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In the line of fire
A call to inconvenient places

The Great Commission commands that we go into all of the world. Usually in modern culture this involves being salt and light in the midst of already defined and familiar paths of service. We do what non-Christians do with the prayer that the Holy Spirit in our lives and the incarnational aspects of Christ in us will show forth to the glory of God. The New Testament also speaks of being “sheep among wolves” which inherently speaks of some risk and danger. This issue of the Taylor Magazine spotlights some of our alumni who are doing just that. They are serving in unusual situations not usually found in a list of career opportunities. The “why” of their calling and the unique challenges they face are opportunities for us to broaden our understandings and also to pray for their ministries.

Interestingly, in the national news there is discussion and debate about the propriety of Christians attempting to win others to Christ whose traditions and ethnicities are not Christian. They often see the faith in historic or political terms and miss the central point. From a God’s eye point of view their racial, ethnic, and political distinctives do not exist. We are all His creatures, made in His image. The invitation is universal and offered to all. There is a provision made for every person in the world to know God through his son, Jesus. The gospel is not exclusive but inclusive. This central truth is to be sure obscured in the current debate as if the gospel is a vehicle to make all conform to Christian cultural norms. Not so. The gospel transcends all barriers and seeks humankind in whatever place we are found, behind whatever barrier or difficulty that a fallen world has evolved.

We applaud those who have seen the far corners, the inconvenient places, have ignored or braved the dangers and have in obedience attempted to heed the call.

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It's early morning in Albania, and Nicole Thrasher '94, is awakened to hear the message she knew would come. "The buses are here."

Carrying 150 Kosovar refugees, the buses pull up outside a gutted hotel in the southern Albania town of Saranda, where Thrasher serves with missions agency PathFinders International.

In the wee hours of the morning, she begins what will become her daylong task: locating blankets, lodging and food for the latest wave of refugees. The resources are limited and so is Thrasher's strength. Still, by bedtime the following night, she has found space for each person. The accommodations are not spacious; whole families share single mattresses on concrete floors, but each person has a temporary home.

Her work takes her into the very heart of human suffering, pushing her past her physical limits as she meets the needs of others. It is not your average nine-to-five job. And yet she is just one of many Taylor graduates whose work takes them beyond the comfortable and into situations that challenge their physical, emotional, spiritual and intellectual strength.

These graduates work in the line of fire and their stories, whether originating from refugee camps in Albania or city streets in Chicago, are a testimony to the strength of the human spirit when walking in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Standing her ground

After graduating from Taylor, Thrasher left her Grand Rapids, Mich., home to work with orphanages in Albania’s capital city of Tirana. When civil war exploded, she stood her ground and remained with the 130 children in the orphanage where she served, while most foreign mission workers evacuated the country.

After fighting in Albania ceased, Thrasher moved on to work at an orphanage in Saranda. There she works with children and women, organizing ministries, coordinating educational programs and improving living conditions within the orphanage. This work temporarily came to a crashing halt, however, when border camps in northern Albania began to send the overflow of refugees to this former resort community. Thrasher suddenly became a relief worker, with 3,000 homeless Kosovars on her doorstep.

The situation was grim. Not only were the refugees in desperate need of everyday necessities like food, clothing and diapers, but their emotional scars were overwhelming. Most were forced from their homes at gunpoint by Serbian armies. Many were without fathers or husbands, who had disappeared or been shot as they tried to escape. One woman told the story of her journey out of Kosovo. Nineteen young women had been forced from the truck they traveled on; the advancing army raped them.

Finding the strength

Serving the refugees took an emotional toll on Thrasher. “Finding the strength to get out of bed each day was the biggest question in my mind as I fell asleep each night,” she recalls. “I was really a miracle from God. Night after night I wondered how I would get up the next day and listen to all of the horrible stories of war the Kosovars had to tell. I wondered how I could stand another day of holding back my tears and not being able to get food past the lump in my throat. I couldn’t even keep a journal because it was too hard to come home at night and replay all of the events of that day over in my mind. It really was God’s strength and a desire to do whatever I could to help that got me out of bed each day.”

Rebuilding

After three months of round-the-clock work, the refugees began their return to Kosovo in late July. Thrasher followed, accompanied by her mother, Norma. They visited the homes of two refugees she worked with in Saranda. The first family found their home still standing and a handful of their cattle still alive. They butchered one for Thrasher’s visit, an honor she found overwhelming.

The second family found a more dismal sight on their return. Their village, Krusha e Madhe, the biggest village in Kosovo with only Kosovar residents, had been completely destroyed. Thrasher’s friend Kadri took her down a dirt road where 64 graves of mostly women and children lay above the ground. The men were buried in the hills surrounding the village. Kadri, who had to send his wife, young son and aging parents to live with relatives, missed the comfort of the crowded Saranda hotel. “There we were safe and had places to sleep and food to eat,” he told Thrasher.

Now back in Albania, Thrasher’s work with the orphanage, local churches and schools continues. She just finished adding windows to a schoolhouse in a mountain village, and is working on building a bathroom for the students.

The memory of the refugees is still fresh. “Almost a year has passed since their arrival in our town, and it still brings tears to my eyes when I remember the three months we spent taking care of them,” she writes. It’s a memory that will stay firmly imprinted in her mind as she continues to serve the people of Albania.
Unlike Thrasher, Cliff Johnson didn’t have to learn a new language or even leave the Midwest to find his mission field. Nonetheless, his work with Emmaus Ministries in Chicago takes him into what feels like a different world. He, like Thrasher, works with refugees. But rather than seeking asylum from political persecution and civil unrest, Johnson’s refugees are escaping from life on the streets.

Emmaus Ministries, begun in 1990 by John Green, is an outreach to male prostitutes in Chicago’s Uptown neighborhood with the mission of making Jesus known on the streets. Emmaus statistics estimate over 75 percent of male hustlers are heterosexual but sell themselves to other men in their desperation for drugs. Reaching these men is an unusual vision that grew out of Green’s involvement in inner-city ministry and the pressing need for outreach to this often overlooked community of men.

Johnson is passionate about the needs he sees each night on the streets. “This is a ministry to prodigal sons who are so lost in this world that they would sell themselves to have one more night of getting high, kill themselves for their addictions, offer their bodies for a moment or two of what they wish were love,” he says. “By extending grace to these men, we begin to catch a glimpse of how precious grace really is.”
Glimpses of grace

That glimpse of grace is something Johnson himself caught three years ago, when he spent a semester interning at Olive Branch Mission in Chicago. There he met Will, a recovering drug addict.

“My first impression of Will was that he had it all together. He seemed well on the road to recovery,” Johnson says.

The semester provided plenty of time for good conversations, but there is one discussion in particular that Johnson cannot forget. They were riding the train one morning – Johnson on his way to work and Will on his way to a job interview – when Will began pointing out locations he had frequented and telling Johnson about his past.

Addicted to drugs and desperate for cash, Will had resorted to selling his body in order to support his habit. His life turned around when he was befriended by an Emmaus team member who connected him with the Olive Branch Mission.

As Johnson learned more about Will, he discovered Will had been raised to believe money, power and women were the signs of happiness and success. The only one he knew who possessed all of those characteristics was the local drug dealer. With a limited set of choices in front of him, Will headed down the wrong path.

The available choices

Johnson often hears critics of Emmaus’ work say men like Will could have made different choices. “People do make choices,” he argues, “but they had a very different set of choices to pick from.”

“Will dreamed of the options we assume everyone is given,” Johnson says. “His life is really so starkly different from mine, and it’s only grace that gave me that life instead of his.”

This picture of grace is what drives Johnson. A playwright who was involved in theater and the Rice Pilaf Players comedy team while at Taylor, Johnson could have pursued any number of more lucrative career options; his passion for this ministry, however, drew him to serve at Emmaus House, a new residential program for men transitioning from the streets to independence.

It’s difficult work in what can be an unlovely place, but Johnson wouldn’t give up his place in the line of fire for anything. “We don’t do this every day because it works so well,” he says. “It’s a long-term journey and most of these men fall on their faces five times before they finally make it. We’re not here because of success stories; we’re here because we don’t have an excuse not to be.”

A source of healing

Success stories can be few and far between for the Emmaus clients. Johnson says it is impossible to have an easy answer for every man’s problems. What he can do, however, is reassure them that God’s grace is big enough to overcome any past. “Stepping out there onto the streets is giving those guys a glimpse of the fact that even at their most desperate moment, God is there. And it gives us a glimpse of the fact that there is no place so dark that God cannot reach us to heal,” he says.

That healing is what Kevin, an Emmaus client with a tough exterior, continues to search for. “I’m not your homework assignment!” were some of the first words Johnson heard from Kevin, who dressed in drag and prostituted himself to support his drug habit. At one point, Kevin had begun the slow process of recovery. An HIV+ diagnosis set him back, however, and it was during this difficult time that Kevin met Johnson. Kevin was skeptical of the young intern with a clean past.

After an especially bad episode, Kevin returned to the Emmaus ministry center and admitted to suicidal thoughts. As Johnson drove him to the hospital, Kevin began to question Johnson.

“Why are you here?” he asked. “You could make a lot more money somewhere else. Why do you sacrifice so much to be here?”

For Johnson, the answer was easy. “I don’t sacrifice anything in comparison to what Christ gave.”

That message is what keeps Johnson in the line of fire, inviting prodigal sons to come home. “Somebody has to be here to be that love of Christ on the streets,” he says.

—Amber L. Anderson

The mural pictured below can be found near Emmaus Ministries. Designed by Chicago artist Greg King, the mural tells a modern version of Christ’s parable of the prodigal son. For more information on Emmaus Ministries, see www.streets.org.
Expanding Opportunities

Like students at other member schools of the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU), Taylor students have the opportunity to leave their home campuses for a semester to live and study in locations around the world. Students can study film from industry pros in Los Angeles, learn medieval history at the Oxford Honours Programme, or focus on post-Communism reforms while studying in Moscow and St. Petersburg. In total, 12 off-campus opportunities exist through the CCCU, and Taylor students also have access to other programs in places like Spain, Hong Kong or inner city Chicago.

Dr. Chris Bennett, chair of the business, accounting and economics department, is Taylor’s liaison with the China Studies Program. He says long-term exposure to another culture is a vital experience for students. “If I take students to China for three and a half weeks, they can put up with it,” he says. “When you go for a semester, you can’t avoid eating the food or learning a bit of the language. And that’s what we want.”

The most popular off-campus option is a cooperative program between Taylor and the Jerusalem University College (JUC) in Israel. Taylor sends 20 to 50 students each semester to JUC, a fact that partially accounts for the jump in number of students taking semester-away options. In 1994-95, 42 students chose to study off-campus for a semester. This academic year, 105 students left for lands beyond Indiana.

While JUC’s welcoming attitude toward Taylor students did contribute to the rise in students spending a semester off-campus, Kimberly Spragg, coordinator for off-campus international studies programs, also thinks cultural awareness is a contributing factor.

