 3822 Second Ave, Grove City, OH 43123. Email is Carrie.Brothers@the-chapel.org.

Sonja Benson completed an MA in special ed/learning disabilities at Teachers College, Columbia Univ. She teaches 5th grade special ed and provides collaborative support to 6th grade students in regular classroom settings at East Brook Middle School in Paramus, NJ. Email is sbsen@sparta.csnct.net.

Jason Borowicz will be leaving Aug. 1 for the Czech Republic to work with the Brno Alligators, a semi-pro football club. Email is jasonborowicz@hotmail.com.

Nicholas & Stacy (Miles) Christian are the proud parents of Elizabeth Grace born Jan. 2. The family lives at 4722 Old Lantern Way, Charlotte, NC 28212. Email is rchristi@email.uncc.edu.

Matt Cwanek works at TEK Interactive Group in Fort Wayne, IN. Email is mcwanek@frob.net.

Erin Henry completed an MS in physical ed at West Virginia Univ. She works at Prince George's County Public Schools as a physical ed instructor. Email is ehenny2@hotmail.com.

Ken
& Christina (Lannan) Kaufmann welcome Cecily Lind born Nov. 28, 1999. Ken is a PhD candidate in optical science and engineering at the Univ of Alabama in Huntsville. Christina resigned from her job as project coordinator and technical writer to stay home with Cecily. They would love to hear from their friends. Email is thol@netzero.net. • Ryan TUFW x’01 & Dawn (Balius) Kennedy joyfully announce the birth of Morgan Leanne on March 27. Sister Ellen is 1. The Kennedys live at 2030 Bayview Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46815. Email is Rdokenned@juno.com. • Thomas Klein lives at 150 W St Charles Rd, Lombard, IL 60148. Email is tklein@mediagone.net.

Ruhama Kordatzky received her MS in library and information science from IU in Dec. 1999. She is working as a children’s librarian at the Burlington Public Library. Her new address is 3715 S Browns Lake Dr Apt 106, Burlington, WI 53105. • Laura Malland and Galen Zimmerman ’98 were wed in Bloomington, IL, on July 10, 1999. TU participants were Jenny Gygi, Melissa (Jacobs) Raymo, Kacey McGowan, Carrie (Cramer) Parsons, JJ Jagulli, Andy Ankeny, Seth Elzinga, Jon Romine, John Cornett x, Vic Worthington x, Todd Gerig, Ed & Heather Klima ’98, Tracy Jensen, Mike Falder ’94, Eric Hehman ’94, Tim Smith ’94, Brian Wynkoop and Rob Wynkoop ’92. Mandy teaches 1st grade in Little Egg Harbor, NJ. Chris is a systems engineer for AT&T in Middletown, NJ. The couple’s address is 1206 S Bay Ave, Beach Haven, NJ 08008. Email is mwynkoop@att.com. • Michael & Kristi (Ryan x’98) Temple have recently moved to 5876 Irish Potato Rd, Kannapolis, NC. Michael is working for IBM as a call center analyst. Email is templem@mailcity.com.

1998
Franz & Emily (Gottschalk) Forman live in Oakland, TN. Email is eforman@cbrichardellis.com. Emily works for CB Richard Ellis. She surveys all office, industrial, multi-family, and retail properties in several cities, tracking commercial real estate trends and producing full color indices for clients. • Wesley & Amy (Ostrander) Heeter proudly announce the birth of Haley Elizabeth on Dec. 14, 1999. Wesley is a product specialist for Intrepa. They live in South Bend, IN. Email is wheeter@juno.com.

