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The summer season arrives in Upland, Indiana. An outdoor graduation capped an excellent spring semester, and more than 8,000 people will be on campus this summer for the numerous camps, classes and conferences.
Kesler Student Activities Center
construction underway
Groundbreaking ceremonies part of spring 2003 board meetings

The Board of Trustees met on the Fort Wayne campus May 7–9, 2003. The meetings concluded in Upland with the Friday afternoon groundbreaking for the Kesler Student Activities Center. The $12.1 million, 87,500 square-foot structure is expected to be completed in about 18 months.

Named for Taylor’s former first couple, Dr. Jay and Janie Kesler, the new building will house a 200-meter indoor track, four basketball/volleyball courts, a fitness center, aerobics center, new locker rooms and a student gathering area. It will be built onto the west end of the existing Odle Gymnasium.

The Board also received an update from Crane Metamarketing on the branding elements and marketing strategies necessary to move the University and its various entities to a more distinguishable position in the Christian higher education marketplace.

They agreed that the realities of tightening budgets reinforce the need to move deliberately with program prioritization and resource re-allocation.

Significant progress has been made on the revisions of the strategic planning process. A comprehensive review of the Life Together Covenant is scheduled for 2003-04.

While needing more refinement, a working positioning statement for the Fort Wayne campus was developed: “Within the context of Taylor University’s overall mission and core values, the Fort Wayne campus is to be a Christ-centered, nurturing community preparing individuals, through applied learning, for their vocational and service callings.”

Academic and faculty support remains the president’s highest priority for the planning process. With the full funding of the Lilly Endowment, Inc. matching grant program imminent, resources for new initiatives for academic excellence are in place.

Excerpted from Dr. David Gyertson’s report on the spring board meetings

“Simply read a good deal...”

Elizabeth Cox, author of Familiar Ground, The Ragged Way People Fall Out of Love and Night Talk, and her husband C. Michael Curtis, senior editor of the Atlantic Monthly, spent time on Taylor’s campus May 1 and 2 hoping to encourage and share with students out of their own work and experiences in fiction and editing.

Cox is a widely recognized and respected author. In addition to her three novels, she also published a book of short stories titled Bargains in the Real World. Curtis is editor of fiction and letters to the editor in Atlantic Monthly, one of the most respected news magazines in the country.

“Write stories in which something happens,” said Curtis. “Other than that, simply read a good deal and write a good deal. My experience is that people who like to write, if they keep at it, they get better. Sooner or later, their work begins to take hold and once it does they have success. But sometimes it takes years.”

The events were sponsored by the Integration of Faith and Culture cabinet.
University welcomes Hooper
Private secretary of C.S. Lewis to serve as keynote speaker for the 2004 C.S. Lewis and Friends Colloquium

Scholars and enthusiasts from around the globe are scheduled to be on campus next spring to discuss C.S. Lewis and related authors. This is the fourth time Taylor has hosted the international conference - previous attendees include people from Japan to England to Upland, Ind.

The fourth Frances White Ewbank Colloquium on C.S. Lewis and Friends is planned for March 12-14, 2004. Walter Hooper will be one of two featured speakers and will give two lectures on C.S. Lewis. Hooper, who resides in England, worked as the private secretary to Lewis, currently works closely with the Lewis Estate and is a recognized author and editor in the field of Lewis studies.

Barbara Reynolds, a Dorothy Sayers friend, scholar and biographer, will be the other featured speaker. Sayers is known by many for her popular detective fiction stories that feature Lord Peter Wimsey. Later in her life, Sayers taught herself Italian and produced a well-respected translation of Dante's *The Divine Comedy*. When Sayers died suddenly in 1957 while working on Dante's third volume, *Paradiso*, Dr. Reynolds completed the work.

Also coming from England will be Ian Blakemore and Rachel Johnson to speak on George MacDonald. MacDonald was a preacher, poet, novelist and mythmaker whose work had a large influence on many people, including Lewis.

The Colloquium will feature concurrent sessions and the presentation of related papers. Highlighted among the sessions will be one by Kim Gilner from the C.S. Lewis Foundation.

Another special feature will be an evening performance by Chuck Chalberg on the life of G. K. Chesterton.

For more details on how to attend or requirements for presenting a paper at the conference, e-mail David L. Neuhouser at dneuhous@taylor.edu or call 765-998-5245. Details are also online at www.taylor.edu/upland/programs/lewis/.

Black and white retrospective

The Gurevich photograph (above) was part of a spring 2003 *Voices of Ascent* exhibition in the Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center. The pictures, taken by Patricia Dalzell with narrative by Michele Clark, told the story of the return of Soviet Jews to Israel and how that journey shaped their lives.

Taylor women prepare for the world beyond campus

“Taking the Next Step, Preparing for Life Outside of Taylor” was the theme for the sixth annual Women’s Forum held April 14, 2003, in the Alspaugh Rooms of the Hodson Dining Commons. More than 100 students attended the special event.

Featured speakers included Cathy Foley, an Eli Lilly account leader, and Marcy Girton '81, the associate director of athletics at Texas Christian University. Women received copies of *The Proverbial Woman* donated by the author, Robin (Chernenko '81) Chaddock.

Joyce Helyer, associate vice president for university advancement, explains, “It’s important to bring women to campus who have developed their leadership abilities and integrated their Christian commitment with their careers and service opportunities.”

Serena (Duke) Thrush '04

More details about the evening are available in the Online Extras of the Summer 2003 magazine at www.taylor.edu/upland/magazine/.
Faculty accolades

Dr. Ron Benbow, mathematics, presented "A Community of School, Home & University" at the 81st Annual Meeting of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in San Antonio, Texas, April 9-12.

Dr. Daryl Charles, religion and philosophy, was recently interviewed on The Jerry Bowyer Show, WPPTT radio, Pittsburgh. Charles answered questions on culture and discussed his recent book, The Unformed Conscience of Evangelicalism.


Dr. Philip Loy, political science, participated in a one hundred year retrospective on the manner in which western films reflect American culture on Think Tank with Ben Wattenberg, a show carried nationally by PBS and NPR.

Jan Pletcher, communication arts, was honored as the professor of the year in May 2003.

Thom Satterlee, English, sponsored a visit by translator Alexis Levin who read his English translations of the Brazilian poet Eugénio de Andrade in the Metcalf Visual Arts Center in May 2003.

Dr. Paul Rothrock, biology and environmental science, recently presented research results at EPA's annual Surface Water Monitoring and Standards meeting in Chicago and at the Indiana Lake Management Society meeting in Indianapolis. The research seeks to formulate new rapid assessment protocols for monitoring lake quality.

Dr. Rachel Smith, art, presented "The Fourth Mode of Seeing and the Meaning of Cathedrals in France" at the International Medieval Congress in Kalamazoo, Mich. in May 2003.


Dr. Henry (Hank) D. Voss, physics, was awarded the 2003 Franklin W. and Joan M. Forman Distinguished Faculty Scholar Award for his significant expertise in original research, writing and other scholarly endeavors. Voss was the lead author of a paper entitled Lightning-Induced Electron Precipitation, which was selected as the cover article in Nature, the international weekly journal of the natural sciences. During his career, he has published nearly one hundred papers in refereed journals and has been instrumental in the development of two satellites.