“In today’s society, it’s becoming increasingly important to have an understanding of other cultures,” says Spragg. “Spending a semester overseas, or even in a larger city, helps students expand their worldviews and develop new understandings of their own culture and self. In one week abroad, they can learn more about cultures and societies than they could in a whole course-load of classes on campus.”

Taking students away from home and into a new environment can be challenging, Spragg says. But the results are well worth it.

“All students, regardless of their experience, say they grew tremendously,” Spragg says. “Most say, I didn’t know what I was getting into, but I’m so glad I went.”

A rooftop near Capital Hill, a Tibetan monastery at the Chinese border, and an overnight ferry crossing the Baltic Sea have all become Taylor classrooms as increasing numbers of students opt to study off-campus for at least one semester of their time at Taylor.
Betsy Marcotte’s passport was empty when she left Taylor to study abroad for a semester. By the time she arrived at her destination, Lithuania Christian College, she had two stamps: Germany and Lithuania. By the end of the semester, Marcotte had visited nine countries and amassed a growing collection of passport stamps.

But stamps in her passport were just one thing she received from spending a semester studying off-campus. She also received a global worldview that has enhanced her desire to work as a medical missionary.

For Marcotte, now a junior, the decision to study off-campus was made at the last minute. Suffering a bit of burn-out from her chemistry/pre-med schedule and desperately needing a change of pace, Marcotte first considered the option of going to Lithuania just five days before the application deadline. She doesn’t regret her last-minute decision at all.

The off-campus study program at Lithuania Christian College offers students the opportunity to live and study with students from the surrounding countries. Classes are taught in English, and chapel services are held in the evenings. Marcotte also had the opportunity to work in a Lithuanian orphanage.

She most appreciated the interaction with other students. Tea parties and late night talks with roommates helped her step beyond the cultural barriers. “I stopped thinking of them as people from another country and started seeing them as friends,” she says. “We’re not so different after all.”

Two of her three roommates were believers. Though only 50 percent of the students at the college are Christians, Marcotte was able to develop friendships with other believers as well. “Some of their parents laid everything on the line to raise their children as Christians during Communism,” she says. “To be able to know people in Lithuania who have such a passion for their countrymen to know Jesus gave me a greater heart for missions.”

Her experiences in Lithuania also made her rethink the values of Western culture. “Being there helped us realize where we need to be placing our value,” she says. “It’s easy to get caught up in the American dream. But new clothes don’t seem like such a big deal when you’re holding an orphan child who has no hope or talking with people who can’t get heat for their apartment.”

With so many lessons overwhelming her during her time in Lithuania, Marcotte finds it hard to put what she learned into words. The value, however, is evident. “It was one of the biggest times of spiritual growth in my life,” she says. “And for that reason alone, it was worth it.”

Left: Marcotte at a Lithuanian orphanage.
Top: Taylor juniors Anna Truelsen, Marcotte, Amanda Brown, Kelli Bowers and Sarah Schrock on the Baltic Sea.
Bottom: A night at the opera was the perfect outing for Lithuanian student Marina and Taylor juniors Julie Nor, Amanda Brown, Marcotte and Kelli Bowers.
As a junior in high school, Jana Hoisington had no way of knowing her weekly current events tests were preparing her for one of the greatest experiences of her life.

"My government teacher gave grueling tests," she says. "The only way I could keep up was to listen to public radio. I stumbled into it and then got hooked."

With a growing knowledge of current events, Hoisington headed for Taylor, where she pursued a history degree and maintained her public radio habit. She quickly adjusted to college life, but soon found herself asking deeper questions about the integration of her academic interests and faith. That's when a friend pointed her to the American Studies Program (ASP), an off-campus study opportunity in Washington, D.C., hosted by the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

ASP connects students with internships where they work 20 hours a week. Hoisington's Taylor connections and her old habit of listening to public radio helped her land a position at National Public Radio, where she worked with Barbara Bradley, an accomplished correspondent and a fellow Christian.

Hoisington's work ranged from making phone calls to attending justice department briefings, where she sat with Bradley just a few feet from Attorney General Janet Reno.

These experiences and Bradley's commitment to Christ left a mark on her young intern. "I was impressed by the strength of her faith in an environment that doesn't take kindly to Christianity," Hoisington says. "I enjoyed just serving her and knowing I was making her work easier."

Hoisington also was pleased with her classroom experience. Students at ASP take courses in current events, economics, policy and political science, and attend lectures by national and international leaders in these fields. "The professors were amazing," she says. "They are great Christians who were concerned about us and helping us work through these issues."

The ASP experience changed Hoisington's future plans. "My world just expanded," she says. While she'll complete her history degree this May, her interests are now evolving toward current events and political science. She plans a quick return to the capital city, where she wants to pursue her academic interests and "be used by God to bring a little more light to Washington."

"I'm convinced there's a Jana-size niche in D.C.,” she says.

**Above:** Bradley, an accomplished NPR correspondent, provided Hoisington (right) with a glimpse inside professional journalism. **Left:** Casual conversations with Bradley (left) were a treat for Hoisington and her friends.
"You're too tall," laughed Davis Evans' tai chi instructor as Evans attempted to contort his body to fit the rigorous demands of a tai chi workout. Evans, a 6'5" Taylor junior, practiced tai chi while spending a semester with the China Studies Program, sponsored by the Council of Christian Colleges and Universities.

Though tai chi is considered a martial art, its locus is more on grace and precision than on brute force. Its slow and agile movements belie the strength and power that support the action. Tai chi, like the country in which Evans practiced it, is a study of contradictions.

"China is completely different than the West," Evans says. "And yet, in a lot of places it's completely the same." China's bigger cities move at the same pulse as that of Chicago or New York, but outside the cities the contrast is startling. "You can get on a train and ride an hour away from the city, and you feel like you're in the Middle Ages," he says. "There's no electricity, people live in huts and farm rice; it's a total dichotomy."

Evans had been to China three times on summer missions trips, but a Taylor professor encouraged him to spend a semester there. Once in the country, he was surprised by the differences he found as he moved from one part of China to another. As part of the China Studies Program, Evans and his classmates got an overview of Chinese culture by living briefly in several areas. After spending 10 weeks in Xian, taking courses at a foreign language university, CCCU students move around the country to Shanghai and Beijing, studying economic development and policy. The experience was eye-opening for Evans.

"China is a nation that is moving so fast," he says. With 1.3 billion people, the nation has the largest population in the world. And like the people, opportunities abound. "If you're interested in politics, economics, history, art, anything, you can learn it in China," Evans says.

What he learned in China, however, was something less tangible. "The things I learned are more internal - things you ponder over in a split second of silence," he says.

"There really was no great epiphany on this trip. It was really more just little 'God moments;' little precious moments that I'll never forget," The moments replay through his mind: standing in Tianamen Square, the look on the face of an eight-year-old in a children's village, worshipping with believers in a Chinese church.

Those unforgettable moments encouraged Evans' future plans. "I've always had a call to China, but it was never a long-term thing," he says. Instead, he planned to enter the family business in Florida and make only short term trips to China. His time in the country, however, has changed his plans. "In a matter of a month, God broke my heart."

Evans will graduate from Taylor in January of 2001, and by God's grace plans to pursue work with unreached people groups in the People's Republic of China. "There are so many needs," he says, "I know I wouldn't be happy doing anything else."
When Michael Blevins was appointed department police chaplain of the Pima Community College Department of Public Safety in Tucson, he was excited but filled with misgivings. A Christian for 11 years with an AA-degree in administration of justice, Blevins knew he had the gifts and skills for the new position but lacked the education. He decided to pursue Bible training that would help him in his new role.

Blevins told his youth pastor about his need and was directed to Taylor University’s World Wide Campus. “He was taking courses through Taylor and told me it was a good way to get biblical training through correspondence,” says Blevins.

An employee of Pima College, Blevins would have paid only five dollars to enroll in a course there. Instead, he enrolled in the Old Testament survey course from Taylor. For Blevins, cost was not the issue.

“I wanted a Christ-centered perspective that I could not get in a secular college,” he says. “The price from Taylor University was reasonable, which is very important to a single-income family.” The convenience of completing assignments around his schedule also was appealing. “With a full-time job and family responsibilities, I couldn’t drive two and a half hours to the nearest Christian university.”

Blevins has since enrolled in two other ministry-related courses and is working toward completing the 18-hour Christian Worker Certificate. He also has been accepted into the World Wide Campus associate of arts program in biblical studies, which he plans to complete online in 2003.

“Taylor fit my schedule and met my expectations of a challenging Christ-centered curriculum,” he says.
Lori Haines was already familiar with Taylor’s correspondence department when she registered for her first course in 1995. A student of Summit Christian College working toward her BA degree in psychology, Lori had heard of the department on campus that offered more than 75 accredited courses through the mail. When Lori's husband's job transferred their family to Germany in April 1999, she decided to complete the nine hours she lacked toward her degree via the mail.

Today, Lori has completed two courses with a third course more than halfway completed. The classes total nine credit hours, thus fulfilling her requirements. "It has been a rewarding experience," says Lori of her long-distance education. She believes the employees in the WWC office have helped her achieve her goals. "They are definitely one-on-one and try to get to know you. They aren’t just interested in the work you do but the person you are or who you are going to be."

Over 1,500 students are enrolled in Taylor University's World Wide Campus, either in correspondence, online or audit courses. Besides the biblical studies degree, the World Wide Campus offers accredited associate of arts degrees in liberal arts and justice administration with concentrations in public policy and ministry. Since these are online degrees, the majority of courses must be taken online. Sample courses can be viewed online at the World Wide Campus website.

Students may enroll in online independent learning courses at any time; however, the WWC does offer online courses which have established start and completion dates. Students in online classroom courses must submit lessons regularly. Learning is collaborative, meaning students and instructors interact with each other throughout the class schedule. Past students have agreed that asynchronous learning results in a depth of discussion that adds value to their education.

The WWC also offers a Justice and Ministry Certificate, similar to the Christian Worker Certificate, which requires 18 hours of study. This program is aimed at equipping individuals who work with at-risk populations and/or inmates.

For more information about the WWC visit the website at wwcampus.tayloru.edu.

–Kay Reusser
Expanding Taylor’s Reach

A sixth vice president joined Taylor leadership on January 1, as Dr. Terry Wise filled the newly-created position of vice president for adult and continuing studies. Wise is the former vice president for strategic planning and distributive education at Trinity College and Seminary in Newburgh, Ind.

The decision to create a new vice presidential position was made in June after months of a fruitless search for a dean of the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning (CALL). The rapidly-changing nature of adult education prompted the administration to believe a senior administrator was needed to enable Taylor’s continuing education programs to keep up with the market. “Taylor needs a senior level leader whose first thought in the morning will be nontraditional programs and nontraditional students,” says Bob Hodge, vice president for planning, strategic initiatives and technology.

Wise’s duties include the development and supervision of all divisions of CALL, including the Community School of the Arts, the World Wide Campus, and other programs Taylor may develop. His initial emphasis will be on developing the World Wide Campus. Non-credit continuing education programs also will be a key concern for Wise in his early months at Taylor.