Coreen Koehn is coordinator of publications at Children’s Bible Hour. Previously she traveled and taught study skills in a wide variety of locations around the world. She lives in Grand Rapids, MI. Email is ekoehn@yahoo.com. • Stacy Leu married Sheldon Shrock ’97 on July 25, 1998 in Archbold, OH. TU participants were Hope (Gifford) Goossens, Julie (Barron) Johnson, Jawn Kunkle, Erin (Baier) Hartman, Jill Markwood, Carey Dupy, Scott Leu ’92, Matt Diemer ’97 and Delwyn Schrock ’99. Stacy teaches 3rd grade and Sheldon teaches 7th and 8th grade math. The couple lives in Brandon, FL. Email is shrock@juno.com. • J’Nelle Zick and Jim Bedrossian ’99 were married on July 10, 1999. TU participants were Jen Smith ’99, Jamie Hamilton ’99, Bill Bedrossian ’95 and Brian Baldauf ’00. The couple lives at 2345 Morton Ave, Apt. 107, Los Angeles, CA 90041. J’Nelle is teaching in Burbank and Jim is a personal trainer. He will begin at USC this fall. Email is JBedrossian@PeoplePC.com.

1999
Charity Carpenter now resides at 136 S Harvey, Oak Park, IL 60302. Email is charity_carpenter@yahoo.com. • Joanna Depakakibo and Jason Hahnstadt were married on July 31, 1999. TU participants were Jennifer Dake, Josh Hawn, Wayne Rowley, Tami McDonald, Lindy Beam, Laurie.
Ontjes x, Kristi Mcllvain x, Amie Rose and Carol Hahnstadt '01. The couple resides at 506 Smith Ave, Apt A10, Lake Bluff, IL 60044. Email is Hanzy14@juno.com. Betsy Grossenbach and Ben Delzer x'98 were married on June 19, 1999 in Madison, WI. Participants from TU were Matt Kroehler, Molly Matheson, Heidi (Storm), and Noelle Capiak '98. Bob is a software engineer for Compaq and Elizabeth works at a Christian preschool/daycare. The couple's address is 6 Silver Dr Apt 20, Nashua, NH 03060. Email is lizard@macroped.com. Ryan Schulz is copy editor for the Country Sampler magazine group. He lives in Palatine, IL. Amy Yoder married Aron Griffis x in Berne, IN, on April 8. TU participants in the wedding were Julie Holdiman, Chris Houser '98 and Andrew Griffis '00. The couple resides at Two Clocktower Pl #413, Nashua, NH 03060. Email is amy_griffis@bigfoot.com.

'91) Murphy, Andy '95 & Becky (Delzer '96) Peterson, Ben Arendt '97, Daniel Moore '97, Nathan Robinson '98 and Jenna (Latham '98) Johnson. Betsy is a floral designer and Ben is an estimator and field engineer for Nicholas Construction. The Delzers reside in Denver, CO. Email is delzer@pocketmail.com. Elizabeth Honett married Bob Bell in Dallas, TX, on Oct. 23, 1999. TU participants were Hank Voss, James Allen '00, Scott Burdsall '98, Jason Hartong '98, Susan Littlejohn '98, Emily Honett '03, Jennifer (Honett x'94) Fischer

Look for details arriving in your mail soon for Homecoming 2000, Sept. 29 through Oct. 1.

Golf tournament to honor Odles

The approaching Homecoming will mark a new start for an old tradition. The Trojan Club will merge with the Hall of Fame to revive its annual 18-hole, three-flight golf tournament on Friday, Sept. 29. This tournament permanently will be named the Don and Bonnie Odle Golf Classic, paying tribute to their commitment to sports evangelism.

Friday night, former Taylor football coach Jim Law will be introduced as the newest inductee into the Hall of Fame. According to Tom Essenburg, associate director of alumni relations, Law, like all who have their names on a plaque in Odle gymnasium, was chosen by the Board of Selectors based on his Christian values, moral integrity and excellence in sports leadership. The official induction will take place during the halftime program on Saturday, Sept. 30. Essenburg said that all who played football under Law are encouraged to honor him by attending.

The Odles will be honored at the Friday night banquet as well. With Taylor's gym as his namesake, Odle, who turned 80 in May, was a coach, a physical education professor and an athletic director for the university. He retired as the eighth winningest basketball coach in the nation. He also began sports evangelism programs at Taylor.

For Friday's lunch at Walnut Creek, 18 holes of golf and a cart, the Hall of Fame banquet and many prizes and give-a-ways, the cost is $75 per person. Proceeds will go toward athletic scholarships and sports mission trips. For more information, or to be placed on the mailing list, call Tom Essenburg at 1-800-882-3456 ext. 5113 or e-mail him at tmessenbu@tayloru.edu. Jessica M. Barnes '00
Dale Jackson, the recently retired chair of Taylor's communication arts department, is a thoughtful, soft-spoken, white haired academician. He also wears a leather jacket and rides a Harley Davidson.