Sports update

Women's Tennis: An opportunity to compete in the Region VIII Championships kept the Lady Trojans busy this spring. With wins over Anderson, Tri-State, Huntington and Cedarville, the squad put together a 4-3 record, before placing fourth at Regionals.

Men's Tennis: Harried by an injury to their #1 player most of the spring, the Trojans compiled a 1-11 record in preparation for the Region VIII Championships. The team lost to #1 seed Aquinas 7-2 in the first round of regional play.

Softball: The Lady Trojans struggled through a 2-27 season, though ten of the losses were by three runs or less. Katherine Hunt '05 led the team in hitting with a .319 batting average while Emily Pensinger '06 drove in 15 runs to top the squad.

Baseball: The Trojans finished the season with an 11-31 record, placing fifth in the Mid-Central Conference with a 9-19 mark. Junior Cory Neuenschwander was honored with a first team selection to the 2003 MCC All-Conference team as a pitcher. With just two seniors on the squad, the Trojans look forward to next season with great enthusiasm.

Golf: A young Trojan squad placed fourth in the MCC, earning a spot in the NAIA Region VIII Championships where they finished eighth. Freshman Steven Downey earned MCC All-Conference honors.

Women's Track & Field: The Lady Trojans were a little short on numbers this season, but the quality more than made up for it. The team placed fourth at the Mid-Central Conference meet where Ursula Chase led the club with a new school record in the 200 meter dash. Chase qualified for the NAIA National Meet along with steeplechaser Carolyn Betteridge and 10K runner Katie Spencer.

Men's Track & Field: For the third time in five years the Trojans ended their season with a Top Ten finish at the NAIA National Meet. The Trojans accumulated 24 points to tie for sixth place. Sinisa Ercegovac paced the team by winning the National Championship in the shot put. John Miles, John Wachtman, Spencer Finley and bryan Jackson joined Ercegovac as NAIA All-Americans. Finley and Wachtman also earned NAIA Scholar-Athlete honors. The team continued their dominance as they won their ninth Mid-Central Conference Championship in a row.
Kesler retires from TU, continues to serve

Cheers and applause still fill the packed Rediger Chapel/Auditorium every time Chancellor Jay Kesler ’58 speaks. He is met with open hearts. His legacy precedes him.

Kesler’s work with Youth for Christ, Int’l. allowed him the opportunity to speak at churches, crusades, revivals and youth conferences around the globe. After 30 years at YFC, 12 of which he served as president. Kesler accepted the invitation to become Taylor University’s 28th president, a role he held for 15 years. While in office, Kesler saw Taylor grow with higher enrollments, a second campus in Fort Wayne, an academically stronger student body and an unwavering commitment to the historic mission the University.

Following a six-month sabbatical after stepping down as Taylor University’s president, Kesler moved into the role of chancellor. As the University chancellor, Kesler primarily served as an ambassador-at-large for Taylor, maintained relationships with donors and accepted numerous public speaking engagements.

With his final year of a three-year commitment coming to an end on June 30, 2003, Kesler will retire fully from his duties with the University. In honor of his many years of distinguished service to the University, the board of trustees awarded him the honorary title of president emeritus.

“Nancy and I have appreciated Jay and Janie’s personal and professional support during this transition process,” states President David J. Gyertson. “Their prayers, encouragement and consistent cheerleading on behalf of our ministry has been invaluable. As they enter full retirement, we pray that God will bless them richly for their faithful and effective service to Taylor and Christ’s Kingdom.”

Although concluding his work on campus, Kesler has recently accepted a three-year appointment as the teaching pastor at the Upland Community Church. He looks forward to continuing to use his gifts to serve those around him in meaningful and dynamic ways.

Serena (Thrash) Duke ’04

University celebrates Dickey’s career

When Dr. Barbara Dickey joined the University music faculty in 1961, John F. Kennedy was the 35th president of the United States, the Berlin Wall went up, Cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man to orbit space and West Side Story hit the big screen.

Since that time Dr. Dickey has inspired a symphony of students with her wealth of knowledge, many of whom were piano majors who won concert competitions, and state and regional awards.

“Dr. Dickey has been an inspirational teacher of humanities and piano at Taylor,” said Dr. Al Harrison, music department chair. “Her love for the fine arts and her ability to integrate the elements of style, expression and design in the arts has been a hallmark of her teaching.”

According to Harrison, Dickey expected a lot from her students as she taught “uncompromising standards of musical excellence.”

“Dr. Dickey [could] take any piano student, even a beginner, and direct [them] toward the most beautiful and sensitive performance imaginable of the piece being studied,” said Dr. Ron Sloan, former professor of music and current dean of the Fort Wayne Campus.

“Hearing her own playing and that of her students through the wall that separated our studios over the years was a source of rich musical inspiration,” he said. “I know of no one with a more intense love of music, which she imparts most naturally to her students.”

This year, 2003, marks the end of an era for the Taylor University music department as Dr. Barbara Dickey moves from music professor to professor emeritus. A large void will be felt as she places a coda on her years at Taylor. The music may stop, but the melody will most certainly linger on.

Arna M. Smith ’87
Taylor people are smart. Doors open for them. They have connections.

Yet so many use all that privilege and position for “nothing.” They trade potential glitz and good living for service and hard work. Like Samuel Morris, they are more concerned about doing what is right than doing what helps them move toward the life of ease.

The idea of the servant leader is deeply rooted in Taylor’s 156-year history and heritage. The stories are endless. Professors who give their hearts and their time to the students. Graduates who serve quietly and unnoticed in difficult places. People who grin and push a little harder when they want to groan and go home. True leaders.

Humility often goes hand-in-hand with a life of service. During our visit with Paul Erdel (cover, page 10), he said four or five different times to photographer Jim Garringer and me, “I just can’t understand why you fellows are here.” To him, he had simply spent his life doing what he believed the Bible commands everyone to do – serve.

In the following pages, you will see that President David Gyertson is committed to keeping servant leadership as a core element of the Taylor education, you will read a stirring tribute to Paul Erdel, and you will learn about a specific program on campus that is making sure Taylor’s world-class graduates … future teachers, doctors, computer scientists, social workers, pastors, business leaders … are trained in and committed to the ideals of service. Reading through the alumni notes each issue provides many good examples of alumni who really do work to live lives of servant leadership.

It is easy for someone trying to live a life of service to feel overlooked, exhausted and under thanked. Just remember that God keeps the books.

Keep the faith, keep at it and keep going. —Ed.

At graduation, students receive both a diploma and a towel, symbolizing Taylor’s commitment to prepare students with tough minds, tender hearts, and hands outstretched in competent, compassionate service.
Why servant leadership matters today
Examining Taylor University’s seventh core value
—David J. Gyertson

Many things have impressed Nancy and me about Taylor University. And several have moved us both personally and spiritually during the past three years. Being in Christ-centered higher education for most of the past thirty-five years, we know much about the many institutions committed to integrating quality academic learning and professional training in the context of a dynamic and intentional Christian experience. Taylor University’s vision to equip men and women for ministering the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need through lifetimes of learning, leadership and service is, for us, among the clearest.