“There is a sense of urgency about nontraditional programs,” says Wise, who believes distance education programs are coming of age. “The need is too great to sit on our laurels.” Wise sees his work at Taylor as a ministry of expanding Taylor’s mission to include nontraditional students. “We’re enlarging the campus walls and helping fulfill the mission.”

Wise holds two earned doctorates in philosophy and ministry, one received from a nontraditional program. He has experience as a professor and a pastor, and has authored six books. He is a specialist in conflict management and leads seminars and workshops.

“Terry brings experience and credentials, plus the heart of a pastor and the prowess of an entrepreneur,” Hodge says.

Wise and his wife, Judy, purchased a home in the Fort Wayne area. Judy is pursuing a MFA in painting from Indiana State University. They have two children.

—Amber L. Anderson
Shirley & Chuck Moore play parents to countless Taylor students.

When Chuck and Shirley Moore arrived at Taylor University 13 years ago as Wycliffe Missionaries in Residence, they received advice from a friend. “If you want to stay young, associate with young people.” the friend began. “If you want to grow old, try keeping up with them.”

But the Moores have kept up with the “young people.” In fact, they’ve been “parents” to several hundred Taylor students, mostly MKs (missionary kids), housing over 70 of them. “We’re more like grandma and grandpa,” Chuck says. Dozens more have dropped by to study, bake cakes, or just talk. The Sunday night vesper services in the Moore’s home once saw 125 students crammed into the large family room at the back of the house.

“It’s been fun for us.” says Shirley, who adds one of the most satisfying aspects of their work is when a former border returns with a spouse and children.

The ability to go with the flow has served the Moores well. Once two of their “alumnae” wanted to have their bridal showers on the same date at the same place – at the Moore’s house. The solution: one shower was held in the living room, the other in the family room. “I just went back and forth between the two,” Shirley laughs.

A more severe test of that ability came last January when the Moores served as co-leaders of a Taylor World Outreach (TWO) trip to Australia. On their second day in Sydney, a fall from a loading dock left Shirley hospitalized for the remainder of the three-week trip with a broken hip. Her response was characteristic. If she couldn’t join the team for the day’s work, she could at least pray for them from her hospital bed. “There were so many miracles,” she reflects. “It’s just amazing.”

Visitors to the Moore’s home can see Chuck’s “museum” – a large office that holds dozens upon dozens of model airplanes, cars, ships and trains, along with numerous reminders of Chuck’s 19 years at General Motors and Beech Aircraft.

After 17 years with Wycliffe, the Moores transferred their service to OMS International, which allowed them to remain on the Upland campus. Currently, they serve as sponsors for SCRAM (Students Concerned Radically About Missions) and Mu Kappa (Taylor’s support organization for missionary kids). They have recently opened their home to Natasha Sizikova, a Russian student studying at Taylor.

Married for 43 years, with five grown children of their own, Chuck and Shirley have a unique view of their work at Taylor. “I guess we’ll never have an empty nest,” Shirley smiles. –Jim Garringer
Board sets tuition, changes fiscal year

The January meeting of the Board of Trustees resulted in the establishment of next year’s tuition and fees, changes to the bylaws, and several faculty and board member announcements.

Tuition and fees for the Upland campus next year will total $20,560, which represents a 4.11 percent increase over the current year. In Fort Wayne, the total will be $17,732, a 4.8 percent increase.

A bylaw change was made to alter the fiscal year from July 1 through June 31 to June 1 through May 31. The change will be effective in June of 2001. The change, proposed by Al Smith, vice president for business and finance, and Ron Sutherland, controller, will benefit the University in several ways. “The new plan more nearly reflects the academic year calendar,” Smith says. The change also helps in scheduling audits with external consultants, because the new fiscal year ends off-cycle from many other businesses. Additionally, it will allow Taylor employees to close out the year earlier, leaving more of the summer to complete final reports.

The Board approved faculty emeriti status of Dr. Joe Burnworth and Dr. Dale Jackson, and approved board emeritus status for Marta Gabre-Tsadick. Dr. Wellington Chiu ’74 was approved as a new board member.

Dr. Daryl Yost, provost and executive vice president for the Fort Wayne campus, reported on the status of the construction projects. In Upland, the Hodson Dining Commons is nearing completion. In Fort Wayne, weather and other delays have altered the schedule for construction of the recently named Eicher Student Commons (see below). Yost anticipates an October completion date.

Fort Wayne student commons to be named for missionary family

The Board of Trustees recently announced their intent to name the new student commons on the TUFW campus The Eicher Student Commons in honor of the family.

The Henry Eicher family, 12 children in all, were raised by godly parents who moved to Michigan from Europe. The history of the family is an inspiring story of sacrifice, suffering and service for Christ in the U.S. and abroad on the mission field.

The most noted in regard to Taylor University was the seventh child, Rev. Peter L. Eicher ’05. He is credited with saving Fort Wayne Bible College (which later became Taylor Fort Wayne) from bankruptcy during the Depression with his smart money management and self-sacrificing ways.

Eicher, who retired after 27 years of service as the business manager, did not stop giving of his time and resources. He opened a small store on campus providing day-old, baked goods, fruits, vegetables and damaged canned goods at a reduced price for married students and those struggling financially.

Taylor has benefited from generations of Eicher children including Christian Eicher, Peter and Mary Eicher ’05, Barbara Eicher Cox ’05, Cyril Eicher ’32, and Mildred Eicher Gerig ’28.

Overall, the Eicher family has accumulated nearly 450 years in foreign missions. Thirty-two family members attended FWBC and 18 graduated. Seven served the school in various capacities. –Julie Huber ’00

Committee anticipates conclusion of presidential search

After over a year of careful study and searching, the Board of Trustees’ Search and Screen Committee is nearing the final stages of the presidential search process. Ken Flanigan, chair of the committee and vice chair of the Board, requests continued prayer in the final weeks of the search and as the transition process begins.

“We have been praying that God would superintend the whole process and that he is at work,” he says. “I see the hand of God working in the whole process, bringing us closer to our new president.”

Flanigan is hopeful the new president will be identified by mid-April.
News of the faculty

Dr. Alexandria Armstrong, associate professor of education, completed the research paper, "Improving Student Teachers' Reflection and Personal Practical Knowledge" for a presentation she made at the National Association of Teacher Educators in February 2000.

Dr. Beulah Baker, English professor, is teaching at Daystar University in Kenya, Africa, during the Spring 2000 semester.

Bill Bauer, assistant professor of athletics, will speak at the Indiana Football Coaches Association State Convention in March 2000.


Dr. Michael Harbin, associate professor of BSCEP, presented a paper entitled "Prophecy as Contingent Future" at the National Conference of the Evangelical Theological Society.

Don Knudsen, assistant BAE professor, is pursuing his Ph.D. at Touro University International.


Phil Loy, professor of political science, completed the essay "The Frontier and the West" for inclusion in The Columbia Companion to American History in Film. Loy also completed a book-length manuscript entitled "Hoofprints in the Dust."

Dr. John Moore, associate professor of biology, wrote a book review on Poor Richard’s Web Site authored by Peter Kent. The review was published in the Nov./Dec. 1999 issue of the American Biology Teacher.

Pam Parry, assistant professor of communication arts, recently published "The Bottom Line: How to Build a Business Case for ISO 14001" by St. Lucie Press. Parry also had a 1995 article excerpted in Tom Brokaw’s new book, "The Greatest Generation Speaks."


Dr. Rachel Smith, associate professor of art, presented "The Moral of Vittorio De Sica’s Miracle in Milan" at the 14th International Conference on Literature, Visual Arts and Cinema.


Squiers named president of Indiana Academy of Science

Dr. Ed Squiers, professor and chair of the earth and environmental science department, recently was elected to serve in the president’s office of the Indiana Academy of Science. The non-profit professional organization promotes research and encourages communication among scientists and Indiana citizens.

Each year Taylor students involved in the Summer Research Training Program present professional papers at the IAS annual meeting. After a Taylor student presentation, often the statement is heard, "We didn’t realize that Taylor had graduate students." Squiers relates, "This year I watched faculty from both Purdue and Ball State approach Taylor students after their presentations and offer them graduate assistantships on the spot."

"I feel honored to be elected to the position by my peers in the scientific community," says Squiers. "Science literacy will be the key to making educated judgements regarding the new world of challenges that we face." —Anna Smith '87
Russian economist, born again Christian visits campus

Dr. Alexander Zaichenko, former member of Mikhail Gorbachev’s Council of Ministers, recently visited Taylor to share the story of his conversion and work.

When Zaichenko joined the staff of the Council of Ministers, he was the first non-Communist ever to take such a post. As a young believer playing an active role in a government that was antagonistic to Christianity, Zaichenko was not outspoken about his beliefs until a forward television reporter asked if he was a Christian. Unwilling to deny his faith, Zaichenko acknowledged his beliefs. Gorbachev’s reforms later made it less dangerous for people like Zaichenko to be known as believers.

He now serves as the president of the Association of Christians in Russia, a network of clubs promoting moral principles in business.

Campus mourns loss of student

A single-car accident near Lansing, Mich., claimed the life of one Taylor student and hospitalized another on Sunday, Jan. 30th. Ashley Hayford, 19, died in the accident. Heidi Lesner, 18, was taken to Sparrow Hospital in Lansing after suffering cuts and bruises. She was released the following day.

Hayford was a freshman Christian education major. She was the daughter of Forrest and Sue Hayford, Milford, Mich.

Two memorial services were held on campus in the week following the accident. Laura Sergi, a PA in Swallow Robbin where Hayford lived, says the initial shock has passed, but students are in an ongoing process of grieving. She believes the services brought closure to the tragedy.

The Echo published a portion of a personal tract Hayford wrote. Her words are a testimony to a life well-lived: “The only thing that won’t ever let you down is Jesus. He often doesn’t give us the desires of our heart, but don’t worry; what he desires for us is far better than what we could ever ask or imagine. ... Remember: you are loved by God. As his child, live a life that is worthy of Christ.”

Australian professor visits Upland to study life of Bishop Taylor

Low temperatures and icy roads provided little welcome for Dr. Darrell Paproth, professor of church history at the Bible College of Victoria in Lilydale, Australia. Temperatures at his home near Melbourne were around 80 degrees when he left. Paproth, who is researching the life of Bishop William Taylor, traveled from Australia to Chicago to Upland, before visiting other libraries including Yale’s missions library.

One of the few experts in the history of evangelicalism in Victoria, Paproth currently is working on several books pertaining to Australia’s religious history. Bishop Taylor, Paproth says, was a “part of the jigsaw that contributed to the vibrant Christian life in Melbourne.”

Taylor visited Australia twice during the 1860s and had a signi-

Voicemail soon to be available for Upland

Voicemail will be available for both campuses this summer, says Alan Ours, technology services manager. Currently, voicemail is only available on the Fort Wayne campus.

