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Pushing beyond the limits of the known

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What comes to mind when you hear the word “pioneer”? For many Americans, images of hearty, adventurous risk takers willing to leave the comfortable and convenient to find freedom and fortune in the Wild West most often appear. Like many of you, I was weaned on Westerns – what some called in that day the “horse opera.” I sat with rapt attention munching on popcorn and Raisinettes as my heroes of yesteryear lit up the silver screen. And, like many of you, I left the theater with enthusiasm for the cowboy games so much a part of childhood fantasy. It seems that in the marrow of many is a longing for a “little house on the prairie” where each day brings the possibility of adventure.

Christians are of pioneering stock. Beginning with Abraham and running throughout the history of Christianity, the Gospel demands a “pilgrim people” (Hebrew for “pioneer,” I believe). The Great Commission call to bear witness and make disciples produced generations of risk takers willing to leave familiarity, predictability and security to pursue God’s purposes for their surrendered lives. The results have been life changing and world shaping. Christianity’s pilgrims are people of unquenchable faith willing to go where others would not and achieve what most could not.

One of my favorite anthologies of Christian pioneers is Hebrews 11. With God-dependent hope and spiritually enlightened eyes, the trail they followed wanderers from mountaintop victories and through valley of death struggles to a final destination of eternal consequence. No one can leave Scripture’s grand hall of the faith-filled without being challenged to strike out, as they did, for unseen destinations sustained only by the promises of Jehovah God. The fruit of effective Christian community is a harvest of those willing to take God at His word, trusting Him to lead where others care not or dare not go.

Taylor University is a place where Christ-centered pioneers are formed and challenged. From the University’s founding in 1846, Taylor has been a training ground for those who will trust God fully and serve Him faithfully. The pilgrim spirit permeates the essence of our vision and mission of both Taylor University and Fort Wayne Bible College. Full education for women, bold exploration of Christ’s purposes in science, medicine and biblical studies, uncompromising commitment to the conviction that all truth is rooted in the One who is the way, the truth and the life characterize the founding passions of those who have gone before us.

In this edition of the magazine you will read about some of those who heard this plea to explore the new frontiers of God’s callings. As you explore their journeys of faith, we pray that you will be inspired to take the next step in God’s plan for your life. When done we hope you will hear the Spirit of God calling in a fresh way: Faith-ward Ho! You are sons and daughters of the pioneers. Pilgrims, go west, east, north and south – all the way to the ends of the earth. A grand destiny held in the hand of God awaits you.

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As tensions increased between Israeli and Palestinian forces, Taylor administrators worked with leaders from Jerusalem University College to confirm the safety and protection of the 18 Taylor students there this fall. At press time, the JUC president, Sidney DeWaal, said students are well protected and conflict did not reach the areas surrounding the JUC campus. Plans for spring study in the Middle East are uncertain; the situation will continue to be monitored by administrators.

Find regular updates at the JUC website, www.juc.edu.

Committed board member receives emeritus status

After serving on Taylor’s Board of Trustees for 24 years, Paul Steiner, retired president of Brotherhood Mutual Insurance, was granted emeritus status and commended for his work with the University. Board Vice Chair Ken Flanigan and his wife, Lette, were also commended for their efforts in the presidential search and transition process.

Trojans broadcast on web

Trojan fans can listen to broadcasts of Taylor sporting events through Taylor’s website. For a list of events, visit www.tayloru.edu/upland/athletics.

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Fall trip unites Taylor, Russian singers

Taylor University’s Chorale traveled across 11 time zones to participate in an international music festival in the Ural Region of western Siberia in Russia this October. The Chorale was one of only two American choirs invited to the festival.

Four days en route provided six days of ministry in Siberia. The trip included a day in Moscow touring the Kremlin and Red Square and a performance in a restored cathedral. They then traveled overnight to Yekaterinburg where they performed concerts at three universities and held master classes with Russian conductors. They also sang in a grand opera house where Dr. JoAnn Rediger conducted a mass choir including more than 1,000 Russian singers.

The invitation to Russia occurred after an all-male choir from Yekaterinburg stopped at Taylor on their way to a choir convention in Chicago two years ago. The group was so impressed with the spirit they saw at Taylor that they decided to invite the Chorale to this year’s festival.

Charles Newman, a former staff member, helped make the travel arrangements to Russia and supported the 46 students by raising half of the money they needed for the trip. “God provided the opportunity, and Mr. Newman took us through the door,” said Rediger, director of the Chorale.

Students shared the Gospel through music and developed a strong bond with Russian people. Chorale members commented that the Russians were encouraging and hospitable. -Kate MacHarg ’02
Musician, angle ball athlete and prof recognized for leadership

The University recently made its declaration of a model for leadership among its faculty by honoring Dr. James Spiegel, associate professor of philosophy, with the Campus Leadership Award. Spiegel has been teaching at Taylor for just over seven years. Before his arrival at Taylor, Spiegel held positions at both Michigan State and Moorehead State Universities.

"I admire his genius and ability to effectively relate to his students. He is a man of integrity and honesty whose classes are always a joy to take," said Daniel Matheson, a former student.

A close follower of George Berkeley, Spiegel described some of his philosophy: "Everything we perceive is merely the thoughts of God made public. If God were to stop thinking of you or me, we would simply disappear."

Spiegel first encountered Berkeley and discovered his passion for philosophy in a class with Wynn Kenyon during Spiegel's freshman year at Belhaven College in 1981.

"Dr. Kenyon taught me to be a thinking Christian, to think critically and to carefully and dispassionately assess different worldviews." Spiegel said as he spoke of his favorite professor. Spiegel also credits Kenyon with introducing him to angle ball, a favorite game among Taylor students and staff.

In addition to his scholarly and angle ball pursuits, Spiegel recently completed his own CD. The album includes sounds ranging from classical and contemporary rock to folk blues. —Philip Boltz '03

Jim Kleist named student friend of year

Jim Kleist, director of the Educational Technologies Center, was awarded the Parents Association Student Friend Award this fall.

"He does his utmost to help you out, even if he has to sacrifice to make it happen," says Jennifer Lewchuk '01, one of the students who recommended Kleist for the honor. "He's a friend of the underdog."

To learn more about recent events in Kleist's life, visit www.taylor.edu/upland/campus/news/.

Fort Wayne professors named to Who’s Who

Five professors on the Fort Wayne campus were selected for the Who’s Who Among American Educators. To be selected, professors must be recommended by students included in the Who’s Who Among American College Students or the National Deans' List. For more, visit www.taylor.edu/fw/campus/news/.

Golfers rally to honor Don and Bonnie Odle

Over 100 golfers stepped up to the tee for the first Odle Classic, a Taylor Hall of Fame event that, in the future, will be held in conjunction with the first home football game of the year. This event is named in honor of Don and Bonnie Odle for their support of athletic programs and sports evangelism. Visit www.taylor.edu/upland/alumni/homecoming/Golf_Scramble.html for photos.

New classes place Taylor profs on other side of desk

Two new courses were offered during fall semester, but the students weren't undergraduates. Designed to encourage professional development and the integration of faith and learning, the courses gave professors a chance to sit on the other side of the desk. Drs. Win Corduan and Mark Cosgrove led the classes.

Taylor Upland jumps one spot in U.S. News survey

The U.S. News & World Report rankings placed Taylor one spot higher than before in their analysis of the top 10 regional liberal arts colleges in the Midwest. Taylor tied for second place with St. Norbert College. St. Mary's College was first. Visit www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/cohome.htm.
Women's soccer finishes with a kick

Sophomore Hannah Fielden takes charge of the ball, contributing to the 9-5-2 season.

The Lady Trojan's soccer team had a season that they will not soon forget. Led by team captains Vicki Siegrist '02 and Heather Rogers '01, the women racked up 40 goals this season with 15 out of the 20 women scoring. As a team they had an incredible .6 goals against average. They boasted 11 shutouts throughout the season with nine consecutive shutouts near the latter part of the season. Debbie Douglass '02, Rogers and Kelly Goben '03 were named All-Conference players. Rogers, Sheri Jardine '03 and Douglass were named All-Tournament at the Olivet Nazarene Tournament.

The women finished second place in the Mid-Central Conference and represented Taylor as the number three seed in the conference tournament. Their season concluded with the semi-final game of the MCC Tournament by losing to Indiana Wesleyan University 3-0. Their overall season record was 9-5-2.

The women even got a taste of international play when they competed against the Jamaican All-Star Team during their pre-season clinics and missions trip to Jamaica. The team also built an addition to a house and spoke at a Jamaican church service. --Joshua Peters '02

For more on women's soccer team's trip to Jamaica, visit www.taylor.edu/upland/campus/news/.

TUFW enrollment reaches highest ever

The TUFW residence halls are full, and more students are enrolled than ever before in the eight-year history of Taylor Fort Wayne. Leo Gonot, TUFW director of admissions, attributes this growth to God's provision and the unity of a devoted admissions staff.

Two years ago, TUFW's total enrollment was 410; last year the enrollment settled just above 450. This year the campus realized a 7 percent growth in enrollment with a total of 484 students. The 484 includes 25 transfer students and 122 first time freshmen (25 of whom are from the Upland waiting pool).

Because of the full residence halls, Gonot and his staff will put a greater emphasis on recruiting commuter students within Allen County this year. TUFW is promoting their credits in escrow program, which allows high school juniors and seniors to take courses for college credit. The admissions staff is also recruiting adult students for evening courses.

The increasing enrollment rates came during a year of multiple personnel changes. One admissions counselor told Gonot that their goals would be obtained only through God's provision. Now that the goals have been reached, Gonot is quick to give credit.