Nancy and I are impressed with the consistent desire to anchor what Taylor thinks, believes and does to the authority and wisdom of the Scriptures. We are energized by the uncompromising commitment to keep Christ at the center of every effort. Jay Kesler’s passion that the word “Christian” means more not less to a watching world is the strong, regular heartbeat we hear from those who teach and lead.

The belief that every Christian should be able to catch God at work in every place, plan, person and process guides academic excellence in the context of the faith-informed Liberal Arts. The ministry of whole person education is the focus of this intentionally Christian community. We are amazed by the grace and humility that seasons private conversations and public debates. And Nancy and I marvel at the compassion and maturity this covenant community manifests in the best and worst of what life throws their way.

Getting to know Taylor alumni, we taste the fruit of the University’s commitment to equip for vocational and professional effectiveness. Within the work places that influence business, family, society and the church, many of this University’s graduates are known for serving their vocational callings with all of their might — all for the glory of Christ. And the vision to engage a lost world with the message of a saving Lord motivates faculty, students and alumni to invest themselves sacrificially in the Great Commission mandate to go into Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria and the outermost parts of the world. Needless to say we feel privileged to be a part of so significant a life-transforming, world-changing ministry.

One of the things that moves us deeply is the commitment to and expressions of Taylor’s seventh core value — servant leadership. This phrase is now so familiar in most Christian and business circles that it is easy to take it for granted, minimizing the implications. The challenge to live life like Jesus did can be perceived as an impossible or, at best, an impractical ideal. While we recognize that we may not always live up to the wristband orthopraxy of WWJD — what would Jesus do — it is a desire that lives deeply within the individual and collected hearts of those who take seriously the call to follow Christ fully.

At Taylor University the implications of our Lord washing His disciples’ feet (John 13:1-17) and the lessons connected to it are part of our historic legacy. The founding of Fort Wayne Female College in 1846 was motivated by the desire of visionary leaders in the Methodist Episcopal denomination to help women prepare for vocational callings of sacrificial service to both the church and society. In 1890, the decision to name the new, independent institution after Bishop William Taylor reinforced the commitment to equip men and women with both the leader’s heart and the servant’s hands to reach a needy world.

No single individual played a greater role in Taylor’s servant leadership commitment than Samuel Morris, the escaped African slave whose cry was to serve wherever and whenever God would call. His willingness to take the room that no one else desired and humble dedication to “wash the feet” of others with Christ’s love remains an integral part of that which makes Taylor “Taylor.”

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“If there is a room nobody wants, give that to me.”
—Samuel Morris, x1896

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That tradition of sacrificial service persists in Taylor’s living alumni. Individuals like Andy Eicher ’92 who, after completing a graduate degree at Yale, returned to India to work in a remote health clinic. Married to Dr. Sheba Eicher, they now live in the inner city of Bombay ministering to AIDS sufferers. Scott Hughett ’87 served Indiana Senator Richard Lugar and then left politics to work for Samaritan’s Purse based in Nairobi, Kenya. Rosie Kerlin ’55 has spent a lifetime as a prayer warrior, friend and mentor to many as she raised her family while serving her community on local school boards and Taylor University’s Board of Trustees. Servant leadership is the silver thread that runs through the great cloud of witnesses who credit their Taylor experience as the catalyst for a life of productive and fulfilling service.

This challenge to both lead and serve with tough minds, tender hearts and competent, compassionate hands persists at today’s Taylor. On the campuses, across the street and throughout the world, the influence of a serving legacy is felt. Tutoring, rescue mission work, ministry, community outreach and many other venues provide opportunities for hundreds of students and employees to live out the calling to do what Jesus did. Their ministry of extending the cup of cold water, given in the name of Jesus so willingly and joyfully, blesses and transforms many.

Taylor University graduates leave the campuses and enter the world with two precious symbols. The diploma represents their achievements as they explored successfully the demands of the Christ-centered Liberal Arts. They are equipped to think deeply about the issues of life, the challenges of vocational callings and their responsibilities to family, the church and society. The servant’s towel, the last thing received crossing the graduation platform, reminds them that ‘unto whom much is given, much is required.’ It is not uncommon to find that Taylor alumni frame both their diplomas and their towels together as a reminder of that which distinguishes them and characterizes their alma mater.

I am convinced that God is preparing a unique generation of men and women for unprecedented opportunities in the Great Commission mission of the 21st century. Taylor University continues to be a faithful steward of the living legacy of servant leadership central to the successful completion of our Lord’s last great command. To ensure that the word “Christian” always means more, not less, we seek to do as Jesus did — praying that a needy world receives, from servant hearts and serving hands, His redeeming and transforming love.
I was able to sit in the balcony this spring in a packed Recital Hall and watch the unique interaction between President David Gyertson and Chancellor Jay Kesler at a forum on leadership. Both men summed up their career transitions in the past three years as a daily act of humility and a fight against ego. And as I sat there, I wondered how these two were in the same room discussing such personal experiences and heart-pounding truth.

This is what leadership development is all about on Taylor's Upland campus—providing training and care for student leaders. Leadership Development Cabinet, a student-run organization, brought these two senior leaders together to offer a forum and share their ideas. Students on Taylor's campus benefited from the wisdom that surged from their dialogue.

While training servant leaders is a long standing tradition at Taylor University, the current Leadership Development Cabinet began this year as an extension of leadership services, which is one of several offices of the Taylor Student Organization. Leadership services focuses inwardly on Taylor students and outwardly on student leaders in other colleges and high school campuses through the High School Leadership Conference and National Student Leadership Conference. This new extension, the Leadership Development Cabinet, is an internal outreach. We want to offer teaching and encouragement to student leaders on campus throughout the school year. As a co-director of this cabinet, I am excited to see year-long teaching and training to Taylor students.

The Leadership Development Cabinet has grown to function in many different capacities since its formal inception in 2002. We encourage leaders on campus; we gave the Lighthouse co-directors a collection of pictures and stories from all of the different trips they put together in order to offer a clear reminder that their work was fruitful. We also have monthly seminars like the one featuring Dr. Gyertson and Dr. Kesler. The day before war was declared we had a forum of three professors who shared on the just-war theory and its implications on our worldviews. To support this type of training, Mike Hammond, director of leadership development in the office of student development, recently developed a more formalized structure called LiT, the Leadership Initiative of Taylor.

LiT allows students to gain recognition for their leadership involvement while being challenged each year in the theoretical, training and service components of leadership. The LiT program recognizes and supports all student leaders, not only those in official campus positions. According to the promotional brochure, “LiT pulls together various leadership activities that a student does and encourages them to grow through them.” Each year there are specific requirements that need to be met such as community service, academic coursework, student-to-student mentoring, on-campus leadership and exposure to diversity issues. These activities become part of a student’s Co-curricular Activities Record, a documentation of out-of-classroom activities which is a part of the student’s credentials or reference file.