Voicemail comes at an up-front cost of $360,000 or more, says Ours. Installation will require replacing the existing Fort Wayne system, programming all campus phones and adding a new server.

Students will not be charged for the service. Other details are still being developed and a taskforce will be formed to create a voicemail policy for use.
When we embarked on the Taylor Tomorrow Capital Campaign in 1996, we began what we thought would be a slow climb up a steep mountain. After all, this was the largest campaign in Taylor's 150-year history and the $75 million goal seemed quite ambitious.

Now, four years into the campaign, we stand in amazement at God's ample provision and the generosity of our alumni and friends. At the January meeting of our Board of Trustees, I had the privilege of announcing our current total, $58.1 million. To God be the glory!

We still have a long road in front of us, but we have no doubt that our Father will continue to provide through His people. May Taylor always be a place that brings honor to the Father as we train men and women for service in His kingdom.

The success of the campaign, however, has left us with some difficult decisions. Inflation, the rising cost of materials, program changes and donor wishes have led the Board to prioritize the original campaign plans. This issue of the Campaign Update presents the project changes and our remaining needs.

Your prayers are desperately needed as we enter this stage of the Taylor Tomorrow Capital Campaign. May our Father direct each of us as He provides the resources to accomplish His will for Taylor University.

Gene L. Rupp '58
Vice president for development

Campaign success brings project changes

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Priority projects named for end of campaign

As the campaign passed the $58 million mark, the Board of Trustees took time to prioritize the campaign goals to fit the funds available and the current market economy. The Board has named three top priorities for the completion of the campaign.

Donor-designated gifts and inflation have altered the original campaign plan, causing the Board to refocus their efforts on three key projects. The TUU Kesler Center, TUFW Student Commons and Library, and the TUU Metcalf Visual Arts Center have been named the top priorities for the completion of the campaign. Revisions to the original plans for each building have caused an increase in costs, shown in the chart on the right.

If these priorities are met, along with the Annual Fund and the Taylor Fund, the campaign will surpass the $75 million goal. Naming of priorities does not mean other projects will not be completed, says Gene Rupp, vice president for development. Other projects, such as scholarships and the expansion of the Randall Environmental Studies Center, will be completed as funds become available.

Samuel Morris Hall, completed Aug. 1998

Gym renovations, completed fall 1998

TUFW Eicher Student Commons, pending Oct. 2000 completion

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Profile

Campaign priorities and their current status

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Kesler Student Activities Center
The $4.1 million change in anticipated cost for the Kesler Center is due to inflation ($2 million) and facility and program changes. An additional $2.1 million is needed to provide for a larger endowment to cover increased operating costs and an expansion of the field house to incorporate a six lane competition track.

Eicher Student Commons/Library Addition
The original campaign plan called for the construction of a chapel on the Fort Wayne campus; access to a local church has resolved this need, and campaign funds are now being used to complete the much-needed student commons and library addition. The increase results from higher than expected costs for site development as dictated by local codes, changes in costs due to reconfiguration, and inflation.

Metcalf Visual Arts Center
Since 1994 there has been a change in emphasis in the curriculum and a significant increase in enrollment in the arts. These changes led to a modification in scope for this project. Additions include a gallery to accommodate art collections and a large classroom to satisfy general education needs. Inflation also accounts for a portion of the increase.
A living picture of God's heritage

“For you have heard my vows, O God; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.” Psalm 61:5

These words of the psalmist cause me to catch my breath each time I read them. What is the heritage God has given us? The heritage of those who fear His name. It is a legacy of unbridled hope, unfettered faith, unconditional commitment, and we as believers share in this heritage with one another. What a cause for celebration!

I am convinced that at its best, Taylor University is a living picture of this heritage. We are a community of believers, stretching back now through three centuries, with the hope of a future as well. What a glorious heritage we share. I am proud to call Bishop William Taylor, Samuel Morris, S. A. Witmer, Thaddeus Reade and so many others my co-heirs in Christ. I also eagerly anticipate watching the current generation of students live out this heritage as they mature during their years at Taylor.

We have so much for which to be thankful, so many blessings for which to lift our hands in praise. Our God is good. He has given us a glorious inheritance and a hope that will not fade. Praise Him for his infinite blessing, both to you and to your fellow heirs, at Taylor and beyond.

Pray for the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign

“For you have heard my vows, O God; you have given me the heritage of those who fear your name.” Psalm 61:5

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Parker rings in new year with music educators award

Dr. Richard Parker, TUU music professor, has been selected by the Indiana Music Educators Association Board to receive the Outstanding University Music Educator Award for 2000 at the Indiana Music Educators Association convention.

The IMEA is an organization of current and future music teachers. Three of his former music education majors, Sue Ekstrom Lough '79, Penny Parkin Dimmick '78, and Janel Cloyd Baker '93, serve in leadership positions on the IMEA board.

"[Parker] is committed to the mission of the music department and the field of music education," says Dr. Albert Harrison, professor and chair of the music department.

Parker has been a music innovator in many ways during his 26 years at Taylor. He started the Jazz Ensemble and the Bell Choir and is still developing new courses. Currently he is working with at-risk students at the elementary and secondary levels through work with African drumming.

"I am honored to be working in a department with colleagues who respect and support me and the field of music education," says Parker. —Arna M. Smith ’87

First Spiegel book tackles hypocrisy

Dr. James Spiegel, associate professor of biblical studies, Christian education and philosophy, published his first book late last fall, "Hypocrisy: Moral Fraud and Other Vices," is, to Spiegel’s knowledge, the first book dedicated to the exploration of hypocrisy.

Spiegel’s initial purpose in writing was to respond to religious skeptics who reject Christianity based on the hypocrisy they see in the church. Ideally, Spiegel hopes his readers will gain real insight into the phenomena of hypocrisy, self-deception and moral weakness. But his objective goes beyond that. “I hope readers will understand human nature better and morally improve as a result," Spiegel says. "For the skeptical reader, my hope is that he or she would walk away with one less significant barrier to the faith.”

"Hypocrisy" is only the beginning of Spiegel’s writing career. He is mid-way through writing a book on moral virtues, which discusses practical theological issues in greater detail. He also is currently working on a book dealing with aesthetics. —Jocelyn Falck ’99

Administrators consider change in senior seminar

Changes may be in the plans for IAS 493, known as senior seminar. An evaluative committee has proposed discontinuing the seminar in favor of departmental initiatives to occur during the January-term and a new course to be offered during both semesters. The move to a new format, which is still under discussion, may occur as early as January of 2001.

Win Corduan, chair of the Taylor Ad hoc Revision of General Education Taskforce (TARGET), presented the taskforce’s tentative results at the December meeting of the faculty. TARGET currently is soliciting feedback on the proposal, which may then be reformatted and presented with other items to the Curriculum Management Committee and then the faculty as a whole, says Corduan.

The tentative proposal TARGET has put forth frees individual academic departments to use the January term as they see fit. Seniors would be required to take a one-credit course, meeting once each week, in place of the current senior seminar. Corduan anticipates departments will rotate responsibilities for the course. Seniors will revisit worldviews and ethics, discuss living as informed Christian stewards and citizens, and participate in faculty-led discussion groups. A current issue also will be addressed in depth during each course.
Class experiences aging process

Powell’s students felt the physical effects of aging in an exercise designed to increase their sensitivity toward the elderly.

An exaggerated role play gave JoAnne Powell’s social work students the opportunity to experience daily activities as the elderly do. Powell simulated the physical hardships acquired through the aging process in an effort to help students understand the experiences of some of the older population.

To encounter the able-bodied students, Powell used gloves to simulate arthritis, goggles to impair vision and cotton-plugged ears to simulate hearing loss. Powell worked to dispel the myths of aging and allow students to experience the frustrations of functioning with impaired ability.

After the exercise Powell helped the class process their feelings by asking questions like “What would we have done?”, “How can we appropriately convey dignity and worth?”

These exercises are an attempt to increase sensitivity among students who may work with the elderly. “Many times the older population is oppressed because of our negative stereotypes,” says Powell. “We view aging as something to be afraid of instead of trying to understand it.” By allowing students to feel the physical and emotional effects of an impairment, Powell increases their sensitivity toward the elderly.

Powell has used the aging sensitivity program in many areas, including a chaplaincy program where she described the effects of aging in prison. Some participants were put in wheel chairs, some were given goggles, and others wore gloves to portray different impairments. Participants were then asked to go to lunch, which required crossing busy Rudisill Boulevard in Fort Wayne. Between the laughter and frustrations, including the inability to get to the cafeteria because of the stairs, the point was well made.

“There is a lot of processing involved,” says Powell. “It helps many to gain some understanding about normal aging.” —Arna M. Smith ’87

Sharathon surpasses goal

WBCL went above and beyond their Sharathon 2000 goal. The 6,251 donors pledged $1,111,685, surpassing the goal of $1,060,000.

The radio network’s 2000 operating budget is based on the Sharathon pledges received. During Sharathon, over 250 volunteers answered phones, recorded pledges and stuffed mailings.

“Our listeners have overwhelmed us with their support as they demonstrate God’s faithfulness once again through their giving to this radio ministry,” says Char Binkley, executive director of WBCL. “With six hours left in Sharathon and nearly $300,000 yet to go to meet our goal, it looked totally impossible; but not with God. He touched the hearts of our listeners and they responded with extreme generosity!.”

Over 20 years ago WBCL began as a single station with two employees and a budget of $100,000. Today, WBCL is a radio network consisting of three stations, a translator, and an Internet website reaching a worldwide audience. In addition, the network’s Likewise outreach ministry touches the lives of thousands in many communities.

Recruiting methods "net" new students

“Bump, set, spike,” were the words of the day as more than 150 area high school students filled the Geric Activities Center for the Holiday Volleyball Tournament. The tournament brought students from 17 churches to campus.

The volleyball tournament is just one innovative means of indirectly recruiting students from the tri-county area to the Fort Wayne campus. The admissions staff has a full calendar of activities designed to make each high school student feel welcome and comfortable on campus. Activities include a football party, a speech tournament, a basketball tournament and the traditional Youth Conference.

Ken Church, WBCL overnight announcer, was one of many who put in long hours to make Sharathon a success.
Alumni Directory now available

Having a hard time locating your old college friends? The recently updated Alumni Directory can help. Published every three years, the directory is an excellent source of contact information for Taylor alumni.

This year’s directory contains updated information in four major sections: biographical, e-mail, geographical and class year. Use this book to find alumni living in your area, connect with friends online, or discover where alumni are serving around the world.

The 2000 Alumni Directory is published by the office of alumni relations and is available for a $30 donation. For information on purchasing a directory, call Joyce Helyer at (800) 882-3456, extension 4956.

Alumni e-mail soon on site

A new feature on Taylor’s website, www.tayloru.edu, will soon allow site visitors to search for alumni e-mail addresses. The search database, which may be available as early as May, will list only the names, graduation years and e-mail addresses of those alumni who have given their permission to be listed on the site.