"God superintended this and the staff pulled together to get the job done," he says.

$100,000 matching grant makes gifts go further

For the third consecutive year, Paul and Betty Zurcher have offered the University a matching grant. The grant will match any new or increased donations given between Jan. 1, 2001, and May 31, 2001. Both campuses benefit from the Zurcher's generosity.

International Lighthouse trips planned for January

Five Lighthouse trips are planned for the upcoming J-Term. Teams of students and Taylor advisors will serve in Bolivia, the Czech Republic, India, Ireland and Kenya. While each team has its own objective, ministry opportunities will include interacting with students, visiting orphanages, and working on construction projects.

Weekend gathers alumni, parents and students

Taylor Fort Wayne alumni, parents and family gathered at the TUFW campus on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, for Family Weekend. Events included a silent auction to benefit the student emergency fund, a picnic lunch, alumni reunions, campus tours and a family worship service. The weekend also included a "Meet the Taylor President" session late Saturday afternoon.

First phonathon phase raises $11,000 for fund

The first phase of the Taylor Upland phonathon began on Oct. 16. Student ambassadors asked alumni who haven't donated in recent years or ever to make a gift to the Taylor Fund. This phase raised over $11,000. The second phase will reach more alumni. The combined goal for the phonathons is $160,000.
“Pay attention,” says Leighton Ford

“The heart of the spiritual life is learning to pay attention,” Leighton Ford told an assembly of student leaders from both campuses.

His address, given on Friday, Sept. 15, encouraged young leaders to pay attention to their calling, their heart, their soul friends, the world around them and God. Ford, a well-known evangelist and the president of Leighton Ford Ministries, shared personal examples and told the students of his son, Sandy, who died in his early twenties.

Reading an excerpt from Sandy’s journal, Ford admonished the students to be “horizon Christians”: living in the light of Christ and yet close enough to see those in darkness.

Ford, the brother-in-law of evangelist Billy Graham, has spent his recent years mentoring young believers around the world.

Lewis letters added to Taylor archives

A set of letters from C. S. Lewis and his brother Warren was recently added to Taylor’s collection of Lewis artifacts. The letters, written to Lady Jill Freud, may constitute the last available collection of Lewis correspondence on the market.

The collection consists of 69 letters, 16 written by Lewis and the remaining letters written by his brother. The friendship between Freud and the Lewis brothers began during WWII, when as a teenage girl Freud was sent to live at the Lewis home to escape the bombings of London. The brothers grew fond of her and continued correspondence for 27 years. Freud’s husband is the grandson of Sigmund Freud.

“It seems doubtful that there will ever again be this many letters in one set available for purchase,” says Dr. David Neuhouser, chair of the C.S. Lewis and Friends Committee. The Freud collection is also unique because the letters are personal correspondences rather than Lewis’ responses to questions from readers. Find more information at www.taylordi.edu/about/news/.

National columnist addresses media bias

The media isn’t to blame for anti-religion bias, said Terry Mattingly at an October chapel service.

“If there is a bias,” he told the crowd, “it is our fault because we have not sent our best.”

Mattingly, a journalist and believer whose syndicated column “On Religion” is featured in 350 newspapers, addressed anti-Christian biases in the media during his campus visit.

“Religion and the secular news media are two of the most powerful institutions in American culture,” Mattingly told students, “and they aren’t talking to each other.” He challenged the students to consider careers in secular media, where their knowledge and passion for topics of faith are needed.

Fall Sports Recap

Football team depends on talented freshmen

Taylor’s football team started the fall with a young team and a sideline full of injured players. As a result, several freshmen found their way to the field and contributed to wins like the season opener against Anderson University and the final 17-7 win against Trinity. The record for the season was 3-7. Scott Blackford ’01 and Josh Gerber ’01 were named to the MSFA All-Conference second team.

Volleyball team nets win at Sprint Tournament

In a solid 25-11 season, the Taylor volleyball team tied for second in the conference and took first place from among 12 teams at the Sprint Tournament in Indianapolis. Kim Martin ’03, Amy Coit ’01 and Stephanie Teters ’02 were named Region 8 players of the week.

Women’s tennis faces challenging season

It was a tough season for women’s tennis coach Dara Syswerda. With no seniors on the roster, Syswerda coached a young team to a 4-7 season. The women’s tennis team placed 5th at conference and anticipates a stronger season next year.

Men’s tennis team awaits spring tournament

The men’s tennis team played undefeated this fall and will advance to the regional tournament, and possibly nationals, this spring. The 12-0 record won Taylor’s team the title of conference champs. Players Humberto Rodriguez ’03 and Dan Rocke ’01, the team’s only senior, led the team.

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Men’s soccer posts balanced record
Taylor finished the men’s soccer season with an 8-9-1 record and a third in conference ranking. The team’s three seniors, Stu Davis, Steve Wardle and Andy Albert, provided leadership on and off the field. Davis, Tim Knipp ’02 and James Hornaday ’04 received All-Conference honors.

Women’s cross country nears top of challenging conference
Five seniors provided strong leadership for Taylor’s women’s cross country team, who finished 3rd in their challenging conference. Julie Nor ’01 won All-Conference honors. The conference’s winner, Indiana Wesleyan University, went on to place 3rd at nationals. Taylor’s team won the Anderson Invitational and took home 3rd place at the Benedictine Invitational.

Men’s cross country sends Rop to nationals
Senior Kip Rop emerged as Taylor’s cross country standout this season, and went on to finish 4th against 245 runners at NACAA Nationals. Rop, along with fellow seniors Tim Hoellinger and Jon Tabor, led Taylor’s team to a 3rd in conference finish.

To learn more about any of Taylor’s sports programs, visit the athletics website at www.tayloru.edu/upland/athletics.

Staff caught walking on tight ropes

From the ground it just looks like wood, cable and ropes. But it is actually a complex course called Escape to Reality (ETR) that is designed to develop communication skills, trust and cooperation in groups.

“It was like recess,” says David Gray, superintendent of housekeeping, who took his coworkers to ETR. ETR activities range from ground-based opportunities to challenges 35-feet off the ground. The housekeeping staff chose a half-day, low level session.

“You learned how to spot one another. You depended on the guy on the end of the rope to catch you,” says Mildred Butler, a housekeeper.

Gray observed other members of his staff and their abilities to lead.

“At first some people were hesitant but they began to relax and just had a good time.”

For Tom Andrews, the new ETR director, this course is about cultivating and strengthening a community. “It will accelerate or expedite relationships because things will occur that may not happen otherwise,” he says. -Rachel Algorri ’01

New plans ordered for TUFW library
Six years ago when the Board of Trustees and administration identified priorities for the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign, one of the areas of major concern for the Fort Wayne campus focused on the need for an improved library. Initially the focus was on a major renovation and addition to the existing Lehman Library, to be done in conjunction with the Eicher Student Commons.

During the presidential transition process, a “time out” was requested in relationship to the library project. It wasn’t a question of need to create a more adequate library, but whether the intended design would really meet the comprehensive needs of the University for the next 30 years or longer.

Subsequently, President Gyertson has identified a task force representing the total University. The purpose of the task force is to focus its energies on the development of a learning center designed to accommodate a library, the College of Adult and Lifelong Learning and the Institute for Organizational Effectiveness. In addition, a strong emphasis to encourage community use is to be addressed.

The location of Taylor within the city of Fort Wayne encourages it to become a stronger pillar in support to the community. With an ever-increasing desire and need to have a presence in the urban setting, this facility will be a great demonstration of Taylor’s commitment.

Plans and revisions are underway. Stay tuned; we’ll give you periodic updates. -Dr. Daryl Yost
Vacuum tube faith: the fear of change prevents growth

In 1947, the transistor was invented by Bell Laboratories, the research division of AT&T. Within a very short period of time, it became evident that the transistor was the wave of the future. The old vacuum tubes were less reliable and much heavier. But American manufacturers felt secure with their Super Heterodyne radio sets. They would change to transistors sometime in the future.

Outside of Japan, Sony was unknown to most of the world. But, Akio Morita, president of Sony, realized the significant change transistors could bring to consumer electronics and bought a use license for $25,000. In two years time, Sony developed the first portable transistor radio which cost less and weighed only one-fifth as much as the American vacuum tube radio. Within five years Sony captured the entire world market.

Some institutions fit the Sony category, purposely directing change and positive impact, while others resemble Super Heterodyne vacuum tube radio sets. For them, change is something they will get around to sometime in the future. Meanwhile, the Sony institutions grow and the vacuum tube organizations dwindle out of existence.

Sony recognized and seized an opportunity while other companies did not. Our view of change determines how we react to it, and how we react to it determines our future. Obviously, if we changed simply for the sake of change we would forever be wasting our time. But Christians should be open to the possibility of change for at least four reasons.

First, change is an avenue for repackaging timeless truths for greater impact. Jesus made it clear in his discussion regarding new wine in old wineskins (Matt. 9:17) that fresh movements of God demand new paradigm shifts and new methodologies. The emphasis is upon the wine, not the wineskin itself. Impacting this world involves new ways of doing things without changing the eternal truth of the message itself.

Second, we are open to change because the resident Holy Spirit directs us in new paths. Keeping in step with the Spirit (Gal. 5) entails listening to His voice. Although we know the Spirit leads us in paths of righteousness, we do not know exactly on which road He will take us. If He urges us to turn down an unfamiliar path and we resist, we restrain His work in our lives.

Third, change can bring glory to God. Jonah tried to run the opposite direction, but when his course was changed, the city of Nineveh believed in God. Because Christ was willing to change His heavenly status to a convicted criminal sentenced to death through crucifixion, God was glorified through the vicarious, redemptive death of His beloved son (Phil. 2:5-11).