Jackson gets one of two responses when friends learn of his pastime. While some wonder aloud why he would take up such a hobby, others wistfully say, "I wish I could do that."

"On my 'to do list for life' was a motorcycle ride in the Rocky Mountains," Jackson said. He waited until his children were in college, then went, riding there and back by himself. When Jackson returned, retired Taylor faculty colleague Roger Roth told him that if he ever went again, Roth wanted to go too.

Roth's inaugural trek with Jackson, a three-week, 6,000-mile round trip to Seattle, Washington, caught the interest of a third Taylor colleague, retired dean and professor, Bob Pitts.

Since then, the threesome's travels have taken them throughout British Columbia, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Colorado.

A harrowing moment came a couple of years ago on an Idaho highway when Pitts totaled his motorcycle. "The front wheel got off the road and I just kind of lost it," he downplayed. "It didn't do much damage to me. I had a few scrapes that's all."

The twisties - curved, hilly roads that allow a rider to lean while negotiating them - add the element of fun to the ride. "When we were in Idaho, we saw a sign that read 'Curves Next 100 Miles'," Jackson recalled. "Curves are heaven on a motorcycle."

Jackson, Roth and Pitts now transport their bikes on a trailer to their ultimate riding destination. "We get a little ribbing when we stop for gas," smiled Jackson, who retired this semester after serving Taylor for 34 years.

The sense of adventure keeps them coming back for more. Jackson summed up the thoughts of the three: "It's like the cowboys of the old west; you get on your horse and see what's out there." - Jim Garringer

Pictured above: Black leather may not be the normal uniform of a retired college professor, but Roth, Jackson and Pitts say, "if the helmet fits, wear it."
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Newly released Taylor chorale CD – A Choral Tribute to Jay & Janie Kesler. $15.00

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Ken Smith, executive director of the William Taylor Foundation, and his wife Beth will host the trip, allowing travelers to enjoy this intimate glimpse of Israel and Jordan.

For more information on reserving your place on the June 2001 tour, contact Ken at (800) 882-3456, extension 5144, or e-mail at knsmith@tayloru.edu.
They met in the Taylor theater as sophomores in a production of “Stefanie Hero,” and spent the next three years working together on at least seven Taylor shows. So when Cory Rodehaver ’99 began to plan his engagement to Jennifer Fletcher ’99, he knew exactly where he wanted to propose: the Mitchell Theater.

Cory realized that for a relationship that was built so tightly around the theater, the proposal needed to be a little, well, dramatic. He enlisted the help of his brother, Joel ’01, and several friends, to create a showstopper of a proposal.

**DRAMATIC**

As the curtain fell at the end of Taylor’s spring show, Joel, dressed in tights and a tunic, appeared on stage carrying an elaborate throne. He proceeded to introduce Cory as an unhappy king trying to be cheered by the valiant efforts of his subjects. The short skit featured a singing lumberjack, a dancing juggler, and a comical mailman who delivered a diamond ring. The King, in an epiphany set to the tune of the “Hallelujah Chorus,” identified Jennifer in the audience, and under a spotlight, placed the ring on her finger. She said yes.

Jennifer and Cory plan a May 12, 2001 wedding.

**PROPOSAL**

Stephanie Hinkle got more than just a diploma when she crossed the stage at her May 27 graduation. Dr. Dwight Jessup, vice president for academic affairs, stopped the ceremony to announce Hinkle as Taylor’s 15,000 graduate from the Upland campus. Hinkle, who graduated with a bachelor of arts in psychology degree, is a fourth-generation Taylor student and the great great granddaughter of Monroe Vayhinger, who served as Taylor’s president from 1908 to 1921.

“We counted this more than once to make sure we were right,” Jessup said, of the coincidence that Taylor’s 15,000 graduate would be someone with such a long Taylor lineage. Hinkle received a special plaque in addition to her Taylor diploma and towel.