"The alumni directory is an invaluable tool for staying connected with Taylor friends. I don't know how I'd get along without it!" says Marty Songer, director of alumni relations.

"While we currently have an online directory, this improved database will make the directory more 'user friendly' and include a greater number of addresses," says Marty Songer, director of alumni relations. "E-mail has become a communication tool, and we want our website to provide the information needed for alumni to be able to contact each other."

All alumni will receive either an e-mail or a postcard giving them an opportunity to be added to the online directory.

In addition to providing quick ways to contact alumni, Taylor's site also provides users with current information on the news and happenings on both Taylor campuses.

Challenge match doubles giving opportunities

Alumni and friends have the opportunity to double their donation to Taylor without costing them a penny more from their pocketbook, thanks to a challenge match from generous donors.

For the second year in a row, a committed Taylor family has donated $100,000 to be used as a challenge match. Any new or increased gifts to the Taylor Fund (Upland) or the Annual Fund (Fort Wayne) between January 1 and June 30, 2000, will be automatically matched, effectively doubling the original donation.

Joyce Helyer, associate vice president for development, says last year’s challenge match motivated the giving of additional monies which helped meet student needs. "The Taylor Fund continues to help provide the assistance students need," she says.

She’s thankful for the challenge match donors and their generosity. "I’m so impressed with how they view their resources as being from the Lord and how they give so freely," she says. "They are a model for the kind of generous giving God wants his children to be involved in."

The annual alumni Phonathon begins in early April. Giving options now include the use of credit cards. The University is able to accept gifts via Visa, Discover and MasterCard. Many alumni and friends have chosen to use this option in addition to giving through cash, check, direct withdrawal or stock. To learn more about giving opportunities with matching gift companies, contact a member of the development department at (800) 882-3456, x4957.

Hold June 2001 for our upcoming 14-day trip to Israel and Jordan, sponsored by the William Taylor Foundation and hosted by Ken and Beth Smith. Look for more information in the next magazine, or call Ken at (765) 998-5239.
Joyfully Bridging the Gap

Experiencing abundant life through giving joyfully

When I meet new people, and they inevitably ask what I do for a living — I often state, “I help people experience the joy of giving.” There’s always a little pause and then laughter. It’s true. In my role as one of Taylor’s associate vice presidents for development, I have the privilege of helping people experience joy in giving. In John 10:10, Jesus said, “I am come that they might have life and have it more abundantly.” Giving is part of abundant living through Christ and it is a real joy to see lives changed as people make eternal investments.

Nancy (not her real name) is a woman who has been blessed with substantial financial resources. Through a Taylor alumnus I have had the opportunity to share the Taylor mission and story with Nancy. Because she is asked quite often to help with projects from a number of organizations, she shared with me her feelings after an organization asked for her financial help to pave a parking lot, “Of course I gave the funding, but parking lots aren’t any fun.” At Ivanhoes over a meal, she was introduced to a Taylor senior who shared what her experience at Taylor had meant to her and her plans for the future as a short-term missionary. Nancy’s eyes sparkled and she was encouraged as she later toured campus and heard the Taylor Sounds in concert. She chose to make an investment in the lives of young people that brought her deep joy. Although she didn’t express it quite this way, what she meant was, “Now, this is fun!”

Nancy, along with many other faithful alumni and friends are helping to bridge the gap that is necessary to meet the rising costs of Christian higher education. Even though students pay tuition, Taylor University must identify an additional 16 percent in funds each year to meet the University budget. Through our direct mail program, phonathons, matching gifts and personal visits, alumni and friends are invited to joyfully give by helping us build this corner of God’s kingdom. The needs of the students and the University are met through gifts to the Taylor Fund, scholarships and other special projects. Your gift, combined with the gifts of others, does make a difference in Taylor’s future.

“Giving is a privilege that fills the heart with joy,” is almost a cliché. But, as Dr. Kesler has often said, “The problem with clichés is that they are usually true.” So ... you want to experience joy? Generous friends of Taylor who have made “joy” a giving trademark in their personal lives are hoping to motivate alumni and friends by matching each new or increased gift to the Taylor Fund and Annual Fund dollar for dollar between January 1 and June 30, 2000. In essence, alumni and friends can multiply their giving to the University by giving over and above what they gave to the funds last year during this same time span. Now that’s a reason to celebrate!

Joyce Helyer, associate vice president for development, can be reached at (800) 882-3456 or jyhelyer@tayloru.edu. Pictured above: The Kinder Bridge over the Mississippi River was a favorite Grant County landmark until its removal in the mid-90s.
Basketball team goes bald for player's mom

Jo David is a big basketball fan. The mother of Nick David, senior guard on Taylor’s men’s basketball team, and two other sons, she has only missed one game. That was one of Nick’s high school games. The reason? She’d had hip replacement surgery on Monday, and Nick’s Friday night contest was an away game. Thankfully, the Saturday game was at home.

She is a woman of faith blessed with strength and a good attitude. Those attributes have proved useful through three bouts with cancer over the past 13 years.

As Nick was walking off the court after a recent game, Jo pulled him aside. He wasn’t ready for the news she gave him: the cancer had returned and she would begin chemotherapy again.

“My cancer numbers had been going up for about two years,” she says of routine blood screenings used to monitor the disease. She told Nick, “This is a good thing; it’s what we needed to do.”

When Jo lost her hair as a side effect of the chemotherapy, Nick didn’t want to sit by doing nothing. “I always had a thought that I was going to shave my head for my mom,” he says.

When Nick told Trojan senior Brian Ross his idea, Ross responded. “If you’re going to shave your head,” he said, “we’re all going to shave our heads.”

With Ross and teammate Alan Jones serving as barbers, the Trojans basketball players had a head-shaving party. “They just wanted to do it for my mom; nobody was forced to do it,” Nick says. “It was funny to see everyone,” he laughs. “Some of them are real happy that it’s starting to grow out.”

When Jo and her husband Jan (a former basketball coach) arrived to see the team take on Goshen for the home MCC opener, the sight she saw took her breath away. Afterwards, the players came up to her for hugs and head rubs.

David, who transferred to Taylor before his junior year, had no idea how special the relationships with his fellow Trojans would be. “We’re all friends off the court; it shows when we play,” David says. “It makes it more special.”

Even more special to Nick is his mother’s attitude. “She had a great attitude about it; that’s what helped me.” For Jo, it’s just doing what’s right. “There’s always somebody who’s worse off than you are,” she says. “There are other things to life than cancer.” – Jim Garringer

Volleyball team advances to national Tourney

The 1999 volleyball team was required to face the gaps left by the loss of the three captains from the 1998 season. “It was a whole new team and that was a big obstacle,” says Coach Angie Fincannon.

Obstacles were quickly conquered, however, thanks in part to seniors Erin Lastoria and Brittany Huyser who filled the gaps with experience and leadership.

Taylor overcame its third place rank in the Mid-Central Conference to earn the conference title, which ushered the team into the regional tournament. There the Trojans defied the rankings, upsetting the number one team to earn the program’s third NAIA National Tournament berth.

Their winning streak ended in the first round, however, as a difficult seating matched the Trojans with high-ranked teams from Westmont (Calif.) and Lewis & Clark (Ore.). Despite the losses, the team maintained the determination that had carried them throughout the season and defeated Wilmington (Del.) before losing to St. Marys (Neb.) and ending their season with a 37-13 overall record.

Determination and hard work led the team to the program’s third national tournament berth.
1926
Rev. Raymond Squire lives in Wasco, CA. He is enjoying life at the age of 96!

1945
Prof. Emeritus Earl Pope lectured to foreign service officers assigned to the American Embassy in Bucharest at the National Foreign Service Institute in Arlington, VA. He also directed an Intl Ecumenical Seminar in Chuj, Romania. Members of his staff were from Argentina, Canada, Scotland, Uruguay, Romania and the US. The seminar theme was “Challenges to the Religious Communities: Dialogue, Reconciliation, and Peacemaking.”

1948
Helen (Maurer) Tanner passed away on Aug 12, 1999 in Watertown, MN. Surviving is husband Rev. Merton Tanner who lives at 415 Jefferson Ave SW Apt 101, Watertown, MN 55388.

1949
One of the highlights of last year’s 50th class reunion was the attendance of Dr. Elmer Nussbaun. Elmer received his commemorative diploma from Dr. Kesler on Friday evening. He lives in Indianapolis, IN. ● Jean VanHorn was among alumnae recognized last Sept during Taylor’s Hall of Fame weekend for the success achieved by the 1945-49 women’s basketball teams. The Trojans went undefeated for 5 seasons. Jean played on the team 4 yrs and coached the team 3 yrs. Jean lives in Hartford City, IN.

1950
Dr. Clyde Meredith participated in the 70-71 age group at the Senior Olympics at Disney World. He is a member of the volleyball team “The Born Again Jocks” that won the Northern Games held in Duluth, MN. The team eventually went on to win the bronze medal at the Senior Olympics. Clyde lives in Bloomington, MN. Congratulations!

1956
Editor’s Note: In the previous issue of the Taylor Magazine it was reported that Virginia (Sticklin) Gulick was deceased. This was incorrect. It was her husband Richard who died on Aug 10, 1999. He suffered with ALS (Lou Gerig’s disease) for over a year. His life was one of tremendous courage and faith. In correspondence with friends several months before his death, Richard stated, “I am willing to follow Him wherever He leads me. I am unpacked and ready to go home.” Virginia continues to reside at 677 Heatherton Ln, West Chester, PA 19380. ● Mike and Lorena (Smith x) Murphy recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary in a very special way. When arriving at a regularly scheduled choir practice at their church, they turned on the lights to find about 200 people there to greet them. Lorena was handed a bouquet of flowers, a soloist was singing, the church was decorated for a wedding, and the couple walked down the aisle together and repeated their wedding vows. The happy couple serves on the mission field in Brazil. Email is murphy@inrapenet.com.br.

1959
Wilma Jean (Jorg) Trapp passed away on Dec 24, 1999 following a courageous battle with cancer. She was organist and bell choir director at Heritage Presby Church and devoted her entire life to the ministry of music. Among the survivors are brother Paul Jorg x’61 and husband Ron Trapp who continues to live at 203 Lakeview Dr, Mason, OH 45040.

1963
Dr. Ted Marr is president of Ilux Corp. He & wife Rose live in Fremont, CA. Email is ted@marx.org.

1969
Dr. Curtis Whiteman suffered a severe stroke in Aug 1998. He had to learn to walk again, and his left arm and hand are still paralyzed, but he is teaching on a limited basis. His address is 1286 Casitas Pass Rd, Carpinteria, CA 93013.

1970
Debra (Heinrich) Hodgens has retired from the US Army. She is now an investigator. Email is DebH48@aol.com. ● Howard Taylor is now vice pres for college advancement at Malone College. He & wife Jill (Shuler x’69) live in Canton, OH.