Finally, God’s plan for us involves change. We are new creatures in Christ, changed from sinner to saint and delivered from the domain of darkness to the kingdom of light. Even Christ’s Great Commission to us involves change (Matt. 28). As we lead others into the treasures of the kingdom, the kingdom changes.

Change is sometimes threatening because it involves traveling unfamiliar paths. But walking unfamiliar paths can strengthen our faith, increase our trust, and enlarge our vision and passion for God. There is no growth in the comfort zone, and there is no comfort in the growth zone. An openness to change might just be what God is looking for. After all, He is in the business of change.

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About the author: Dr. Terry Wise is the vice president for adult and continuing studies.
Homecoming came early this year, but that didn’t prevent over 2,000 alumni from returning to the campus for a weekend of festivities.

1. The student-led Homecoming Cabinet, including member Molly Wright ‘03, used balloon arches, flowers and signs to decorate the campus for returning alumni. 2. On a perfect Homecoming afternoon, Taylor’s football team gave the home crowd a 52-12 victory against Iowa Wesleyan University. 3. Impromptu reunions, like this one between Tiffany Sutton ‘00 and Sarah Stearns ‘00, were seen across campus. 4. Over 600 alumni attended the brunch on Saturday morning. 5. The men’s soccer team scored a 4-2 Homecoming victory over visiting Goshen. 6. Members of the 50th anniversary class gathered at Avis to relive antics from their mid-century Taylor days.
7. With hundreds of alumni in attendance, the 2000 Homecoming provided graduates like Ruth Rogers '48 and Ruth Hall '40, the opportunity to catch up with old friends. 8. Robert Pieschke '51 (right) greeted Paul Gentile '52 with a bear hug. 9. Tom Halleen '90 was awarded the Distinguished Young Alumnus for Professional Achievement award for his work with Fox Family Channel. 10. The football game was exhausting for Benjamin Moore and his father Walter '90. 11. Over 100 runners registered for the Homecoming 5K, a tradition that began in the early 90s. 12. The Odle Golf Classic gave its namesake, former Taylor coach Don Odle '42, the chance to reunite with familiar faces. 13. Taylor assistant professor of psychology Tim Herrmann '75, recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus for Service to Taylor award, displays his senior picture. 14. Future Taylor Trojan Cari Clark, daughter of John '90 and Mari (Tarner '90) Clark, was proud to wear purple and gold.
15. 50th class members Harold Beattie, Richard Ditmer, and Emerald Gerig showed President Gyertson that their varsity jackets still fit. 16. Homecoming student co-chairs Robert Cosgrove and Mandie Cullen, both seniors, were recognized at the alumni brunch for their efforts in planning the weekend. 17. Former Taylor football coach Jim Law was inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame, and was then escorted from the field by former players Scott Sanchez '93 and Mike Woods '90. 18. Chant Thompson '75 interrupted the alumni brunch to present Dr. Gyertson with the appropriate headware for a new Taylor president: a freshman beanie. 19. Laura Burket '01 was crowned Homecoming queen during half-time of the football game.
Curiosity is one of the great common denominators among individuals. We are a people of a pioneer spirit: pulses race at the opportunity to explore new lands, dive to new depths, push beyond the limitations of the known. We search endlessly for the next frontier and applaud those who reach it. This issue of Taylor Magazine addresses a few of those frontiers and the people who pioneer them.
Clouds of heavy white smoke rush forward from the rocket boosters. The roar of the engines overwhelms any other sound, and the very earth shakes as the shuttle lifts from its place on the launching pad and begins its journey to the frontier of space.

For NASA employee Debbie (Messamore ’83) Frostrom, each launch is an emotional experience as she watches astronauts rocket into outer space at speeds exceeding five miles a second.
The astronauts are carried in a shuttle composed of over one and a half million parts, and a single team of individuals is responsible for making sure those parts function properly during a launch. Frostrom, a NASA test director (NTD) for eight years, made history as the first female to ever serve as a certified NTD.

As an NTD, Frostrom was part of a team of 10 to 12 individuals who manned the control room, known as the firing room, during the three days preceding a shuttle launch. The around-the-clock work was intense and regimented, and included overseeing the completion of a 5,000-page procedures manual that required signatures and approvals for every turn of a screw or check of a valve.

NASA’s system of checks and balances for every launch is intense because the risks are high; with human lives on the line, there is no room for failure in space exploration. But the benefits, Frostrom says, make the calculated risks worthwhile.

Research in the frontier of space has given scientists new insights into everything from school bus design to artificial limbs. In the weightlessness of space, new medicines have been developed and scientists have studied muscle growth and atrophy and the use of new technologies. Velero, now commonly found in most households, was developed for use in space as well. And while space exploration yields many benefits for science, Frostrom says it also satisfies a basic human characteristic: curiosity.

“Human beings just have a natural curiosity to see what else is out there,” Frostrom says. “Now that we’ve pretty much figured out what is here on earth, the next place to go is space.”

For Frostrom, becoming an NTD required moving through a frontier that she never expected to pioneer. New positions and advancements were easily attained as she served as a lower-level NASA employee. But she found a glass ceiling between her and the positions she wanted as she tried to move into higher levels of NASA administration. No other woman had successfully gone before her.

“The glass ceiling is the final frontier for women to break through in shuttle operations,” Frostrom says. Even now, she says, women represent only 20 percent of the people in the control room during a launch. “I have literally looked around a room of 150 people and seen more ex-astronauts than women,” she says.

The ratios are slowly changing, thanks in part to competent women like Frostrom. And, says Frostrom, in comparison to the days of the Apollo launches, women have many more opportunities at NASA.

After serving as an NTD for eight years, Frostrom was ready for a change of pace with less demanding hours. Now in charge of NASA’s special events and VIP guest tours, Frostrom gives “behind-the-scenes” glimpses of NASA to guests like Florida Governor Jeb Bush, and actors Jim Carrey, Clint Eastwood, Tom Hanks and Jodi Foster. She also organizes the team that welcomes the 15 to 17,000 guests who come to Merritt Island to watch each launch.

Frostrom says she enjoys her new responsibilities, but there is still nothing more thrilling to her than putting people into space. “The universe is unfathomable,” she says. “While we’re here on this earth we can never understand how big it is. It makes you more in awe of God’s creation. I find it impossible to believe that this is just chance.”

-Amber L. Anderson

Frostrom was NASA's first female test director.
NEW METHODS... SAME MESSAGE

Technology takes the gospel around the world and behind closed doors

Somewhere in Ghana or India or the Ukraine a teenager in a cyber café is drinking a cup of coffee and surfing the Internet while you are reading this magazine. Robby Richardson wants to make sure that teenager’s time on the web leads him closer to Christ.

Richardson, a 1979 Taylor grad, is the director of international Internet ministries at Gospel Communications International, the parent organization of GospelCom.net, 1999’s most visited religious website. The organization provides ministries with technological resources and assistance at no cost, enabling the ministry to use its resources in serving the
"We can't have people click 'Yes' in an 'I accept Christ' box, and then forget about them."

Robby Richardson's position is new, and represents an increased effort to use the Internet as a means of reaching into the farthest corners of the globe.

"Countries around the world are seeing [the Internet] as a ticket to the mainstream," says Richardson.

Increasing a country's technological resources provides new opportunities for advancement. For example, one village in Albania has running water twice a day and electricity for only four hours a day, and yet the government is putting in digital lines so they will have 24-hour Internet access.

Digital lines, cyber cafés and the booming web economy offer new opportunities to reach people groups. The challenge, Richardson says, is for Christian ministries to focus on the best means for using these new opportunities to deliver the familiar message. The possibilities are as boundless as the medium. For missionaries and believers with little access to Christian resources, the Internet provides a wealth of cost-free Bible commentaries, lessons and apologetics. In countries where Bibles aren't sold, the Internet gives people access to online Scriptures, often in their native tongues. For those who are considering Christianity, the Internet can link seekers with believers in the United States or elsewhere for online "chats" about faith.

The Internet provides new avenues for encouraging believers and reaching non-believers, but Richardson is quick to stress that the responsibility for evangelism lies with people, not computers. "God didn't give the Great Commission to technology," he says. "He gave it to the Church, to people."

Reaching people online is simply making good use of the available resources, Richardson says, much as Paul made use of the Roman roads to carry the Gospel message. "The message never changes, but the methods change all the time," he says.

While Richardson feels the opportunities the Internet offers for evangelism are immense, he is concerned that some means of online evangelism may oversimplify the Gospel message. "We can't have people click 'Yes' in an 'I accept Christ' box, and then forget about them," he says. Part of GospelCom's mission is helping existing organizations link together via the Internet to provide follow-up and fellowship for seekers and new believers online.

With the Internet providing connections with people in the frontiers of previously unreachable areas, it becomes a useful tool in the fulfillment of Christ's Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. But Richardson says the Internet won't make accomplishing the Great Commission possible on its own.

"If we had a body of Christians who were motivated to reach the world, we would have done it long ago," he says. "It's not a tool that will accomplish the Great Commission; it's people."

-Amber L. Anderson
Providing e-mail service for missionaries

Internet service can be pricey within the United States, but for missionaries stationed in remote areas, the technical and financial limitations can make contact with the outside world virtually impossible. Starting with that knowledge, a team of technologists from around the globe began the development of GospelSat, an ongoing effort to provide Internet access for missionaries in remote locations.

“We're asking the question, 'How can I use the Internet where there isn't an Internet?'” says Robby Richardson of GospelCom, a project member and Taylor alumnus.