Two years ago I was at a dinner seminar sponsored by the leadership symposium series, the predecessor to today’s monthly leadership seminars. Steve Mortland, associate vice president for enrollment services, was the speaker. I will not forget what he said when talking about the seemingly overused phrase “servant leadership.” His comment sums up what our cabinet works toward, “We’re not always leaders, but we are always servants.”
A quiet strength  How the life of Paul Erdel '50 has shaped those around him

—  Rev. G. Keith Elliott

What are the characteristics of a servant leader? Several things come to mind: prayerful and dependent on God, humble and aware of one’s servant role, gentle, committed to a vision, hard working, willing to do menial tasks if necessary to lead by example, sacrificial, team player, and loving.

When I think about people whom I would consider good models of servant leadership one person readily comes to mind: Dr. Paul Erdel. He was our field director when my family and I went to Ecuador in 1980 to serve as missionaries. Paul had been a missionary for about 30 years, eight of which he had served in Fort Wayne, Ind., as director of overseas ministries of the Missionary Church. He returned to Ecuador a few years before we arrived and served there for the rest of his career and on into active retirement.

The more I got to know Paul the more impressed I became. He was humble and quiet. He didn’t usually express his opinion unless asked to do so but he was a gold mine of information on many different subjects. He knew missions, history, politics, culture, literature and sports (at least basketball, because he was a Hoosier!). He knew a little about local building practices and much less about auto mechanics. But he was wise – he understood people and human nature.

Most of all, he knew the Bible. He was a master at organizing and teaching biblical truth. He taught Bible studies, preached in churches when asked, prepared and taught Bible Institute lessons. He enjoyed visiting the churches in the country and often would make trips to encourage them or take building supplies to help those congregations.

Paul led by example. He never expected anything from us that he would not do himself. He would gladly do the most mundane and sometimes menial tasks to help out other people or to help keep a program running. Many of his days were filled with tasks such as buying groceries and supplies for camp, buying, packaging and shipping supplies for colleagues in remote stations, taking people to the bus station, picking up packages, waiting in line to get money out of the bank or standing in line to pay the water bill downtown.

Church leaders trusted him and would seek him out to talk about situations and problems in their congregations and in their families, often asking for financial help. He was called on to give counsel or mediate in difficult situations of conflict, moral failure, missing funds, etc. He always hoped that things would improve and kept working to that end.

Occasionally he was insulted or verbally attacked by colleagues and national church leaders. He didn’t retaliate or seem to hold a grudge. He usually managed to keep the emphasis on positive things as he pressed for truth and understanding.
I never lived in the same city as Paul however we had frequent contact. He encouraged me often and corrected me on a few occasions. I didn’t always agree with him but I learned to respect his opinion because, as things turned out, he was most often right. After his retirement he continued to serve in Ecuador but he could not continue as field director. That task fell to me for several years. He never told me how to do the job and was reluctant to give his opinion on matters even when I asked him. Paul Erdel is a good model of a servant leader. I was privileged to have him as my field director and mentor in missions. His example continues to guide me and shape my ministry.

Paul Erdel does not consider what he has done over the course of his life to be extraordinary in any way. He feels he simply tried to be committed to his calling.

A 1950 graduate of Taylor’s Upland campus, Erdel studied history and literature. Following TU he went for additional training at Indiana University in education. Prior to his time at Taylor he studied at Fort Wayne Bible College (today’s Taylor University Fort Wayne campus) and graduated in 1948 as valedictorian and president of his class.

“At Fort Wayne Bible College every day and in every class we were confronted with taking Christ to the world, and we were serious. We went in it for life,” he explains. At Upland he met teachers like sports evangelism pioneer Don Odle. “[Odle] made a deep influence on me,” remarks Erdel. “I had some great teachers – humble, serving people.”

Erdel spent his lifetime working in Ecuador. He continued working there long after he “retired.” While his address is now in northern Indiana, he and his wife Ruth continue to encourage and teach students from nearby Bethel College and both remain extremely active. He is spending much of his summer back in Ecuador working there with his son. - Ed

Taylor University is among the top ten comprehensive colleges in the nation. A Taylor degree means something. Yet when asked, alumni say that the towel means even more. This year 440 graduates from 39 states and 12 foreign countries walked across the stage to receive a diploma from President David Gyertson and a towel from Chancellor Jay Kesler. At the end of the ceremony, the table was empty and another class of Taylor students headed out from campus prepared to lead and committed to serve.
While Taylor University has been publishing alumni magazines for nearly 100 years, the “Taylor” nameplate was first used on the magazine in 1963. This is the tenth magazine for the current editorial team. This is Taylor’s 110th year in Upland. We mark these occasions by considering some other noteworthy TU anniversaries occurring this year.
10 years ago - Taylor celebrates its 100th year in Upland in 1993. Angleball and its chief proponent, Dr. Jim Spiegel, arrive on campus.

20 years ago - The Smith-Hermanson Music Center, phase one of a proposed three-part fine arts center, is dedicated in 1983. The two other phases, the Rupp Communication Arts Center (ground broken in 1993) and the Modelle Metcalf/Visual Arts Center (dedicated for use in 2003) are completed over the next 20 years.

30 years ago - The TU Athletic Hall of Fame inducts its charter members at halftime during the 1973 Homecoming football game. President Milo Rediger reads the names.

40 years ago - Receiving an alumni award and commenting on the campus Dr. R. Marvin Stuart '31, son of former Taylor President Dr. Robert Stuart, states, "the quality of the student body and the faculty, the entire spirit and program of the school impressed me very much. I have great confidence for the future of Taylor." Celebrated Indiana poet Barton Rees Pogue '18, along with 60 percent of his graduating class, attends the 1963 Homecoming banquet to see the award presented.

50 years ago - Taylor plays her first-ever intercollegiate basketball game on Nov. 4, 1933 - a victory over Concordia College. Another notable win that season was a rout from Wheaton College. Also in 1933, the William Taylor Foundation is founded.

80 years ago - Charles Wesley Shilling graduates with a major in science in 1923. He goes on to get a master's degree from the University of Michigan and later to become deputy director of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission. The 1923 yearbook notes that John C. Bugher '21 is at Michigan State University studying medicine. Like Shilling, Bugher goes on to serve as deputy director of the Atomic Energy Commission.

John Bugher's father, Anson, was a prominent Upland citizen and a member of the board of trustees for the University. John Bugher's grandfather, Jacob, plotted and established the town of Upland, Ind., in 1867. Jacob Bugher purchased the land from John Osuald — the first resident of the area following battles in 1812 between the United States and the Indian occupants of the territory.

90 years ago - The "Music Hall" enters its second year of service in 1913. Helena Memorial Hall goes on to serve as a gymnasium, a chapel, a theatre and a home to the art department. The hall is currently used to house the admissions office and the office of the president.

100 years ago - John Shilling serves one year as president of Taylor University in 1903-04 before falling ill and passing away the following year. His wife, Mary, goes on to raise their two sons and become Taylor's only art professor for more than two decades, helping to establish the strong department that exists today.

110 years ago - The newly-named Taylor University moves from Fort Wayne to Upland, and the campus is dedicated in the summer of 1893, just weeks after the death of Samuel Morris. Later in the year construction begins on the H. Maria Wright Administration Building (pictured on page 12) and the Sammy Morris (Prince Kaboo) Faith Memorial Hall.