1972
Don Brenneman, husband of Sharmin (Drake)
Brenneman, has been reappointed senior pastor at Bristol United Methodist Church (UMC) as of Nov 15, 1999. Sharmin has been a substitute teacher and active in volunteer work in the church and community of Rochester, IN. Daughter Joanna is 10. ● Ruth (Hammer) Worley is a teacher for the Kennedale Independent School District. Her husband Ben passed away in 1993. Email is missie @eaze.net.

1974

Curt Knorr is dir of investments-principal for Ronald Blue & Co. Wife Nancy & children Andrew (14) & Kathryn (12) live in Dunwoody, GA. Email is curt.knorr@ronblue.com. Curt is an active member of North Point Comm Church and still plays as much golf as possible. ● Rev. Mike Saddler passed away on Nov 21, 1999. He was pastor at the Greentown First UMC. Surviving are wife Shirley (Bettner '76) & daughters Becky (Saddler '99) Mahan, Beth (19) and Beverly (11). Shirley lives at 215 S Meridian, Greentown, IN 46936. ● Mark Sakuta's apartment was destroyed in a Dec 23, 1999 fire that displaced 55 families from an apt building in West Chester, OH. Mark had been visiting family in PA and learned about the fire while there. His new address is 4081 Sharon Park Ln Apt 7, Cincinnati, OH 45241-2053. Mark has been a senior technical writer for CARS Info Systems since 1995. ● Kathy (Lesher) Strapp died June 4, 1999 of ovarian cancer. Surviving is husband David, 232 W Dominion Blvd, Columbus, OH 43214. She was the daughter of Daniel Lesher '53.

1975

Donald McLaughlin switched careers last year to join Prison Fellowship Ministries as regional dir of advancement for the Great Lakes. Wife Beth (Waldrop '78) works as assistant dir of grad admissions for Bethel College in Mishawaka. They live in Granger, IN with children Kaitlin (11) & Holly (9). Email is donald@michiana.org.

1976

Beverly Fleming married Karl Anderson on July 31, 1999 in Indianapolis, IN. Beverly continues to teach middle school math and Karl is a senior claims mgr at Go America Ins Co. They reside at 35 E Edgewood Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46227. Email is BGflem @surf-ici.com.

1977

Ken Kenipe endured a heart attack and quadruple by-pass surgery in Feb 1999, but was back preaching by Easter. In Nov he had angioplasty and is feeling better than he has all year. His wife Pam (May '79) stays busy at church and at home with their 2 daughters Lori (16) & Stacie (15). The family lives at 5948 Smith Rd, Brook Park, OH 44142. Email is kenipecp@juno.com.

1978

Nancy Jane (Key) Davis x died on Dec 3, 1999 of a brain tumor. She is survived by husband John Davis '76 & sons Jefferson (20), Joseph (18), Robert (14) & Philip (12) who reside at 7516 S 82nd E Ave, Tulsa, OK 74133.

1980

Colleen Coughenour is a pre-kindergarten varying exceptionalities teacher for Pinellas County Schools. She & husband Mark Gibson live in St Petersburg, FL with daughters Emily & Olivia. Email is cogib @aol.com. ● Kevin & Sherry (Pritchett '81) Heiser are the proud parents of Mercedes Lorene born Oct 25, 1999. Siblings are William (18), Margaret (16), Elisabeth (14), Andrew (8), Caleb (6), Alexandria (4) and Jedediah (2). The family lives in Gibson City, IL. ● Kevin & Ruth (Smith) Johns & Joseph (5) joyfully welcomed Cristina Elizabeth on Dec 22, 1998. Cristina was born on June 28, 1998 in Guatemala. The Johns family recently moved to Ohio where Kevin accepted a position with Clienflogic. ● Dr. Rae & Melody (Rohrer '83) Ringenberg moved to the northwest Orlando area in June. Rae joined another Christian physician as part of Apopka Family Practice.

Melody is involved in Precept Bible study classes and continues to serve on the Taylor National Alumni Council. Nathan (12) and Joel (9) are putting the skills learned at TU basketball camp to great use in Florida! Their new address is 1165 Sweet Heather Ln, Apopka, FL 32712. Email is RMJRingen @juno.com. They are very interested in meeting other central Florida TU alumni.

Alumnus receives Indiana's top municipal award

Indianapolis councilwoman Beulah (Meyer '55) Coughenour recently received the state's highest municipal honor, the Russell G. Lloyd Distinguished Service Award, given during ceremonies at the close of the Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IAC) 99th Annual Conference.

Coughenour, first elected to the Indianapolis city-county council in 1976, served on the executive legislative and environmental affairs committees of IAC as well as the Board of Directors of National League of Cities (NLC). Coughenour also serves as vice chair of the environment, energy and land use committee of the national association of counties.

She is recognized as one of the nation's most knowledgeable municipal officials on environmental issues.

Beulah Coughenour '55 receives the Russell G. Lloyd Distinguished Service Award.
1981
Timothy Johnson is assec pastor at Kurume Bible Fellowship. Tim & Jeanne (Gerig SCC '78), Julie (11) and Jared (7) live in Japan. Email is Timjeanie@aol.com.

James & Debby Long are the proud parents of Samuel born May 5, 1999. Siblings are Rebekah (11), Luke (10), Elizabeth (9), Jacob (8), Anna (7), Levi (5), John Calvin (2) and Alexander (1). James is senior training assc at Eli Lilly & Co. The family lives in Indianapolis, IN. Email is long@lilly.com.

1982
Bob x & Cheri (Hopkins '85) Estle joyfully announce the birth of Benjamin Lloyd on Jan 12, 2000. Cheri is a middle school teacher and Bob is the service mgr at Integrity Ford. The family lives at 11600 Rd 117, Paulding, OH 45879. Email is cherih@bright.net.

1983
Jay & Vicki (Pierce) Schindler joyfully announce the birth of Julius Rochelle on July 24, 1999. Siblings are Jackie (11), Jonathan (8), Jamie (5) and Jenna (4). Jay continues to run Eskco, Inc. Vicki stays busy at home with the children. The family resides in Dayton, OH. Jon & Susan Stocksdales are the proud parents of Benjamin.


1985
Mark & Judy Cornfield are the proud parents of Isaac Whittaker born Oct 23, 1999. Siblings are Mary Katherine (7), Will (5) and Jacob (2). The family resides in Cornings, NY. Email is m.cornfield@worldnet.att.net. Steve & Melinda (Harlan) Moffitt returned to Nairobi in July 1999 after a furlough from their work as missionaries with AIM Intl. Daughters Olivia (11), Natalie (8) and Christine (4) were excited to return to their life in Kenya. Email is steve-melinda_moffitt@aimint.org. While in the US, Steve & Melinda visited with family members and friends including First West Olson pals.

1984
Dr. Jay Case is assistant prof of history at Malone College. Jay, wife Elisa (Jessup '85) and daughters Karin (12), Brenna (10) and Kelsey (9) live in North Canton, OH. Tim & Vickie Morse are the proud parents of twins Hollie Lynn born March 10, 1999 and Jacob Lee born March 11, 1999. Sister Constance is 2. Tim is systems consultant for AdvanTec Info Systems and music minister at Rankin Baptist Church. The family lives in Greensboro, NC. Email is T_Morse@MSX.com.

1986
Tom & Karen (Ramsland '89) Granitz are proud to announce the birth of Matthew Thomas on Oct 24, 1999. Siblings are Kelsey (8), Michael (7) and Mackenzie (5). Tom is precs of Dominion Building Products and Karen loves to be home with the children. They live at 17402 Wilton Park Ct, Spring, TX 77379. Email is TKGranitz@aol.com. Doug & Andrea (Salin) Hockenbrocht live in
Farmington Hills, MI with children Greg (9) and Michelle (5). Doug is mgr, manufacturing-info technology consulting for Plante & Moran, LLP. Email is hockend @aol.com. ● Tom & Lora (Robbins x’87) Jackson joyfully announce the birth of Delaney Helen on Aug 28, 1999. The family has moved to 13299 W Wildflower Dr, Columbus, IN 47201. Tom continues to practice plastic and reconstructive surgery and Lora stays home with Delaney and brother Sam (5). Email is loraj @qunix.net. ● Jeff & Deborah Raymond recently adopted their first child, Elijah Taylor. He was born on Jan 3, 2000 in Modesto, CA and traveled to his new home in Santa Barbara a day later. Jeff is in his 3rd yr as sports info dir at Westmont College. Deborah works in the office of planned giving at Westmont. The family lives at 2070 E Valley Rd, Santa Barbara, CA 93108. Email is jraymond@westmont.edu. ● Steve & Wendy Strobel live in Kernersville, NC. Sons are Philip (5) & Luke (2). Steve is store mgr at Family Christian Stores.

● Joe Surin is pastor of Grand Canyon Comm Ch. Wife Debbie is an accountant for Delaware North Park Services. They live in Grand Canyon, AZ. Email is surin@grand-canyon.az.us. ● Don & Sharon (Davis) Wiley are excited to announce the birth of Mark Davis on Oct 13, 1999. Siblings are Mitch (7), Matthew (5) and Claire (2). Don & Sharon continue to serve under Greater Europe Mission focusing on youth ministry in Dublin, Ireland.

They can be reached at 5 Swords Manor Dr, Swords Co. Dublin, Ireland. Email is 106543.1477@compuserve.com.

1987

Kevin & Stephanie (vonGunten) Fitzharris are the proud parents of Kenneth Scott born Nov 3, 1999. Siblings are McKenna (4) and Connor (2). Kevin is an attorney for Barrett & McNagny and Stephanie is a stay-at-home mom. The family lives in Ft Wayne, IN. ● Jamey Frintz purchased a ServiceMaster franchise in Jan 1999. Services provided include fire and water restoration and residential carpet and upholstery cleaning. He & wife Suzanne live in Pleasant Prairie, WI. Email is jfrintz@execpc.com. ● James & Jennifer Hayes are the proud parents of Joseph born Feb 20, 1999. Brother Jimmy is 3. James is a technical analyst for Oakdene Group. The family lives in Oak Brook, IL. Email is james.hayes @oakdene.com. ● Mike Pomerooy was killed in an auto accident on Sept 24, 1999. Mike was dean of students at Goddard IIS, Roswell, NM at the time of his death. He is survived by wife Lorrie and 2 stepchildren, Kim (15) and Tim (13), as well as father Fred Pomerooy ’61 and sister Sherry (Pomeroy ’88) Petersen.

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Chad & Dana (Deacon) Emery are the proud parents of Cooper born Nov 12, 1999. Siblings are sister Quinn (4) and Dillon (2). Chad is project mgr for Interstate Batteries. Email is chad@ibsa.com. ● Dr. Darrel Hotmire has joined Pandora Family Physicians in Itawta, OH. He is one of more than 2,400 currently practicing health care professionals nationwide whose appointment was made possible through the Health Resources and Services Administration’s National Health Service Corps. Prior to joining the NHSC in Aug, Dr. Hotmire completed his residency at St Vincent’s Hospital in Toledo, OH. ● Joe & Lisa (Moritz ’90) Miller proudly announce the birth of Sophia Rose on Nov 11, 1999. Grace, almost 2, loves being a big sister! Joe is an attorney for Baker & Daniels, representing colleges, universities and other tax-exempt organizations. They would love to hear from Taylor friends. Email them at jen Miller @bakerd.com.