Satellites are needed to transmit messages in and out of remote areas, but commercial rates for using satellite bandwidth can cost as much as $3 a minute – too much for an average missionary. The GospelSat team, however, uses donated satellite bandwidth to transmit e-mail messages to missionaries. Using a base made of a $200 word processor, a $3,000 hand-built transmitter/receiver and PVC pipe, missionaries will have the capability of making twice-daily contact with the satellite. “The cost can be just pennies a minute,” says Bob Hodge, a GospelSat team member and Taylor vice president.

The technology was first attempted during the International Conference for Computing and Missions, an annual event held last year at Taylor. Prototypes are now being used throughout Africa for missionaries and government officials. If the prototypes are successful and funding is identified, GospelSat members hope to reduce the cost of the ground station to less than $800 and identify more satellite bandwidth space, or even build and launch a satellite specifically for GospelSat.

LES S ONS from the Old West

America's western frontier reflects 20th century politics
ANCHORED IN THE PAST... FOCUSED ON THE FUTURE

**Taylor Tomorrow**

**Returning to the Roots of Education**

As I read through the Gospels, I am impressed with Jesus’ example as an educator. Rather than taking his pupils aside and lecturing for hours, Jesus invited them to walk and talk with Him. The disciples learned by living with the Master Teacher – the One they called Raboni. This collaborative, interactive, lifestyle model of education was obviously effective: the world was changed as the disciples walked and talked as Christ had taught.

Today, this approach to learning is more relevant than ever before. The “sage on the stage” method of education is returning to our Lord’s model of meaningful interaction, in-depth discussion and real world application. We have returned to the Christian roots of education. When Christ is at the center, the outcome will be challenged minds and changed hearts.

Here at Taylor University, students have the incredible privilege of coming alongside Christ-centered thinkers in order to spend four years in collaborative, real-world learning. This is first century education that is relevant to twenty-first century learners. This is learning that transforms students into disciples.

The remaining projects of our Taylor Tomorrow campaign are designed to support this Christ-centered, interactive learning and living environment. To make those projects a reality, we need the sacrificial financial support of individuals who also are committed to being disciples. Please join us in praying that God, through His people, will provide the resources needed to train the next generation of Christians with tough minds, tender hearts and serving hands.

**PROGRESS OF THE CAMPAIGN**

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Taylor Magazine, Winter 2001
First looks at the new student commons

Eicher Student Commons will be fully occupied by spring semester.

Commons ends days of cramped quarters

After years of sharing office space and transforming conference rooms into classrooms, Taylor Fort Wayne’s Eicher Student Commons is finally open for business. Featuring a commuter lounge, a new bookstore, an expanded cafeteria and offices for student development and others, the Commons will become the central building on the growing Fort Wayne campus.

A part of the Taylor Tomorrow Capital Campaign, Eicher Student Commons was made possible through generous foundation grants and donations from individuals.
THE PEOPLE THAT MAKE THE DIFFERENCE

Profile

The face of Taylor

Students are testimonies to Taylor's impact

The focus of the Taylor Tomorrow campaign is students. That is why the advancement office looks to "students ambassadors" to promote Taylor's image. The ambassadors are Taylor's representatives on both campuses at special functions for alumni and friends. They help with phonathon and mailings and serve as hosts at special events.

Paula Davis, Upland, and Kari Reynolds, Fort Wayne, oversee the student ambassador program. Davis and Reynolds have witnessed the impact Taylor has made in the lives of these students who love to share about their time here. "It's encouraging to me and to the alumni and friends they meet," says Davis.
Praise

The fragrance of Christ

As I write this note the leaves are just beginning to accumulate on the ground outside my office window. You can’t step outside without being overwhelmed with a sense of this season. Burning leaves, the harvested fields and even the brisk wind are reminders that it is fall. You will probably read this note a few months after I write it, and for you the season will have the smell of winter: evergreen branches, family dinners and baking cookies.

The Bible talks about smells as well; in fact, 2 Corinthians tells us that believers are the “aroma of Christ” and the “fragrance of life.” Those verses, taken from 2 Cor. 2:14-16, served as the theme for a student activity this fall. It’s no wonder the student planning committee selected those words: they are reminders of our duty to give our service as a pleasing “aroma” to the Lord.

Taylor University is committed to developing men and women to be the fragrance of Christ. That is only possible, however, through the generous gifts of our donors. Your gifts and commitments to Taylor are a pleasing aroma to God as well. Thanks be to God who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ.

Gene L. Rupp
Vice president for university advancement

Pray for the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign

“But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him. For we are to God the aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. To the one we are the smell of death: to the other, the fragrance of life. And who is equal to such a task?”

2 Cor. 2:14-16

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Like most children growing up in the late 1940s and early 50s, much of my entertainment allowance was spent attending motion pictures. As were most boys of that era, I was particularly fond of Westerns, especially low budget B Westerns which starred cowboy heroes such as Roy Rogers, Gene Autry, Johnny Mack Brown or Lash LaRue. In fact, Roy Rogers was my childhood hero.

During the late 40s my parents had weekend responsibilities at the Central Labor Union hall in downtown Marion, Ind., so I went to the movies on Friday night, Saturday afternoon, and sometimes on Saturday night as well. If a Western, war or jungle adventure film came to Marion in those years, chances are I saw it. Then along came high school, college, graduate school and marriage. I had neither the time nor interest to watch movies — or even much television for that matter. Yet as I grew older and watched the buildings being torn down, I recalled fondly the darkened evenings and afternoons I spent at the Paramount, Lyric and Indiana Theaters of my youth. As the years passed and I would read of the deaths of the cowboy stars I watched as a child, my interest in their movies resurfaced. By the late 70s that interest re-emerged in full bloom as cable, local independent and Christian television channels began to show the old B Westerns (50 to 70 minute films starring famous cowboy actors) which had not been around for 15 years or so, and videocassette recorders permitted me to begin collecting a large library of Westerns. In the mid-80s I began to attend film festivals and became an avid collector of Western movie memorabilia.

Now I watch B Westerns as an adult, fully aware of their elementary and often excessively shallow and implausible plots, less-than-stellar acting, and excessive use of stock footage. No longer am I the little boy bouncing up and down on my seat in the Lyric Theater as Roy Rogers on Trigger chased after
Westerns projected an image of a self-assured individualistic people chosen by God to carry Christian civilization to the wilderness frontier.

the bad guys. Rather, I watch the films as a political scientist, marveling at the manner in which B Westerns reflect the culture of their times, a point that surely went over my head when I was a youngster. I have become interested in Westerns, particularly B Westerns, as cultural and political expressions of the 30s and 40s, years that have increasingly consumed nearly all of my research interest.

**Roy Rogers and Cold War Politics**

B Westerns, with a large number of exceptions, are set in the pre-World War I trans-Mississippi west. But in fact they are not about the west of the 1800s at all; they are about the United States from 1930 through the mid-50s. Images and lessons from the Great Depression, Dust Bowl, World War II and the Cold War permeate the genre. For example, in “Spoilers of the Plains” (Republic, 1951), Roy Rogers assists a scientist and his daughter who are working on an early generation of experimental rockets. When one of the rockets is missing, Penny Edwards, the film’s heroine and one of the scientists, turns to Roy for help in locating it. As they ride out to spot where the rocket went down, Roy asks Penny if any foreign power would like to obtain its secret mechanisms. She replies that any number of countries would, but Penny wonders who would betray the United States by helping a foreign power. Roy’s response, “You never can tell, it might be your next door neighbor,” is straight out of early 50s Cold War America and its hunt for alleged subversives.

B Westerns did more than incorporate current events; in a number of ways Westerns projected — probably unintentionally — a public philosophy, an image of the United States avowed by most Americans of the era. Space will not permit consideration of all of those elements, but a few can be highlighted. Westerns projected the United States as an embodiment of the democratic longings and desires for freedom of peoples around the world. Westerns taught that the United States was populated by individuals eager to break free from family constraints, social traditions, and economic hardships of the East as they sought a new life on the frontier. The frontier of western films was a place of new beginnings where individuals had no past, only a present.

**Expressions of Manifest Destiny**

The frontier was more than a place of new beginnings; it was an arena of tests where, through sheer willpower, individuals turned the desert into a garden and replaced savagery with civilization. Hard-working individuals living in the present paved the way for future generations by making the desert bloom with crops, by building schools and churches, and by claiming the land as a proper inheritance for Anglos at the expense of Hispanics and Indians. All of this was done with the firm conviction that God had given the North American continent to his new chosen people as an inheritance. Frontier men and women
Westerns projected the North American continent as belonging to Caucasians of European descent. Hispanics had to move aside in “Red River” (United Artists, 1948) as John Wayne established his cattle empire in Texas, and Indians were displaced as homesteaders rushed to settle the Dakotas, Wyoming, Colorado, Washington and Oregon. Women don’t fare much better in 30s and 40s Westerns. Westerns are about rugged men and dependent women. Some of the heroines of western films were tough and independent, but most of them were not. They were cast in the movies to glow while Roy Rogers sang! Troubling as those attitudes may be for those living at the beginning of the twenty-first century, they were central elements in the ethos of Westerns.

Clearly much of the above seems dated and even offensive to many contemporary Americans. That was not the case in the 30s and 40s; Westerns reflected the attitudes and beliefs of that era. Few Westerns are produced today. The genre no longer reflects the belief system of an urban/suburban population. Rather than decry the disappearances of Westerns from television and motion pictures — as some older folks do — it should be recognized as evidence that the country has changed. Those Americans who grew up during the depression-laden 1930s and fought in World War II, in Tom Brokaw’s words the “greatest generation,” have retired and many of their children are beyond middle age. Popular culture merely reflects that inescapable fact. The western film genre will never return to dominate the silver screen as it once did, but the films can still be appreciated if they are understood as historic landmarks, reminders for both good and bad of what the United States was once like.