120 years ago - The enrollment in 1883 at the Fort Wayne College, Taylor University's predecessor, stands at 327. The only larger enrollment, on record during the Fort Wayne period (1846-1892) was the group of 395 students in 1881. Room, board and tuition cost less than $100 a semester in the early 1880s.

130 years ago - In the 1870s students come to the campus from places such as West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, New York and Canada.

150 years ago - The Fort Wayne Collegiate Institute, a men's school started in 1852, holds classes in the building owned by the Fort Wayne Female College. The two institutions merge in 1855 to create the Fort Wayne College.

157 years ago - The Fort Wayne Female College, Taylor University's predecessor, is founded in 1846. James A. Whitcomb, governor of Indiana at the time and a U.S. Senator later in his life, is one of the original members of the board of trustees. The college's curriculum includes courses in grammar, arithmetic, geography, Latin, Greek, French, Spanish, music, drawing, logic, algebra, chemistry, literary criticism and history.

Details from previous issues of Taylor magazine and Dr. William Ringenberg's book, Taylor University, the First 150Years.
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TCN is a cooperative effort of the Taylor University Career Development and Alumni Offices. To join TCN, please contact:

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Capital Campaign nears completion as work begins on Kesler Student Activities Center

The Taylor Tomorrow Campaign was launched in October 1996 as a $75 million, seven-year campaign. Thus far the Campaign has received $73 million in cash pledges, and irrevocable deferred gifts. Another $8 million has been identified in revocable, future bequests. University officials plan to end the campaign on schedule in December 2003.

The Kesler Center marks the third major building project on Taylor’s Upland campus since the start of the campaign and joins Samuel Morris Hall (1998) and the Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center (2003). The campaign has also resulted in two building projects on Taylor’s Fort Wayne campus - the Eicher Student Commons (2001) and the Calvin H. English Library (2004).

Council of 100 inaugural induction ceremony

More than 80 people were on hand to celebrate the unveiling of the Wall of Honor – a plaque located in the Zondervan Library Engstrom Galleria listing the names of alumni and friends who have given over $100,000 to the University over the course of their lifetimes. This marked the inauguration of the Council of 100. President David Gyertson, Chancellor Jay Kesler '58 and Chairman of the Board of Trustees Kenneth Flanigan ’65 were on hand to personally thank each of the Council members and to host them during a series of activities during the first weekend in April.

During the same weekend, the campus hosted the Upland Parents Cabinet, more than 400 people were present for Grandparents Day, and over 230 attended the annual President’s dinner honoring presidential donors who gave $1,000 or more to the University in the past year.

Annual funds top their goals

The combined Taylor Fund and Fort Wayne Fund hit a new high of over $1.9 million, topping their June 1, 2002, to May 31, 2003, goal. The money is used to help cover the difference between the cost of educating students and the funds raised by tuition. Of the total costs for providing a Taylor University Upland education, a student’s required fees covers 80 percent, and the remaining 20 percent is covered by gifts, endowment and other sources.

Not designated to any one building, department or program, gifts to the annual funds are entrusted to the University to be used in the areas of greatest need, identified at this time as financial assistance to students. “The annual funds,” explains President David Gyertson, “directly support the millions of dollars the University awards in financial aid to our students.”

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The William Taylor Foundation exceeded $4 million in current, capital and deferred gifts this year. The Foundation specializes in areas such as donor advised funds, bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder unitrusts, and estate planning. Contact Ken Smith for more information at ksmith@tayloru.edu or 1-800-882-3456 x5144.

Celebrating GIFT

The Taylor University family celebrates the commitment of alumni and friends and their response to the $3.5 million Lilly Endowment Special Initiative to Strengthen Philanthropy for Indiana’s Higher Education Institutions challenge match. As you can see on the graph, every designated area for alumni, friends, parents and students, faculty and staff went over 100%. Estate gifts in the alumni area propelled Taylor toward the goal at a faster rate than anticipated. According to Harold Hazen, Vice President for University advancement, “This Initiative impacted every area of the Taylor family, and meeting the goal before December 31 is affirmation of the strength and commitment of Taylor alumni to their alma mater. We continue to encourage giving from alumni as we wrap up the calendar year and report to Lilly the number of alumni involved. What a testimony it would be if Lilly announced that Taylor led the state with the highest alumni participation rate among all the colleges and universities in Indiana! I believe it’s possible. I ask each Taylor alum to consider what they might do to make this a reality.” Thanks for your help with GIFT – Get Involved For Taylor.
1933
Mason Buckner x went to be with the Lord in February. He was a former Methodist minister, choir director, public school music teacher and farmer. He was preceded in death by wife Elsa (Olson '32) and daughter Joyce Abbott.

1939
Rev. Earle Hart x passed away Nov. 2, 2002. Earle was a pastor for 29 years in Georgia. His wife Laura lives at 2001 S Lee St, Americus, GA 31709.

1942
Eunice (Knight) O'Brien died March 19. She was the widow of Penn O'Brien x.

1943
—60-year class reunion, Oct. 10-12, 2003

1944
Dr. Cranston Bernstorf died March 22 after a tragic car accident. He was a medical missionary teacher in Pakistan until 1963. He returned to America and taught at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn. In retirement he assisted his wife Eileen in establishing a Montessori Academy now enrolling 300 students. Their son is Robert Bernstorf x'71.

1948
—56-year class reunion, Oct. 10-12, 2003

1950
Joann Kile continues to cope with Parkinson's disease. She is a librarian's helper at Oak Grove Church in Golden Valley, Minn.

1951
Dr. Cardinal Casey passed away Jan. 13. Dr. Casey was a dentist for 37 years in the Indianapolis area prior to retiring in 1996. His wife Sophia survives him.

1952
Retired professor Dr. Carl Gongwer continues to care for his wife Mary Anna (Davis) at the United Methodist Memorial Home due to her 10-year battle with Alzheimer's. Their address is 801 Huntington Ave, Warren, IN 46792. • Claudia (Groth) Vail was able to spend 16 days in Israel with Bridges For Peace in October 2002. Her address is 4043 Shona Ct, San Jose, CA 95124. E-mail is simehav@yahoo.com.

1953
—50-year class reunion, Oct. 10-12, 2003

1954
Theodore & Ruth (Allspaw x'56) Hopkins continue in their ministry. Ted as the pastor of the Liberty Union Baptist Church in rural Milan, Mo., and Ruth as pianist at the church, the Nursing Rehab and Senior Citi-

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zens Centers. Ruth also collects the local news for the Times Republican. • Robert Tidwell died Feb. 8. Bob was a teacher until his retirement in 1986, receiving several awards. His wife of 47 years, Lois, survives him. Lois was teaching at TU when they met; they were married by Milo Rediger '39 in 1955.

1955
Don Callan is in his 43rd year of service to Cedarville University, currently serving as dean of the School of Health and Human Performance. He was honored for his outstanding service to the University by the renaming of the athletic center to the Callan Athletic Center. Don was the head men's basketball coach from 1960–1995, finishing his career as the NAIA's third winningest coach and ranked 19th all-time with 578 victories. • Stanley Reed continues to coach tennis, pastor part time, and substitute teach after sustaining major open-heart surgery this year. He & Connie (Ross) are enjoying their 15 grandchildren!