1990

Lori Anderson recently left the Humane Society of Indianapolis to do free-lance editing at home. Until children come along for her & husband Bill Walworth, they are enjoying each other and their 4 cats, 2 birds and 3 dogs. Email is lilabulllum @worldnet.att.net. ● William & Jennifer (Mathis ’91) Cleaver joyfully announce the birth of Chelsea Rose on Nov 17, 1998. Brother Drew is 3. Their address is 523 S Main St, Gaylord, MI 49735. ● Scott & Dawn (Olday) Mosby are thrilled to announce the birth of Claire Marie on Sept 3, 1999. Siblings are twins Levi and Devon (3) and Natalie (2). Email is twinsplus2 @hotmail.com. ● Bill Schureman and Kate Neumiller were married on Sept 25 in Peoria, IL. Toby Shope was the best man. Bill is rules analyst for the joint committee on administrative rules for the Illinois General Assembly. Kate is dir of administrative services for Lakeview Museum. They live in Peoria. Email is Tuuis @aol.com. ● Mark & Linda (Lewis) Sweating joyfully announce the birth of Emilianha Paige born Oct 10, 1999. Sister Ashley is 6. They live in Nassau, Bahamas where Mark is operations mgr for systems Resource Group. Email is mg5@bahamas.net.bs. ● Jay & Donna (Moore ’91) Teagle are proud to announce the birth of Amanda Jane on June 30, 1999. Sister Allison is 4. Jay is a tchr and coach at Huntley IIS and Donna is in the 2nd yr of her Floor Coverings Intl business. They live in West Chicago, IL. Email is jteagle @d158.k12.il.us.

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1991

Jenne Nan Beecher is now dir of professional development at Barkley Evergreen & Partners, Inc., an advertising and public relations firm. She resides in Kansas City, MO. ● Rodney & Christine (Green) Cundiff joyfully announce the birth of Janna Cathleen born March 7, 1999. Rodney is music minister at Buford Church of God and Christine enjoys being a full-time mom. They live at 1022 Level Creek Rd #1319, Sugar Hill, GA 30518. ● Deb Foster married Linker Mills on Nov 13, 1999 in Woodhaven, MI. Jean (Scott) Schneider was matron of honor. The couple resides at 2 Witherwood Ct Apt 1A, Baltimore, MD 21204. Email is linkermills@prodigy.net. ● Matthew & Wendy (Shroyer) Kohler are the proud parents of Nicholas Daniel born March 3, 1999. Brother Jacob is 3. They live in Little Rock, AR. They would love to hear from TU friends. Email is makohler@aristotle.net. ● David & Kirsten (Fox ’90) Laing joyfully announce the birth of Jordan Taylor on Aug 5, 1999. The family resides in Lansing, MI. Email is Laingk@state.mi.us. ● John & Cara (Meinert) Langford have been blessed with Ryan James born Aug 17, 1999. The Langfords live at 7344 Crickwood Pl, Indianapolis, IN 46268. Cara is working part-time as a data-processing analyst for Wild Birds Unlimited and full-time as a mom and homemaker. Email is jb-homey@juno.com. ● Cairy & Susan (Johnson ’92) Littlejohn and Peter (4) celebrated the safe arrival of twins Graham Hudson and Sophie Lane on Nov 22, 1999. The family lives in Naperville, IL. Email is cairy@corpnet.net. ● Michael Ryg and Angela Nordman were married Jan 9, 1999. TU participants were Jon Nichols ’92, Steve Raikes, Bob Griffin & Tom Sena. The couple lives in Palatine, IL where Mike works as a tool and die designer. Angie teaches 5th gr at Kimball Hill Elem School. Together they serve in their church’s HIS ministry. ● Eric & Jennifer (Voskuil) Sones are the proud parents of Christian Basil born Nov 26, 1999. Jennifer enjoys being a full-time mom while maintaining one free-lance client. Eric is an army officer stationed at Ft Sam Houston. They live in San Antonio. Email is ejones@prodigy.net. ● David & Dorie (McDougal ’93) Thompson proudly announce the birth of Sophia Grace on Nov 17, 1999. Sister Ellie is 2. They live in Arlington, VA. ● Daryl & Christine (Cotthorp x) Twist and Samantha (2) reside at 225 Maddock Ave W, Victoria BC, V9A 1G7. Email is ctwist@vic.com. Daryl is a personal banking rep for a Canadian bank. Christine is a computer programmer specializing in Oracle application development. ● Steve & Karin (Feige) Wood are proud to announce the birth of Julia Taylor on April 17, 1999. Big brother Carter is 3. The family lives in Wadsworth, IL.

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Brian & Diane (Bendure) Carlson are pleased to announce the birth of Joshua David born Dec 31, 1999. Sister Ashley is 3. Brian is a computer consultant with Cornerstone Solutions. Diane stays home. They live in Ft Wayne, IN. Email is carlson@cornerstones.com. ● Tucker & Carrie Darby live in Traverse City, MI. Daughters are Anna (2) and Emily (1). Tucker is a cabinetmaker for Wooden Hammer. Email is au677@tcnet.org. ● Vince & Chris (Schute) Geddes are the proud parents of Taylor John born Aug 4, 1999. Sister Jordan is 3. Email is vcgeddeds@juno.com. ● Paul & Kim (Thacker) Leininger are happy to announce the birth of Emma Ixchel on Sept 7, 1999. Brother Jacob is 2. The family lives in Sachse, TX. ● Christopher Meeker x is a carpenter for Rupp Lumber Co. Christopher, wife Terra and son Calle (2) live in Wauseon, OH. ● Thomas & Laura Moher live in Grand Rapids, MI. Thomas is resident mgr, assistant vice pres for Merrill Lynch. Email is thomas_moher@ml.com. ● Captain Brad Oliver completed F15C training with the USAF in Panama City, FL. He & his family have been assigned to Elemendorf Air Force Base in Anchorage, AK for 3 yrs. Brad will be a member of the 54th Fighter Squadron. Wife Deborah (Rampona ’93) stays home with daughter Jacqueline. They covet your prayers as Brad will be spending many months away from home each year. Email is dr Oliver@hotmail.com. They welcome visitors! ● Ty & Brenda (Kaufman) Platt joyfully announce the birth of Kalee Alexis on Nov 2, 1999. Siblings are Kyle (4) and Konner (2). Ty is a tchr and the varsity boys’ basketball coach at Norwell HS. Brenda Paul ’92 & Kim (Thacker ’92) Leininger and family
enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. The family resides at 232 Hillside Ave, Roanoke, IN 46783.

- Zach & Julie (Tannis) Pryor are the proud parents of Joshua Allen born Nov 1, 1999.
  The family lives in DeMotte, IN where Zach has been an assoc pastor. Joshua has been
diagnosed with a rare, degenerative, terminal, recessive, genetic condition called Zellweger’s
Syndrome that needs many
prayers for God to slow it down, or better yet to stop it all
together. As for now, Joshua is
small but quite healthy. Email is

  Sister Payton is 3. The Scotts
live in Ft Wayne, IN. - Doug
Woodward married Tracy Nicole Quinn on Aug 6, 1999 in Nappanee, IN. TU particip-
ants included Forrest
Miller, Lisa Curless, Dina
(Stuckel '93) Koble and
Sherri (Steiner '86) Ellis.
Doug & Tracy are
living in Amman, Jordan and can be reached c/o
American
Community School,
PO Box 310,
Amman, Jordan.
Email is dwoodwar
@acsamman.edu.jo.

1993

Angela Carl earned an MSW with a concentration in planning and administration from the Univ of Alabama at Tuscaloosa. She lives in
Fairfax, VA. Email is angelacarl@hotmail.com. - Joe x & Julie (Felton x) Hammond are pleased to announce the birth of Nicholas Joseph on Sept 20, 1999. Joe is mgr of Holt Rental Services. They live in Waterville, OH. Email is jhammond@glasscity.net. - Eric Hofmann is a chfr for North Scott School District. Eric, wife Catherine & son
David (1) live in
Bettendorf, IA.
Email is hofmann9
@worldnet.att.net.
- Julie (Scroggins) Meredith was in
the wedding. The
couple is on staff
with Young Life in
Toronto, ON. Email is bcgregy1
@aol.com. - Lori Red is
head shipper for Dayton Title
Agency. She lives in Lakeview,
OH. Email is loritheloon
@juno.com.

1994

Jonathan & Kristin
(Hoffrage '94)
Couch now reside at
3409 Palm
Beach Dr, Valrico, FL 33594. -
Margo Horsey
works with Campus
Crusade for Christ
at its headquarters
in Orlando, FL as
the personal assistant/ministry
coordinator for Vonette Bright
(co-founder of Campus
Crusade and wife of president,
Bill Bright). She is traveling
200-500 days out of the year
with the Brights as they meet
and speak to thousands
around the world, challenging
and mobilizing believers in
ministry and sharing the gospel
with those who do not know
Christ. If you would like to
become a part of her financial/
prayer support team, write or
call Margo at 100 Lake Hart
Dr. Orlando, FL 32832. Email is
mhorsey@cci.org.

- Peter & Diana (Molloy) Van Der Noord joyfully announce the birth of William John on
March 12, 1999.
  Brother Harrison is 2. Pete is a
cellar & partner of
America Real
Properties and Diana is a stay-
at-home mom. The family lives
at 4706 63rd Dr W, Bradenton,
FL 34210. Email is pdn
@americaholdings.com. -
Jessica Whittaker is a chfr at
Mariner HS. She just received
her pilot’s license and will be
going to flight school in Sanford, FL.
She hopes to have all of her
ratings and a job with Comair/Delta next year. Email is
jessicaw@lee.k12.fl.us.

1995

Becky Crumbacher
married Rich
Godslasky on June
12, 1999 in
Pensacola, FL. TU
participants were
Sherri Saunders
'93 and Jenn
Swanborough. Rich
and Becky both
work for KPMG Consulting.
Becky is also teaching classes
at the Univ of West Florida
while she pursues her master's
degree in literature. Email is
wolfe45@juno.com. - Joel
Gilbert is a partner at
Interactive Financial Solutions.
He is also part-time youth
pastor and part-time opera-
tions mgr for Executive
Consultants, Inc. Wife
Danielle (Honemond)
joins assisting Joel in
building the business when she
is not busy being mom to
Zachary (1). The Gilberts live
in Rockville, MD. Email is
joelg@quixnet.net.

- Jenny (Hamilton '96)
& Tom '91 Sena
were married on Dec 13,
1998 in Kalamazoo, MI. TU participants were Kristen (Waligora) Greene, Laurie (Ruckman '95) Mundy, Jeff Hamilton '93, John Nichols '92, Dan Siegel '92, Mike Ryz '91 and Bob Griffin x'91. The couple's address is 232 South Oak St., Palatine, IL 60067. Email is TDJKSENA@cs.com.