Evidence of Change

In conveying that public philosophy, Westerns incorporated a number of themes. Violence, for one, was projected as not only an acceptable but necessary way to solve problems and differences. Nearly all Westerns end with the hero using some form of violence — a gunfight or an exciting chase on horseback followed by a fist fight — to bring the villains to justice. But at the same time violence was legitimate only if it were used for the right reasons in a socially acceptable manner. Westerns also taught that common people, the ones bringing civilization to the wilderness desert, often fell prey to disreputable bankers and businessmen as well as shady saloonkeepers. The western hero, possessing charismatic qualities including proficiency in the use of violence, worked self-sacrificially for the common good against greedy villains who thought only of their self-aggrandizement.
Playing Games

Two Taylor students get a behind the scenes glimpse at the Olympic Games.

Few things unite the world with the same magnitude as the Olympics. This year the world’s eyes were on the athletes competing in Sydney, Australia. Much attention was paid to the actual competitions, but there was a lot that occurred before the events took place that was ignored – including years of practice, training and trials.

This year, Leah Rukes, a senior at Taylor University, witnessed the Olympic athletes as they prepared for Sydney at the ARCO Olympic Training Center in California. The center is one of three Olympic-training facilities in the United States.

Rukes was an administrative intern with media relations all summer, and was invited to stay until the Olympics concluded in order to maintain the program’s success. Her responsibilities included fielding media requests and organizing press interviews for the athletes. Rukes said her favorite experience this past summer was working so closely with the United States softball team. One of her best days was when she was helping Dot Richardson, a member of the Olympic softball team, pack for Sydney, and Richardson showed her gold medal from the Atlanta games to Rukes, and even let her try it on.

“So few people get to be that near to something that special,” says Rukes.

While Rukes was able to work alongside the athletes as they prepared to compete in Sydney, another Taylor student had a very different Olympic experience. Stevimir Ercegovac, of Croatia, qualified for the Games by throwing the Olympic-qualifying shot put standard of 64’ 7” in June of 1999 at the World University Games in Barcelona.

Though Ercegovac didn’t have his best throw at the Olympics, his 18.98 meters (62’), was still good enough to earn him and his country twenty-fourth place in the men’s shot put. Like most of the other shot putters throwing in this year’s Olympics, Ercegovac’s throw was several feet shy of his personal best.

His Taylor coach, Chris Coy, wasn’t disappointed. “This was Taylor’s first Olympian, and we learned how this works. Now we want to go back,” Coy says. A return to the Olympics is likely for Ercegovac; no Croatian shot putters can compete with his throws.

When Ercegovac came to Taylor two years ago, he was consistently throwing 59 to 60 feet. Coy says Ercegovac is now averaging 64 to 65 feet per throw. “If he improves the same amount in the next two years, we could be looking at something big,” Coy says.

—James Mikołajczyk '01

Steve Ercegovac, with his wife Natasha, in Australia.

President Clinton spoke at ARCO to announce the federal adoption of Title IX.

Richardson and Rukes at ARCO.
1930
Rev. Loyal Ringenberg, 96, continues to drive to four Bible classes he leads in retirement homes in Fort Wayne, IN. He has the distinction of having graduated and taught on both the Fort Wayne and Upland campuses.

1941
Virginia Ruth Bunner passed away on July 9. She was a 1st grade teacher who taught approximately 1500 students in her career.

1944
Taylor Hayes received the Distinguished Career Award from William Penn Univ. He coached for 30 years; 15 of those were at William Penn. His career included 702 varsity basketball games coached, with a career record of 403-299.

1950

1951
Rev. Paul Boyer x was elected 2nd VP and reelected to his 6th term as chaplain of the Ohio Society Sons of the American Revolution at its recent annual meeting. Part of his responsibilities as chaplain is to conduct a memorial service for those members who have passed away during the previous year. Boyer served as an officer in the local Centennial Chapter over the past 11 years, completing 4 years as president in April. He & wife Alice (Netsband ’59) attended the 110th Annual Congress of the National Society in June.

1955
Iona Amsbaugh lives in Berne, IN, where she retired as a reading specialist. Email is iamspain@decaturnet.com.

1956
Donald & Mary McCluskey live at 1303 Chaneery Ct, Aberdeen, NC 28315. Email is dmccluskey@mindspring.com.

1957
Walt Chernenko was named to the All-Tournament team and the All-Star game roster at the 63-and-oldier Slow Pitch Softball Tournament in Panama Beach, FL. His team, the Indianapolis Silver Foxes, finished in 4th place. • Curtis & Dee (Stoess) Smith live at 5134 Vance Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46815. Curtis is a family physician with the Parkview Medical Group. Email is deecurt@home.com

1960
George Kloehck anticipates retirement in June 2001 after serving for 40 yrs as a United Methodist pastor. He & wife Margaret live at 66 Maple Ave, Worthington, OH 43216. Email is mgkloehck@earthlink.net.

1961
Marlene (Silvis) Georgia is teaching ESL to Afghan refugees. Many are also requesting studies in the Bible, which occupies much of her time. She & husband Stewart are with TEAM in Pakistan and feel this is one of the most fulfilling times of their lives. Email is georgia@ish sdnpk.org.

1963
F. Dale Senseman is instructor of music and chairman of the music dept of Circleville Bible College for the academic year 2000-2001. He is teaching 4 courses, directing the college choir, supervising chapel services and recruiting and coaching a touring musical group.

1968
John Gregory passed away on May 19 after suffering a heart attack. He is survived by wife Patricia who lives in Frankfort, IN. • Kathy (Meyer) Shugart is a computer assistant at the Oak Hill United School Corp. in Converse, IN. She & husband Ron ’67 live at 6590 W 600 N, Marion, IN 46952. She would love to hear from anyone in her class. Email is kshmg@hotmail.com.

1971
Jim Goffin x teaches 5th grade at Asheville Christian Academy. He & wife Jo Lynn reside at 8 Hamilton Dr, Fairview, NC 28730 with son Joel (17). Email is jgoffin@yahoo.com. • Robert & June (Hunt) Hess live at 2769 S 800 W, Indianapolis, IN 46239. Email is rhess14@juno.com.

1973
Cindy (Hufziger x) Beckley passed away on May 11. She taught special education in the Worthington School District (OH). Surviving are her husband Phil and sons Don and Jeff, both college students. They live in Columbus, OH. • Kermit Botkin x passed away on June 27 in Indianapolis, IN. He is survived.

Isn't it interesting to see what is happening to Taylor alumni around the world? Being part of a “family” means sharing in the joy of all kinds of good news: weddings, births, educational and professional accomplishments, travel and service opportunities. But it also means sharing hurts, disappointments, illnesses, deaths and many other life struggles. While I know many requests and concerns are not published in Taylor Magazine, please know that you - our alumni - are being prayed for and cared about every day. Thanks for sharing your lives with the Taylor family.
—Marty Songer, director of alumni relations
by wife Marilyn, five children and six grandchildren. • Mike & Susie Gaydosh moved to 2521-C Mountain Lodge Cir, Vestavia Hills, AL 35216, with sons Jonathan (17) and Timothy (15). Daughter Rachel was married last year. Email is MikeSusieG@aol.com.

1974
Wade & Karen (Wallace) Thompson reside at 3594 Kellington Ct, Oceanside, CA 92056. Children are Kristen (24), Katie (23), Jared (20) and Kary (17). Email is wtompson@ix.netcom.com.

1975
Neil & Deborah (Wright x) Westby live in Danube, MN, where Neil is a pastor. Deborah volunteers at church and area schools. Email is ndwestby@email.tds.net.

1976
Bill Lamb x lives at 400 W Forrest Hill Ave, Peoria, IL 61604. He is VP and general mgr of WMBD TV. Children are Nicholas (21), Kira (19), Megan (15) and Lauren (14). Email is billlamb@wmbd.com.

1977
Janet (Rutledge x) Spurling lives in Danville, IN. She is a computer operator at Rexnord Corp. Children are Kristi (20) and Eric (16). Email is janet.spurling@rexnord.com. • Lane x & Marcia (Winkler '76) Sattler reside at 310 Tally Ho Dr, Warminster, PA 18974. Lane is associate dir of documentation for Wyeth Ayerst. They are actively involved with Hilltown Baptist Church and Plumstead Christian School. Children are Amy (21), Aaron (19), Benjamin (17), Kaitlin (14), Abigail (11) and Anna (4). Email is lmsattler@aol.com. • Phil & Amy Weis live at 17 Tannersbrook Rd, Chester, NJ 07930 with children Kyle and Jessica, both 16. Phil is lead systems analyst with IBM. Email is PhilWeisXL@aol.com.

1979
Diane (Barrus) Thomson lives in Bluffton, IN. She is a human resource consultant for K & K Insurance. Daughters are Larissa (14) and Stephanie (8). Email is debt2@wfi.com.

1980
Andy & Deb (Vogler) Klotz are thrilled to announce the birth and adoption of Andrew Joseph Jr. on May 3. “God provided this wonderful little guy to us in three weeks time! Life is still a whirlwind, but we are so thankful for the joy of this life in our family.” The family lives at 624 Conner Creek Dr, Fishers, IN 46038. Email is ajk46038@aol.com.

1981
Mark & Karla (Wagoner) Townsend live at 3061 N 100 W, Hartford City, IN 47348. Karla is a behavior specialist for Hillerhof. Children are Katherine (15), Hanna (12) and Benjamin (8). Email is karla_townsend@hotmail.com. • Corey & Nancy Waller reside at 8630-M Guilford Rd #171, Columbia, MD 21046. Corey is senior systems engineer for General Dynamics. Email is cewokams@home.com.