1958
—45-year class reunion, Oct. 10–12, 2003
Howard & Barbara Watson reside at 67 Lakeview Dr, Elkriver, WY 25071. He has an internet ministry named the “Howard Watson Christian Study Page.” Howard is also doing consulting on employment and disabilities. E-mail is howard.watson@att.net.

1962
Raymond & Adrien (Chandler x'63) Durham's address is 1074 West Lake Rd, West Branch, MI 48661. E-mail is raymond@durham.net. • Marge Livingston continues as a counselor and encourager of missionaries through Bible Centered Ministries Intl. E-mail is marlivingston@juno.com.

1963
—40-year class reunion, Oct. 10–12, 2003
Gloria (Griffin) Reading is enjoying her second career as a professor of children's literature at Southern Illinois University. In August she plans to travel to Kampala, Uganda, to present a seminar at the 2003 Third Pan African Reading for All Conference aimed at helping African educators teach reading more effectively.

1964
After 25 years in pastoral ministry Elmer Vogelsang is now serving as full-time chaplain for the Indian River County Sheriff's Dept., which maintains a 500-bed jail. Elmer is also pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. Wife Nancy (Estep) teaches accounting and administers the Teen Parent Program at Vero High School. Their address is 1405 82nd Ave, #31, Vero Beach, FL 32966.

1968
—35-year class reunion, Oct. 10–12, 2003
R. Randolph Behnken has retired as a judicial district judge after serving 25 years on the bench. He plans to return to private practice. He & wife Bari (McCraken x'72) live in Leitchfield, Ky. • Charles Brueder x'61 has been appointed medical director of surgery at San Juan Regional Medical Center. He & wife Yvonne reside at 21 CR 5402, Farmington, NM 87401. E-mail is missiondoc@yahoo.com

1971
Ross & Carol (Hitchcock '72) Chenot live at 24406-B Hampton Dr, Valencia, CA 91355. Carol works for Automatic Data Processing as a development consultant/leadership coach. E-mail is cjhchcx@aol.com. • Carol (Wood) Warton married Warren Miller on Feb. 9, 2002, in Ridgewood, N.J. Their address is 330 Sooy Place Rd, Vincentown, NJ 08088.

1972
Thomas & Susan Beeson reside at 9514 Debra Spradlin Ct, Burke, VA 22015, where Thomas is the president/CEO of Legislative Services, Inc. • Fay (Walker) Winson married Rev. Rick Rhodes on Jan. 5. Rick is the pastor of Hartford Street Presbyterian Church and Fay continues as the program coordinator in the office of the alumni, parent and church relations at Gordon College. She is also the president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the American Parkinson Disease Association. The couple lives in Beverly, Mass.

1973
—30-year class reunion, Oct. 10–12, 2003
Victor & Marjorie (Aseltine) Zaragoza have moved to 16371 Parkside Dr, Parker, CO 80134. Marjorie works as a district math coach in the Aurora Public School System. Son Fletcher is 17. E-mail is mahgiez@aol.com.

1974
Peter x & Francine (Cocallas) Barnes reside at 1945 Phillips Ave, Northbrook, IL 60062, where Francine is partner/owner of Carriage Hill Kennels. Children are Robert (24) and Nicole (17). E-mail is lopecm1952@aol.com. • David Wierenga is the chief operating officer at Gregory, Inc. He & wife Karen live at 205 Buecklin Rd, Hutchinson, KS 67502. E-mail is kwierenga@cox.net.

1975
Miguel Gomez has been dispatched by the USDA Forest Service to work as a Strike Team Leader Trainee, leading crews to help recover shuttle parts from the Challenger disaster in Texas. • Larry & Karen (Rudolph '76) Taylor's address is 1908 Buckingham Dr, Wheaton, IL 60187. Larry is the vice president of creative services for Urban Ministries, Inc. Their children are Lindsay (03), Ryan (19) and Lauren (16). E-mail is ltklx@mac.com.

1976
Bill Lamb x'64 completed his MBA at Bradley University and is one of four students earning “distinction.” He was elected to Beta Gamma Sigma, a scholastic honorary society. Bill is the president and general manager for WDRE-TV/WTVE-TV. He & wife Becky live in Louisville, Ky. E-mail is billlamb@fox4.com

1977
Patty (Baxendale) Cook teaches second grade in South Elgin, Ill., but looks forward to retiring in two years along with Al, her husband of 23 years. They are enjoying sons Stephen (20), Kyle (19) and Brian (18). E-mail is paleckox@msn.com. They would love to hear from TU friends!

1978
—25-year class reunion, Oct. 10–12, 2003
Norbert Treu died Feb. 4 in Grafton, Wis. Surviving are brothers Douglas Treu '80 and Randy Treu x'82.
1979
Jim & Kathy (Taylor) McLaughlin live in Palm City, Fla. TU visitors are welcome! Jim is athletic director at a Christian high school and Kathy owns and manages a horse boarding and training stable. They have two children.
1980
Michael & Candy Birch are the proud parents of Arayna, born Sept. 28, 2002. She joins siblings Michael (12), Anastasia (10), Isaac (9), Joseph (7), Aletheia (6) and Abigail (4). Michael is vice president of operations for Ping. The family resides in Glendale, Ariz. E-mail is mbirch926@earthlink.net. • Kenneth Fink has been named senior vice president at The Northern Trust Co., Chicago. He is a senior investment counselor for Northern Investment Counselors. • Carl & Cindy (Nicholson) Gutzman have moved to 1140 Ridgerest Dr, Vermillion, SD 57069. Children are Monica (14) and Tyler (11). • Andy & Deb (Vogler) Klotz are the thankful parents of Elizabeth Carolyn, born Dec. 21, 2002. Siblings are Drew (2½) and Emily (2½). E-mail is ajk46038@aol.com.

1981
Joseph Fennig died Feb. 11 following a traffic accident that also killed his father, Martel Fennig. Joseph was an engineer with Federal Express. Surviving are his mother Anna, sisters LeAnne (Fennig ’77) Johnson, Sue (Fennig ’85) Skendziel, Barbara Fennig and brother Chuck Fennig. • Keith & Grace (Loeven) Fischer proudly announce the birth of son John Steven on May 22, 2002. He joins sister Anna (2). E-mail is gracefischer@cox.net.

1982
Teresa Cress married Eric Johnson on Nov. 25, 2002, on Polo Beach at the Fairmont Kea Lani in Maui, Hawaii. The couple resides in Charlotte, N.C., where Eric is vice president/co-owner of Commander Instruments and Avionics, Inc., and Teresa is a senior client service specialist for Prudential Insurance Co. E-mail is tc@commanderinstruments.com. • Quentin & Karen (Garner) Nantz have been in Taipei, Taiwan, working at Christ’s College for eight years since living in Beijing, China. Quentin teaches in the undergraduate program, and is starting a graduate program in TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) in cooperation with Azusa Pacific Univ. Karen is completing her master’s degree in TESOL while teaching full time. Sons are Josh (17), Jesse (14) and Zach (6). They would love to hear from TU friends at kenantz@yahoo.com. • Jeff & Kathy Spencer have moved to 25315 Doral Crest, San Antonio, TX 78258. After 20 years in systems development and consulting at RPIGM, Jeff has started his own business, JS Spencer Group, LLC. Children are Elizabeth (10), Alexandra (7) and William (3). E-mail is js31@excite.com. • John & Cathy Wheeler reside at 10526 Amanda Ave, San Diego, CA 92126. They took a huge step of faith several years ago by launching their own business. While all things have not gone as planned, God has provided unexpected blessings and benefits. John is now senior consultant/executive coach for Elite Solutions Consulting. Their children are Jonathan (10), Brooke (8), David (5) and Danielle (5). E-mail is john@elitesolutionconsulting.com.