Mary Kauffman and Russell Anderson were married on March 27, 1999 in Waukarusa, IN. TU participants in the wedding were Shelly Heathwole, Elizabeth Pihl, Sandra Carlson, Nichole Collett, Aimee (Diorio) Kennedy, Carla (Yoder x'87) Wisler, David Kauffman '00 and Matthew Schwartz '91. Russell is the pres of Anderson Farms and Mary is the assistant HS choral dir and Jr High choral dir in the Concord Community School System. The couple resides at 7898 E Vawter Park Rd, Syracuse, IN 46567. Peter Marshall is a family development specialist for SAFY of Indiana. Email is pope91@hotmail.com. Anne Oliver and Randy Smith were married on June 26, 1999 in Upland, IN. In the wedding from TU were Brad Oliver '92, Kathy (Oliver '78) Schmeichel, Susan (Oliver '86) Brammer, and parents of the bride James '52 & Nan (Williams x'52) Oliver. Anne is a middle school teacher at Atchison Independent School District. The couple lives in Atchison, KS until June 2000 when Bill starts pilot training in Del Rio, TX. Traci Baker married David Noble on Aug 14, 1999 in South Holland, IL. In the wedding from TU were Kimberly Baker '01, Nicole (Corcoran) Vik, Melissa (Barcalow) Hullinger and Evamarie (Verwys) Eggebeen. The Nobles are living in Indianapolis, IN. Traci is in grad school at the IU School of Social Work and hopes to receive her MSW in May 2000. They can be reached at noblent@juno.com. Dr. Jason X & Tina (Squires TUFW '96) Bell reside in Fishers, IN. Tina is head dir with Indiana Developmental Training Ctr, working with children and young adults with developmental disabilities. Jason is a chiropractic physician with a practice in Fishers. Email is jasonbell12@hotmail.com. Chad Carpenter is dir of youth ministries for First Presby Church in Bristol, TN. He & wife Jennifer (Belden) live in Bristol. Email is Chad_Jen_Carpenter@yahoo.com. Daryl & Roni Goodwin live in Winter Haven, FL. Daryl is senior claims rep for State Farm Ins Co. Kerry Hoy married Kris Lehman on July 31, 1999 in South Barrington, IL. TU participants were Stacy Haverstock, Kim Tannchill, Elizabeth Wise, Jenn Stohr, Meredith Bovee '99 and Robert Junna x'99. Kerry is the Telamachus mentoring program dir at Marion Boys and Girls Club and Kris is the recreation mgr at New Horizons Youth Ministries. The couple lives at 4503 W Harmon St, Marion, IN 46953. Paul & Jennifer (Andersen)

Strap on your sandals for Youth Conference 2000

The Taylor tradition of Youth Conference continues this April 28-30. Speaker Brian Shivers '90 and musical guests Plumb will lead the event. Please remember Youth Conference in your prayers. For more information, or to learn how to register high school students from your church, visit the website at: www.tayloru.edu/~yc/
Ryan & Nichole (Hinck ’98) Wolland

1998
Nichole Hinck and Ryan Wolland were married on August 28, 1999 in Peoria, IL. Jennie Miglioratti ’98 was in the wedding. Nichole & Ryan are both system analysts at Caterpillar, Inc. The couple resides at 31 Spruce St, Morton, IL 61550. Email is nichole@mtco.com.

Shadrack Kilemba lives at 744 Princeton Blvd #22, Lowell, MA 01851. Email is skilemba@yahoo.com. Shadrack is a software engineer for Harte-Hanks Data Technologies. Jayson Schoeblein x is an assoc agent for Nationwide Ins. He & wife

1999
Kate Bradford and Sid Zell ’97 were married on Oct 23, 1999 in Indianapolis, IN. TU participants included Dawn McNair, Aaron Miller ’97, Mark Dykstra ’98, Beth Klima ’98 and Jennifer Miller ’00. The couple resides at 3540 N Pennsylvania Apt X, Indianapolis, IN 46205. Email is sidzell@webtv.net.

Alyssa Endres married Jeremy Altorfer on July 10, 1999 in Peoria, IL. In the wedding from TU were Andrew Nicholson, Ami Sparkman and Abby Coutant. Alyssa is a 3rd gr
tchr at Valley View Elem School. Jeremy is the mgr of United Facilities. They live at 2260 Jericho Rd, Montgomery, IL 60538.

David x & Bonnie (Bacon) Geiger live in Timely Park, IL. Bonnie is a staffing specialist at Sedgwick Claims Management Services. Email is bacoubits@aol.com.

Andrea Louckes and Micah Hill ’98 were married on July 3, 1999 in Nashville, TN. TU participants were Erin Lastoria ’00, Erin Amerson ’00, Kate Chandler ’00, Alissa (Morales ’00) Mott, Nate Hill ’97, Franz Forman ’98, Dan Rohweder ’98, Brianne Shilling ’01, Sarah Leister ’00, Chad ’98 & an English tchr at the Landmark School and Julie is a data management researcher for the Automobile Insurers Bureau of Massachusetts.

Amy Parker and Joel Nichols x were married on Aug 14, 1999 in Hartford City, IN. In the wedding from TU were Kassie Stahl, Joel Martin, Jason Wood, Tim Jahr, Crissy Heinichen ’00, Leah Gittlen ’00, Erin Olson ’00 and Jaci Miller. Their address is 3913 Wind Drift Dr E, Indianapolis, IN 46254. Email is amynichols@mailroom.com.

Jamie Warrick married Jonathan Willey on July 10, 1999. They live in Pullman, WA. Jonathan is head cross country and track and field athletic trainer at Washington State Univ. Email is willeyatc@juno.com.

Julie (Palm x’97) Frizzell and Dan & Whitni (Barlge) Jentes. Andrea is studying in the M.S. program at the Univ of Indianapolis and Micah is a project mgr for Premier Villages. The couple resides at 171 N Smart St, Greenwood, IN 46142. Email is nichanandandy@juno.com.

Julie Ostrogna married Marco Ray on Feb 6, 1999 in Ft Wayne, IN. The Rays now live in Ipswich, MA where Marco is the owner of a successful bridal shop.

Rebecca Wheeler is circulation coordinator for Quadrant HealthCom, Inc. She lives in Sparta, NJ. Email is becca_wheeler@hotmail.com.
Leaving a legacy

Though most Americans give to nonprofit organizations during their lifetime, few remember to include the charities and institutions that have impacted their lives when planning their estates. Institutions like Taylor University are dependent on the generosity of donors in order to continue fulfilling their mission. Below are the top five ways you can use your estate to bless Taylor University and her students. For more information, contact Ken Smith, Nelson Rediger or Al Rupp with the William Taylor Foundation at (800) 882-3456, extension 5239.

1. Leave a gift in your will, and encourage your family and friends to do the same.
   Honor deserving friends, former coaches or professors, or family members with a memorial or tribute gift in their names.

2. Leave Taylor a specific dollar amount or percentage of the appreciated assets in your will.

3. Name Taylor University as the beneficiary of your pension plan or IRA.

4. Use your existing life insurance to benefit the University by naming Taylor as your beneficiary, or purchase a new life insurance plan and make Taylor the beneficiary.

Taking Taylor to a town near you
upcoming Taylor gatherings bring the campus to your doorstep

A recent Taylor gathering in Grabill, Ind., had over 60 guests. More gatherings are planned in the next few months. See below for a site near you, or visit the website for more information. Don’t miss this opportunity to unite with Taylor alums and friends in your area and learn about other University and campus events.

www.tayloru.edu/upland/alumni

Taylor's history has been irreversibly and positively changed thanks to the decades of leadership Dr. Jay Kesler, with the support of his wife Janie, has provided. Now, as Dr. Kesler plans to retire from the presidency, you have the opportunity to tell him and/or Janie how much their guidance has meant to you.

Please take a few minutes to write a letter to Jay and/or Janie, sharing a significant memory from your time at Taylor either with Jay or Janie as students in the 50s or as a student with the Keslers as president and first lady in the 80s and 90s. You may use this form, send your own personal letterhead, or submit your letter via the website at www.tayloru.edu/about/president. Please send your letter by April 14 to:

The Office of University Relations
236 W. Reade Ave.
Upland, IN 46989-1001

Dear Jay and Janie:

Signed
City
State
Class Year (if appropriate)
1. Heavyweight 9-ounce 50/50 navy full zip hooded sweatshirt with left chest and full back embroidery by JanSport. S, M, L, XL $39.95, XXL $41.95.

2. 100% cotton heavyweight long sleeve oxford gray tee with left chest and left sleeve design by JanSport. Available in oxford gray. S, M, L, XL $21.95, XXL $23.95.


4. 100% cotton short sleeve tee with popular bar design screenprint by JanSport; available in oxford gray, navy, and white. S, M, L, XL $21.95; XXL $23.95.

5. 100% cotton super heavyweight tee with traditional TU Athletics design. S, M, L, XL $12.95; XXL $13.95.

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"I've never gotten burnt once," Jesse Joyner says as he dips the wicks of three juggling torches in kerosene and ignites them with a lighter. As flames illuminate the evening sky, he tosses the torches in the air and, without even a glance at the fiery sticks, catches each one flawlessly. "You just always know where they're going to land."

Juggling blazing torches, among other objects, started as a hobby for Joyner but has developed into a career, and more recently, a ministry. His fiery performances captivate the audience and teach a biblical lesson in the process.

Joyner, now a Taylor sophomore, was 12 when he first attempted juggling. "I practiced my heart out every night," he says. He read about the art, watched other jugglers, and then worked his way up to managing five balls at one time. With that mastered, he needed a bigger challenge.

"I started trying to think of other things to juggle," he says, "and the first three that came to mind were knives, chainsaws and fire."

He decided to try knives first. While on a missions trip with his family in Venezuela, Joyner purchased three machetes. Standing over the hotel room bed, he made his first attempt at juggling knives and found that, once he got over the initial fear, tossing and catching knives really wasn't all that different from the balls and clubs he'd mastered earlier.

Later in high school Joyner moved on to juggling fire, and into a career as a juggler for a professional entertainment company in his hometown of Richmond, Va. When he left Virginia to study at Taylor, God gave him the spark of an idea to make his hobby into a ministry, using juggling to catch the attention of children while he shares Bible stories.

"Why not give kids something interesting to look at while you teach the gospel message?" he asks. And so a ministry was ignited. Joyner uses several types of juggling, as well as object lessons, to teach biblical messages. With fiery torches flipping through the air, he tells the story of the blazing furnace, and with the machetes in flight over his head, he tells children that the Bible is the sword of God.

Joyner, a Bible major, plans to enter the ministry after graduation and intends to continue using juggling to open doors for sharing the gospel. His career plans are going up in smoke, and that's just what he wants. - Amber L. Anderson