1982
Robert & Jennifer (Braun) Zuri live in Elburn, IL, where Jennifer is an administrator at Watlow Electric. Children are Stephanie (16), Bridget (14) and Cory (12). Email is jczuri@aol.com.

1983
After a long adoption process, Mark & Joy (Tietze) Hayden welcome Carllie (8), Trevor (7) and Cami (5) to their family. They join siblings Taylor (12), Trey (11), Carissa (9), Taucker (7) and Trent (5). The Haydens spent 3 weeks in Costa Rica while the adoption was being finalized. Mark is a network engineer for Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Washington, DC. Joy homeschools the children.

Anniversary class welcomes WWII hero

The historical monument of soldiers raising the American flag at Iwo Jima stands tall in our nation’s capital as a symbol of American heroism during WWII. Yet viewing this patriotic statue falls short of the experience of those who were there to witness it in person, as did Taylor graduate Carl Wertz ’50.

For many of the graduating class of 1950, Taylor was a place of education, fellowship and spiritual influence; to Wertz, it was also a place of peace. Wertz enlisted at Taylor after spending four years as a war medic with PHM/C in the battlefields of WWII.

Wertz cherishes the spiritual influence that Taylor provided for him after having experienced the Lord’s protection during war. While the flag was being raised at Iwo Jima, he was tending to the wounded. He writes, “Bullets aimed at us Medics sounded like ‘bees’ around our heads, but the Lord deflected each one.”

At this year’s homecoming, Wertz joined over half of his graduating class, making it the largest number of 50th anniversary returnees ever. Like Wertz, many of his classmates’ memories of Taylor reflect the spiritual aspect of the campus. At their graduation, the class of 1950 donated money to build the prayer chapel; they’ve maintained this contribution ever since.

Wertz, having returned to Taylor for the first homecoming since graduation, considered it a blessing to come. “We want to honor the Lord in everything we do. That’s the most important thing,” says Wertz. –April Rediger ’01

Wertz, lower left, was a medic at Iwo Jima.

Joy (Tietze ’83) & Mark Hayden and family

Email is thehaydenfan@yahoo.com. • Mike & Gena (Griswold) Kendall live in Warsaw, IN, where Mike works as a network analyst for DePuy. Children are Jared (15), Megan (13) and Mallory (11). Email is mgmm@keonline.com. • Douglas Kingma x is on the senior clinical staff of the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, MD. Email is kingma@nih.gov. • Bruce & Gale (Waller) Sherrid reside in Stedman, PA. Gale completed her MSW at Widener Univ.
in May. She is employed at Dauphin County Social Services for Children & Youth as a protective services supervisor. Children are Joshua (10) and Caitlin (8). Email is gale_sherrid@hotmail.com. • Nicholas Vukich lives in Green Bay, WI, where he is a veterinarian. He hopes to contact anyone who attended the J-term in London, England, in 1980 and 1981. His slides were stolen and he’d like some copies of photographs. Email is vuk71@hotmail.com. • Matt ’83 & Bobbie (Bailey ’94) Young celebrated the arrival of Joseph William on June 13. Matt teaches 4th grade for Ben Logan Schools. Bobbie is a stay-at-home mom and part-time graduate student. The family resides in Urbana, OH. Email is mattubob@bright.net.

Matt ’83 & Bobbie (Bailey ’94) Young and Joseph William

1984

James Campbell lives at 355 W 85th St Apt 4, New York, NY 10024. Email is pepper7861@aol.com. • Bill & Chris (Neal ’86) Ferrer joyfully announce the birth of Kimberly Suzanne on Sept. 18. After the loss of an infant daughter last year in Miami, they have returned to their church in Texas where Bill worked while in seminary. He is the pastor to college students and young professionals, as well as the business mgr at The Heights Baptist Church. Chris resigned from corporate America to stay home and is teaching piano lessons. The family resides at 3305 Canyon Creek Dr, Richardson, TX 75080. Email is wferrer@aol.com. • Steve x & Ramona (Couch ’82) Ogle live in Flora, IN, where Steve is a manufacturing engineer at Subaru Isuzu Automotive. Children are Mark (18), Megan (15) and Mary (12). Email is sgdole@hotmail.com. • Ted & Lynn (Bilbe ’87) Watanabe are in Japan until the end of the year while Ted is on a sabbatical from Towson Univ doing research. Children are Michael (9) and David (7). Email is lwatanab@metacrawler.com.

1985

Bradley Scott & Kathleen (Kelly x) Belcher live at 9454 S 25th St, Scotts, MI 49088. Daughters are Kelly (7) and Abbie (5). Brad is the church planting pastor for Cherry Creek Community, a new Evangelical Free Church in Portage, MI. Email is belecher@aol.com. They would love to hear from other alumni! • Timothy & Theresa Pettigrew announce the birth of Thomas Cameron on Dec. 27, 1999. Email is tjpet@aol.com.

1986

Brad & Angela (Ellis) Oliver have moved to 242 S Alaska St, Burnetteville, IN 47926. Children are Tyler (7), Abigail (3) and Emily (2). Email is brobrad@mont.net. • After 14 years on Capitol Hill, Jeff Schaffner has joined the American Red Cross Natl Headquarters in Washington, DC. He handles correspondence for the president of the Red Cross and also coordinates the public inquiry response process. His home address is 1011 Arlington Blvd #1010, Arlington, VA 22209-2210. • Joe & Debbie Surin are pleased to announce the birth of Peter Steve born Aug. 25. The family may be reached at PO Box 433, Grand Canyon, AZ 86023.

1987

David & Lynne Darrah joyfully announce the birth of Abigail Jo on Aug. 21. She joins Bethany (4) and Nathan (4). David is assistant principal at Northeastern H.S. The family lives at 3610 N Shermant St Extd, Mt Wolf, PA 17347. Email is darrahd@ncsu.edu. • Ron x & Michele (Utter ’89) Harsha live in Millis Bom, VT. Ron is an engineer for Hewlett Packard and Michele teaches 5th grade at Richmond Christian Schools. Email is ronaldwh@ creds.com. • Julia Scheeres x lives in Santa Monica, CA, where she is a self-employed writer/translator. Email is jscheeres@hotmail.com.

1988

Tina Baranouski x resides in Indianapolis, IN. She is project coordinator for APT Security Services. Email is tbaranouski@yahoo.com. • Matt & Kasey Ringenberg, along with daughters Jourdan (12) and Kaya (2), welcome Abraham Elias born Sept. 20. The proud grandparents are Dr William ’61 & Becky Ringenberg. The family resides at 156 Andover Ct Apt 15F, Valparaiso, IN 46383. • A reunion of First South English (1983-1988) was held in Gatlinburg, TN, in Aug. Seven alumni representing 6 states were able to make the trip. Pictured from left to right are Heather (Haltermann ’87) Smith, Janelle (Hersberger ’89) Good, Kris (Sampley ’87) Kubal, Rachel (Meighan ’87) Mantha, Mindy (Roost ’87) McLaren, Becky Shannon ’88 and Andrea Carr ’89.

1989

Nate & Melissa (Miller ’90) Peterson are proud to announce the birth of Joel Andrew on Oct. 1. Brother Ethan is 4. The family lives in Wheaton, IL. • David & Barbara Woodring joyfully announce the birth of David Wesley “Woody” on Apr. 6. The family lives in Ft Smith, AR. Email is woodring@ipa.net.

Son finds courage in difficult battle

Taylor Belon Schrauger, son of Brian & Debbie (Belon ’79) Schrauger, died on May 31 at the age of 11. He battled with a vicious form of cancer for two years, including amputation of his left hip and leg on Aug. 31, 1998. Unimpeaded, he continued to live with zeal, enthusiasm, wit and faith.

His parents and brothers Christopher (14) and Jonathan (7) live at 1634 Vineyard Dr, Brentwood, TN 37027.
1990

Mike & Keri Hamsher are the proud parents of Shafer Elizabeth born Oct. 5. The family has moved to 4063 Friendship Dr. New Concord, OH 43762. Mike is a math teacher at Zanesville City Schools. Email is mhamshere@usa.net. • Craig & Sandi (Shimer) Harlamanrt live at 511 W Vine St, North Judson, IN 46366, with daughter Kristin (5). Email is sandiahou@hotmail.com. Sandi would love to hear from you friends! • Eddie & Maria (Koelsch) Judd live in Garrettsville, OH, with daughters Aleya (5) and twins Deanna and Kira (3). Eddie is a career development coordinator at Crestwood Local Schools. Email is ejudd@nks.net. • James & Kristen (Schroeder) Kenniff joyfully announce the birth of Abigail on May 20. She joins Kaitlyn (6), Josiah (4) and Jonathan (2). The family resides at 361 Hoffman Ave, Lebanon, OH 45036. Email is jkenniff@ge-concepts.com. • Brent & Tracy Reinholt are the proud parents of Garrett born April 4. Brothers are Brody (7), Steven (4) and Brandon (3). The family lives at 2226 Sally St, Warsaw, IN 46580. Email is reinholt@kentline.com. • Steve Wolfe is back in Upland, IN, teaching 3rd grade at Eastbrook Matthews Elena. You can reach him at (765)998-0435 or email wolfo68@juno.com.