1983
—20-year class reunion, Oct. 10-12, 2003
Steven & Marsha (Brinson) Nygren’s address is 1624 Abby Dr, Naperville, IL 60563. Steven is a strategic marketing manager for Ondeo Nalco. Children are Erik (13), Zachary (10) and Jenna (7). E-mail is snygren@att.net.

1984
Scott & Michelle Taylor joyfully announce the birth of Scott Rex on Aug. 22, 2002. The family is in transition as they return from work on the mission field in Kiev, Ukraine. E-mail is scottrex@sofhome.net. • Brian Walton is the minister of student relationships at High Desert Church; he’s also pursuing his master’s degree in Christian Ed at Ilagard School of Theology at Azusa Pacific University. He, wife Ilene, & children Robert (14), Peter (13), Joshua (8) and Sarah (7), live in Apple Valley, Calif. E-mail is brian@hdnet.org.

1985
Brad & Kathleen (Kelly x) Belcher moved to Michigan three years ago to plant Cherry Creek Community Church (Evangelical Free) where Brad is the senior pastor. Brad also teaches at Cornerstone Univ and Kalamazoo Valley Community College.
Children are Kelly (10), Abbie (8) and Leanna (2). They live in Scotts, Mich. E-mail is biblecher@att.net. • Skip & Ginger Lockyear reside in Jenison, Mich., with children Allison (8) and Noah (4). E-mail is skiplockyear@hotmail.com.

1986

Major Stephen Newman C.86
USMC has been promoted to Lt. Col. He has been on two floats to the Persian Gulf. Steve recently completed work on his LLM degree at the Jag School (Univ of Virginia). He & his family returned home from a two-year tour to South Korea last summer. Currently he is senior defense council at Camp Lejune N.C. He resides at 24 Harvey St, Camp Lejune, NC 28542.

- Todd & Susan (Miller) Raisch joyfully announce the birth of Halle Spires on Jan. 30; she joins Elly (4). The family resides at 79 S Central Ave, Ramsey, NJ 07446.

1987

David & Lisa (Walter ’89) Baird are the proud parents of Jane Elizabeth, born June 27, 2002. Siblings are Lauren (7) and Colin (3). The family lives in Lino Lakes, Minn. E-mail is mimbaird@msn.com. • Doug Roggenbaum has been promoted to vice president, regional manager of Michigan for Amerisure Insurance, where he has been employed since 1987. • Thomas x & Kimberly Waldmiller live in Lavenue, Tenn. Their children are Lindsey (10), Lauren (10), Leslie (8) and Lacey (8). E-mail is nittanylionblue@aol.com.

1988

-15-year class reunion, Oct. 10-12, 2003

Janeen Anderson married Michael Gilbert on Jan. 12 in Woodbury, N.J. Reann (Lydick ’89) Poray served as her matron of honor. Other TU alumni in attendance included Lisanne (Shupe) Sykes and Wendy (Rutherford ’87) Dietrich. Janeen has two new stepsons, Eric (13) and Brandon (10), who add lots of fun and excitement to her life. The couple resides at 5 Hummingbird Ln, Willingboro, NJ 08046. E-mail is jlaneen@aol.com. • Stephen Fuchs continues as the youth pastor at Christland United Methodist Church in Marion, Ind. Children are Miranda (9) and Moriah (4). E-mail is fuchs4god@indy.rr.com. • Kelly (Spencer) Stewart resides in Lenexa, Kan. She is director of strategic accounts for S.C.T. E-mail is kstewart@sct.com.

1989

Mike & Carolyn (Schumacher) Aragon live in Eagan, Minn., where they minister among the Hispanic community. Mike is the pastor of Iglesia Vida Nueva, a Baptist General Conference church plant. Children are Michael (7), Anne (6), Jonathan (4) and Sarah (1). E-mail is mjalragon@aol.com.

Carolyn (Schumacher ’89) & Mike Aragon and family

- Thomas Atkinson lives at 4001 Captiva Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46815. E-mail is maradin@aol.com. • Daniel & Victoria (Vite) Book joyfully announce the birth of Andri Nicole on March 15, 2002; she joins Gabrielle (8), brother Morgan (6) and Madeline (3). Daniel is senior manager of marketing and sales at Brotherhood Mutual Ins Co. Their new address is PO Box 132,

Daniel ’89 & Victoria (Vite ’89) Book and family

Grabill, IN 46741. • Andrew & Elise Chen reside at 2645 Ammandale, Tustin, CA 92782. E-mail is amchen@yahoo.com.

1990

Jim & Cheryl (Cina) Gorecki announce the birth of Brayden James on Sept. 11, 2001. Big sister Emily is 4. The family resides at W241 N6601 Fir St, Sussex, WI 53089. • Mitch & Kira (Rucker) Sayler are the proud parents of Scott Mitchell born Dec. 11, 2002; he joins sisters Lauren (5) and Linnea (3). Mitch enjoys pastoring at Forest Hill EFC; Kira is home with the children. Their address is 609 Frances Ave, Loves Park, IL 61111. E-mail is mitch@rubarbasp.com. • Jay & Donna (Moore ’91) Teagle announce the birth of Jayson Emery on Aug. 9, 2002. He has two sisters, Allison (7) and Amanda (3); Jay is a teacher and coach in Huntley, Ill. and Donna has her own business, Floor Covering Intl. They live in West Chicago, Ill.

1991

Catherine Hay married Robert J. Mills IV on Feb. 2, 2002, in Lake Forest, Ill. Cathy is the meetings and program manager for the American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry and R.J. is the senior public information officer for the American Medical Association. The couple’s address is

Robert & Catherine (Hay ’91) Mills
Lisa (Paige '91) & Patrick Jarrett and family

- Cairy & Susan (Johnson '92) Littlejohn continue to live in Holland, Mich. E-mail is thelittlejohnfamily@yahoo.com. • Randy x & Tami (McDonald '89) Seidehamel joyfully announce the birth of Rachel Janelle on Oct. 17, 2002. Brother Jacob is 3. Randy is a physician's assistant in the Owensboro, Ky., Emergency Room and Tami is home with the children. They also began a custom home building business last year. Their address is 606 N Fairview Dr, Rockport, IN 47635. E-mail is seidehamel@psci.net. • Jim & Karen (Harvey) Snyder are pleased to announce the arrival of Natalia Elizabeth on Feb. 17; she joins Caleb (6), Alecia (4) and Sophia (2). The family resides at 11994 Volcanic Rock Dr, Fishers, IN 46038. E-mail is calecias@aol.com. • Steve & Karin (Feige) Wood are the proud parents of Colton Bronson born Jan. 19; he joins Carter (6) and Julia (3). The family lives in Wadsworth, Ill. E-mail is kwood@avenuw.com.