1991

Chris Clark married Carol Bilbo on May 1, 1999. TU participants were Robby Howland '90, David Thompson, Fred Schumpert and Seth George. The couple lives in Chattanooga. TX. • Jeff & Karen (Kraft) Hummel are the proud parents of Heather, born May 9. The family has moved to 22242 Connerman Dr, Northville, MI 48167. Karen is home with Heather. Jeff is a mechanical engineer with Ford Motor Co. Email is kshummel@aol.com. • Scott & Janet Kooistra live in Ann Arbor, MI, where Scott is a dental officer with the US Navy. Daughters are Suzanne (4) and Jennifer (1). Email is scott.kooistra@umich.edu. • Josiah & Paige (Hussung) McGuire are blessed to be the parents of triplets born Feb. 28. Hope, Faith and Grace were over two months premature but are otherwise healthy. Josiah is a draftsman for Cummins Engine Co. and Paige

Paige (Hussung) '91 & Josiah McGuire and daughters

is home with the children. Email is mcguire@lsonline.net. • Dale & Jolie Miller reside in Claypool, IN, with children Pamela (4) and Samuel (2). Dale is the human resource mgr for Manchester Tool & Die. Email is damiller@kentline.com. • Eric & Shannon (Koons) Persinger joyfully announce the birth of Jack Reagan on July 2. The family resides at 10212 Unita Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46804. Email is espersinger@msn.com.

1992

David & Heidi (vonGutten '91) Faulks joyfully announce the birth of Rachel Hope on Aug. 14. Sister Hannah is 2. David is an optometrist and Heidi enjoys being a full-time mom. They reside in Dickson, TX. Email is dav Faulks@hotmail.com • Rachel Haley is a physics teacher at Perry Township Schools. Email is rhaley@msdpt.k12.in.us • Andrew & Laurie (Randall) McNeil live in Indianapolis, IN, with sons Ethan (3) and Jack (2). Andy is with the law firm Bose, McKinney & Evans, where he practices employment law and commercial litigation. Previously an elementary school teacher, Laurie is currently a full-time mom. Email is amcneil@boselaw.com and lauriemcneil@hotmail.com, respectively. • Scott & Becky (Bartow '94) Mason live in Mountain View, CA, where Scott is interactive marketing mgr for Lightsocket. Email is sdmason@msn.com. • Forrest & Jeannette (Hawk) Miller welcomed Elise Dianne into their family on July 20. Brother Nathan is 3. Forrest is a middle school guidance counselor and YFC volunteer. Jeannette enjoys being at home with their children while babysitting and coordinating their church's Pioneer Club. They reside at 5616 Riva Ridge Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46237. Email is fulmer@msdpt.k12.in.us. • Randall & Kimberly (Roberts) Norbeck joyfully announce the birth of Ryan David on Sept. 13. Sister Emily is 2. Their address is 1155 Shorewood Ct, Glendale Heights, IL 60139. Email is rnorbeck@aol.com. • Zachary & Julia (Tanis) Pryor have moved, with son Joshua (1), to 267 Ridgeway Dr, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Zachary is now pastor of young adults and discipleship at Twin Falls Reformed Church. Email is zach@tfrc.org. • Glen & April Tepe are the proud parents of Lauren Hope born Sept. 1. She joins sisters Brianna (5) and Emily (2). Glen is a strategic alliance mg for Cisco Systems. The family lives in West Chicago, IL. Email is glenaptpepe@bigfoot.com. • Ben & Jane (Moore) Wilson are the proud parents of Josiah John born Sept. 15. Admiring siblings are Hannah (7), Samuel (5), Elasah (3) and Salah (2). Ben is an automotive paint technician for Quality Restoration Services, Inc. Jane is home with the children and a home school teacher.

1993

Jonathan & Laila (Dalai) Bechtle joyfully announce the birth of Elizabeth Grace on July 4. Laila works at Biola Univ in leadership development. The family resides in La Mirada, CA. Email is laila.bechtle@babbs.biola.edu. • Cecily Crim married Peter Bierlein on Sept. 11, 1999, in Kalamazoo, MI. Cecily has her MSW and Peter is pursuing a degree in music worship at Briercrest Bible College. The couple's address is PO Box 95, Caramourt, Michigan 49035. Email is cmcrim@mindspriung.com. • Forrest & Jeannette (Hawk) Miller welcomed Elise Dianne into their family on July 20. Brother Nathan is 3. Forrest is a middle school guidance counselor and YFC volunteer. Jeannette enjoys being at home with their children while babysitting and coordinating their church's Pioneer Club. They reside at 5616 Riva Ridge Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46237. Email is fulmer@msdpt.k12.in.us. • Randall & Kimberly (Roberts) Norbeck joyfully announce the birth of Ryan David on Sept. 13. Sister Emily is 2. Their address is 1155 Shorewood Ct, Glendale Heights, IL 60139. Email is rnorbeck@aol.com. • Zachary & Julia (Tanis) Pryor have moved, with son Joshua (1), to 267 Ridgeway Dr, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Zachary is now pastor of young adults and discipleship at Twin Falls Reformed Church. Email is zach@tfrc.org. • Glen & April Tepe are the proud parents of Lauren Hope born Sept. 1. She joins sisters Brianna (5) and Emily (2). Glen is a strategic alliance mg for Cisco Systems. The family lives in West Chicago, IL. Email is glenaptpepe@bigfoot.com. • Ben & Jane (Moore) Wilson are the proud parents of Josiah John born Sept. 15. Admiring siblings are Hannah (7), Samuel (5), Elasah (3) and Salah (2). Ben is an automotive paint technician for Quality Restoration Services, Inc. Jane is home with the children and a home school teacher.
Fulcher's passion for teaching noted with award

As a 1992 Taylor graduate, Tim Fulcher has used the principles of faith-learning integration daily through interaction with his students and their educational media. He has served as a math teacher at Hazel Park High School, his alma mater, for the past nine years. Last October, Tim was honored with the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award. This $25,000 award was granted to three other educators in the state of Michigan. And one year later, Tim is still closely involved in the development of his students, watching them grow academically and spiritually.

"In a public school I can't get out my Bible and start preaching, but I am involved with the student Bible club," says Tim.

The Bible club, which meets once a week, provides Tim with the setting to interact with students closely. Coaching track and advising the National Honor Society has helped him to lead them. His investment yields high returns. "When you interact with students outside the typical classroom setting, they get to see that you're human. You're not just 'Mr. Fulcher,'" he says.

Whether dealing with students who are from single parent families, involved with the occult, dealing with suicide, or are developing their faith in Christ, Tim has served as a caring mentor and example.

His passion to listen combined with his service on a countywide development team for Internet curricula has rewarded him. For Tim, winning the Milken award reflected his efforts. But his true reward is given to him every day. "I see God working through me in a lot of my students' lives, and it's an honor and a privilege. I can't say every day of teaching is a 'bed of roses' but I thoroughly enjoy the challenge and believe that I am in the place God wants me to be," he says.

—Rachel Algorri '01

Mitch '94 & Pam (Lepley '92) Piersma and sons
sonal in-home dog training. She has raised a puppy for Guiding Eyes for the blind and has donated one puppy to Canine Partners for Life as a service dog. Email is windisch29@erols.com.

1995

Fun & Beth (Behnkens) Daghal's son Wilson (1) had the opportunity to meet George W. Bush in Naperville, IL. The family lives in

Wilson Daghal, son of Beth (Behnkens '95) Daghal, with George W. Bush

Aurora, IL • Nelson Dewey resides at 1062 24th Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Email is nels6016@yahoo.com. • Tim x & Susam Dixon welcomed Bethany Alexa into their family on June 7. Sister Rebekah is 2. The family lives in Fort Wayne, IN. • Joel & Danielle (Honemond) Gilbert joyfully announce the birth of Melody Elizabeth born Sept. 24. She joins Zachary (2). The family resides in Rockville, MD. • Ken & Heather Anne (Gladhill) Kehr are the blessed parents of Joshua Edward born April 5. The family lives in Littlestown, PA. • Doug & Rebecca (Sammons '94) Hardesty are the proud parents of Jacob Douglas born June 22. Big brother Joshua is 2. Rebeca works at the Child Advocacy Center as an early intervention service coordinator. The family resides at 4909 Benton Rd, Batavia, OH 45103. Email is rhrardesty@aol.com. • Kristin Kroehler married Michael Newman on April 27. Kris is funeral director and embalmer at Thos. Shepherd & Son Funeral Directors. The couple lives in Hendersonville, NC. Email is klk2221@aol.com. • John & Sandi Mitchell announcements the birth of Caleb Brown on June 9. Brother Daniel is 2. The family lives at 14506 Creek Branch Ct, Centreville, VA 20120. John would love to hear from Wengatz Hall friends. Email is johnmark@whomever.com. • Jennifer Payne married William Freed on May 29, 1999, in Centralia, IL. TU participants included

William & Jennifer (Payne '95) Freed

Jami Sargent, Vickie (Chandler '94) Renich, Christy Rink '94. Dawn (Pick) Benson and Dana (Steckley) Broderick. Jen completed her MA in counseling at Regent Univ. in May and is employed with Eden Counseling Center in Virginia Beach, VA. Bill is attending grad school at Regent. They would love to hear from TU friends. Email is bfreednchrist@es.com.

1996

Kevin & Kristin (Lee) Book are the proud parents of Micah Monroe born Aug. 31. The family lives at 1460 Covent Rd, Troy, OH 45373. Email is kandk.book@juno.com. • Michelle Graber married David McKnight on Sept. 9. They both work with inner city kids in Indianapolis, IN. The couple resides at 3525 Valley Lake Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46227. Email is marya.graber@juno.com. • John Harrill and Christa Norman were married on July 5, in Somis, CA. James Harrill ’99 participated in the wedding. The couple met in China where John recently completed a Mandarin language program and is teaching English to adults. Christa

Christa & John Harrill ’96

is studying Chinese and coordinates a foster care program for an orphanage. They reside in Southern China. Email is harrill@iname.com. • Brian Jacobson completed his MS in environmental pollution control at Penn State Univ in 1999. He is a research scientist for New Jersey Dept of Environmental Protection. His address is 1261 Klockner Rd Apt 136, Hamilton, NJ 08619. Email is b_a_jacobson@yahoo.com. • Heidi Ulrich and Ryan Smith were married on July 31, 1999, in Estes Park, CO. TU participants were Erin Reynolds, Mandi (Corwin '00) Ulrich, Will Farley '97, Dave McWhinnie, John Delich '95 and Jason Ulrich '99. Ryan is youth pastor at Berlin Christian Fellowship in Berlin, OH, and Heidi is completing her student teaching in the biology dept at the local high school. The couple’s new address is 1817 SR 83 #322, Millersburg, OH 44654.

Ryan ’96 & Heidi (Ulrich ’96) Smith

1997

Curtis Brunsting works for H&R Block Financial Advisors as a registered sales assistant. He lives in Indianapolis, IN. Email is avanche823@altavista.com. • Paul & Jennifer (Andersen x) Langford reside at 1421 Clairmont Ct, Vernon Hills, IL 60061. Jennifer teaches 4th grade at Schaumburg Public Schools. Email is jralang@msn.com. • Kevin & Sarah (Kutsche x) Sikes and daughter Anna (1) moved to 15326 Foch St, Livonia, MI 48154. Email is KevinSarahAnna@aol.com. • Aaron Sprunger married Kathy Winteregg on Nov. 6, 1999. TU participants were Mike Chaika, Tim Dougherty, Mark Winteregg '91, Amy Smith '95 and Jenna [Habegger '96 Cont. The couple resides in Fort Wayne, IN. Email address is asprunger
June 24. Krista completed her MA in clinical psychology in May and is now a neonatal development therapist at Rockford Memorial Hospital. Email is ekamil11@netzero.com. • Jeff Pearson and Sarah Newton were married on Nov. 29, 1999, in Lincoln, NE. 
TU participants were David Falkenberg, Jon Easterhaus, Mike Mohrland, Joel Davis, Greg Frost '97, Matt Snell '93, Joy Pearson '93 Snell and Dr. Fred Shulze. Jeff is the dir of instrumental music at Lincoln Christian School. The couple lives at 4615 Focus on the Family in CO. They now live at 117 Turtle Creek Rd #12, Charlottesville, VA 22901. Email is psautter@hotmail.com. • Andrew Whalen married Jennifer Joy Miller on July 29. Andrew is federal programs assistant at Columbia Int'l Univ and is completing his MA in Muslim Studies. Joy teaches at Eastminster Day School. The couple lives at 10A Rutherglen Ct, Columbia, SC 29210. Email is awwhelan@yahoo.com.

1998
David & Christina Jorg joyfully announce the birth of Jason Daniel on Sept. 21. Brother Trevor is 5. The family resides at 2101 Lilac Ln Apt B, Aurora, IL 60506. David is director of youth ministries at Westminster Pres Church. Email is dcjorg@comcast.com. • Kelly Kerans married Benjamin Lyngdard on Apr. 22. TU participants were Charlene Swartz, Amy Fagan, Amy Bayless, Angie Miller, Dawn (Prenshall) Shane, Betsy Hagar and Joy Jones. They are both engineers at IBM. The couple lives at 718 5th St SW #404, Rochester, MN 55902. Email is kclynd@us.ibm.com. • Krista Morris married Christian Lehman on June 24. Krista completed her MA in clinical psychology in May and is now a neonatal development therapist at Rockford Memorial Hospital. Email is ekamil11@netzero.com. • Jeff Pearson and Sarah Newton were married on Nov. 29, 1999, in Lincoln, NE. 
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1999
Matthew x & Jennifer (Heiberger x) Allen live at 405 Harbor Town Ct Apt D, Noblesville, IN 46060. Matthew is a systems integration analyst at ComputaCorp Systems. Email is maallen@computacorp.com. • Noah Baer x and Emily Beavis were married on May 27. Noah works for Kimberly-Clark Corp as a mechanical engineer. The couple resides at 4510 Thompson St, Conway, AR 72032. Email is baers@cyberbak.com. • Lisa Johnson is in grad school at the Univ of Wisconsin in library and information studies. Email is lisa@hotmai.com. • Lance Kohler x married Jennifer Arbogast on Oct. 7. Lance works for Mampower Professional at Mastercard on the benefits support team. The couple resides at 1312 Woodridge Dr, St Peters, MO 63376. Email is lkohler@juno.com. • Ben & Rebekah (Saddler) Mahan live in Noblesville, IN, where Ben is CEO of Platypus Design, Inc. Email is ben@platypusdesign.com. • Tony Manganello lives in Los Angeles, CA, where he works for the United States Secret Service as a special agent. Email is tmanigier@hotmail.com. • Amy Perkins and Ryan Blackburn were married on Nov. 13, 1999. TU participants were Jen Stark x, Libby Crawford and Lisa Hamlin.
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 endow 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 5144.

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Please submit your name along with two or three references who know the nominee and can affirm the nomination. Alumni awards are presented annually at the Alumni Brunch on Homecoming weekend. For more information, contact Marty Songer, director of alumni relations, at (800)882-3456 or e-mail msonger@tayloru.edu.

Young Alumni Awards
Young alumni awards are presented to alumni (15 years or less after graduation) who have exhibited Christian leadership in their chosen fields of service, personally or professionally, and who have made significant contributions to the increased welfare of others.

Legion of Honor
The Legion of Honor is awarded to an outstanding alumnus or alumna who has attained distinction by national and/or international accomplishment and who has promoted the welfare of Taylor University.

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Alumni awards are presented to alumni who have brought recognition to Taylor University through outstanding personal or professional accomplishment.

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This award is presented to a non-alumnus(a) who has contributed significantly through personal service to the advancement of Taylor University.

Distinguished Alumnus(a) for Service to Taylor
This award is presented to an alumnus or alumna who has contributed significantly through personal service to the advancement of Taylor University.

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Any person who is interested in the cause of Christian higher education, as represented by and through Taylor University may be chosen to become an honorary member of the Alumni Association.
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Taylor’s dapper professor gives an inside glimpse into his office and his life.
Walking into Ollie Hubbard’s office is like stepping into an antique store full of curiosities, each one with a story or memory attached. On the shelves there is an antique apple peeler, a tiny piece of mortar personally removed from the Berlin Wall in 1970 and a melted light fixture from a campus theater that burned during the early days of Ollie’s 25-year career at Taylor. Dried hydrangea blooms, retrieved from the landscaping in front of the Rupp Communication Arts Center, fill a vase that sits beside an ornate plant holder, and across the room a tailor’s doll is wearing an antique silk dress from Korea.

Ollie’s office has as much personality as its occupant. A professor of communication arts and director of Taylor’s theater since 1976, Ollie is recognized by others as the campus’ most debonair and dapper professor.

“When I was 12 years old, I watched a lot of old Fred Astaire and Cary Grant movies. I was intrigued by their poise and grace, and even used to mimic the way they put their hands in their pockets,” he says. “I guess since that time I have always had an interest in matters of style.”

Sitting in his office, his suit jacket draped casually over the tailor’s doll, Ollie looks every bit the part of the insightful and beloved professor. But just over his shoulder, on the shelves so crowded with memories that books must find their place among the rest, sit two high school report cards that Ollie keeps as a reminder of, as he says, “where I came from.”

The report cards contain neat columns of letter grades, mostly Cs and Ds, sprinkled with a few Bs and Fs. “I thought I was dumb,” he recalls, an idea he developed when he flunked his first algebra test in eighth grade. The failed test caused him to abandon the academic track and pursue bookkeeping and typing instead. Never accomplishing much better than a C, higher education seemed out of the question.

“I never thought I’d go on to college,” he says. “The only reason I ended up in college was because I was seeking what God wanted me to do with my life.”

After high school graduation, Ollie began working at Fort Meade, an Army base near his home in Maryland. He was working one day when he first felt a call to ministry. Later that night he told a friend at choir practice that he was considering the ministry. “Where are you going to go to college?” was his friend’s first question.

“I hadn’t thought about that,” Ollie says. His friend had an extra application for Asbury College in Kentucky, and Ollie, uncertain of what college really was, sent his application with a transcript of Cs and Ds anyway. They accepted him.

“Some people are just late bloomers,” he says as he reflects on the academic transformation that occurred at Asbury. He gives much of the credit to his wife, Jackie, his junior high sweetheart whom he married at 18.

After Asbury, Ollie joined the Army and moved his family to Germany, where he served as a counter intelligence special agent. Later he completed his master’s degree at the University of Kentucky and his Ph.D. at Kent State University. He came to Taylor after a two-year teaching stint at Messiah College, where he helped start its theater program.

Though he claims he is not a theater person by temperament, Ollie has increased the reputation of an already strong theater program through creativity, skill, determination and more than a few 60-hour work weeks.

“Every show seems to me to be impossible,” he says. “I always end up proud for others to come to the show, but sometimes, going into the week before the show, I just hope no one I know comes to see it.”

As the curtain closes on one show, plans are starting for the next.

“Theater doesn’t offer a very permanent reward,” he says. “The product is too ephemeral. A play exists only in time, and when the time is up, it’s gone. It can only exist in your memory of it.”

The stage props and memorabilia filling Ollie’s office offer continual memories of the more than 75 shows he’s produced in his time at Taylor. The report cards that sit on his bookshelves are reminders of the hard work and sovereign gifts that have brought him to this point.

“It is only by the grace of God that I sit here now,” he reflects.

-Amber L. Anderson