1992
David & Heidi (von Gunten '91) Faulks joyfully announce the birth of Matthew Harris on Sept. 23, 2002; he joins Hannah (4) and Rachel (2). David is an optometrist in private practice and Heidi is enjoying being a stay-at-home mom. The family lives at 115 Woodside Dr, Dickson, IN 47335. E-mail is faulkfamily@hotmail.com. • Matt & Kathleen (O'Brien '91) Harvey are the proud parents of Jackson Matthew born Feb. 29. Matt is accounting manager for CarBrite and Kathleen resigned from the social work

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1993
— 10-year class reunion, Oct. 10-12, 2003

Dawn (Greer) Griggs mourns the loss of her husband of nine years, Dan, who lost his six-year battle with leukemia on March 18. Dawn’s e-mail is dawnegriggs@yahoo.com.

• John & Kristin (Irish) Kile, along with daughter Kendra (1), reside in Noblesville, Ind. John works for Eli Lilly and Kristin has retired from teaching and is thoroughly enjoying her new role as a stay-at-home mom. E-mail is jkkile@earthlink.net.

1994

Michael & Amelia (Overbeck) Brier joyfully announce the birth of Aleca Johanna on July 14, 2002. After eight years of teaching high school art, Amelia is enjoying being home with Aleca. Their address is 4012 Bath Rd, Brookville, IN 47012. E-mail is amelia.brier@gte.net. • David Chamberlin was named vice president of public relations at Bank One Credit Card Services in Wilmington, Del. E-mail is davidchamberlin@yahoo.com. • Eric & Elizabeth Heinman have moved to 7 E Washington Apt 4, Lake Bluff, IL 60044. • Clif & Shelley (Greenawalt) Hickok joyfully welcomed Jillian Elizabeth on April 8, 2002. Clif works as a production advisor at Avon, Inc., in Morton Grove, Ill., and Shelley teaches part time in Arlington Heights, Ill. • Mike & Michelle Hieb are the proud parents of Shepherd, born Sept. 14, 2002, he joins Keilah (4) and Justus (2). Mike has been deployed with the 101st Airborne. The family will be residing at 2717 Victory Ct, Clarksville, IN 47129.

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Bonnie and Elizabeth (Berry '93) Smith. Heidi & Dave live in Portland, Ore. E-mail is hmoore@attbi.com. • Paul & Jessica (Burkard '92) Orme now live at 7232 Mountain Trl, Centerville, OH 45459, with Michael (6) and Morgan (3). Paul finished his MBA and works at Premier Health Partners as the financial applications manager. E-mail is porme@mvh.org. • Mitch & Pam (Lepley '92) Piersma announce the arrival of Caleb Mitchell on June 25, 2002. Brothers are Ryan (4) and Nathan (3).

Their new address is 831 20th St, Otsego, MI 49078. • Herb & Kate (Kreitl X) Rice and Cameron (1) have moved to 15016 Windmill Cir, Carmel, IN 46033. Kate works as the manager of benefits for the City of Indianapolis. E-mail is hkerice@aol.com. • Lisa Smucker married Craig Stadtmueller on Jan. 5, 2002, in Wheaton, Ill. TU attendants included Laura McFadden and Mike Smucker '98. The couple has moved to 19 Harold St, Newtown, NSW 2042, Australia.

where Craig will complete his seminary degree at Moore Theological College. E-mail is cestadt@hotmail.com. • Kim Snow married Chris Robey '99 on Aug. 3, 2002, in Upland, Ind. TU participants included Brent Croxton '92, Karen (Snow '95) Horn, Nate Norris '00, David Herring '98 and Daniel Sterner '95. The couple resides in Carmel, Ind., where Chris works as a systems engineer for Joseph Graves Assoc., Inc., and Kim teaches math at Hamilton Heights High School. • Craig & Bonnie (Duncan) Tinder live at 213 Columbia, Park Ridge, IL 60068. Bonnie works as the director of marketing, Midwest National Accounts for ADP. E-mail is bonnieltinder@yahoo.com.

1995

Tom (TUFW '96) & Dana (Steckley) Broderick are the proud parents of Sydney Jean, born March 2, 2002. The family continues to live in Traverse City, Mich. • Daniel & Beth (Behnken) Daghfal joyfully announce the birth of Abigail Grace on July 22, 2002; siblings are Wilson (3) and Emma (1). The family lives in Aurora, Ill., and would love to hear from TU friends. E-mail is bdaghfal@sheglobal.net. • Jason & Catha (Cofield '94) Huff happily announce the birth of Jackson Parker on Feb. 18. Jason is the music director at CrossRoads Church at Westfield. The family lives in Indianapolis. E-mail is jasonhuff@comcast.net. • Jason & Erin Jelinek reside at 6722 Red Maple Dr, Charlotte, NC 28277. Jason now works as the Journey Groups Pastor for Charlotte South Fellowship. E-mail is jake@charlottesouth.org. • Ken & Heather Anne (Gladhill) Kehr joyfully announce the birth of Elizabeth Kay on Aug. 27, 2002; brother Joshua is 3. The family resides in Lit- tcstown, Pa., on their dairy farm. • Donald & Patty Mitchell are the proud parents of Lauren Elizabeth born Feb. 7. Brother Jonathan is 2. The family lives in Bloomington, Ind. E-mail is pdjmitchell@netscape.net. • Andrew & Sally (Bryan) Molhoek are the proud parents of Wesley (2) and Audrey (1). The family lives at 14997 Carour St, Livonia, MI 48154. E-mail is wessysonm@twmi.rr.com. • Chris & Laura (Block) Passero live in Rochester, N.Y.

where Laura stays at home and cares for Alyssia (12) and Andrew (15). E-mail is ldpl@pa.net. • Abbie Reese has accepted a position volunteering for Mercy Ships as a writer on the non-profit’s largest of three ships, Anastasis. The one-year term begins in August. The ship will leave a European port and go directly to Western Europe. Currently, she is an award-winning editor of Freepost INK, a weekly newspaper in Illinois. E-mail is abbie_reese@hotmail.com. • Spencer & Anna Smith happily announce...
the birth of Thaddeus Spencer on Dec. 5, 2002. They live in Bloomington, Ind.

Spencer '95 & Anna Smith with Thaddeus

1996

Kevin & Kristin (Lee) Book are the thankful parents of Jeremy August born Nov. 7, 2002; he joins brother Micah (2½). The family's address is 135 Floral Ave, Troy, OH 45373. E-mail is kandk.book@juno.com.

Kevin '96 & Kristin (Lee '96) Book and sons

• Eric '97 & Beth (Dalton) Jefferson joyfully announce the birth of Will on Nov. 9, 2002, he joins sister Riley (3) and Elise (1). Eric works for J. Greg Allen/Princeton Homes in Indianapolis and Beth is home with the children. • Brad & Shelly (Heatwole) Kirkendall are happy to announce the birth of Braden Daniel on Nov. 22, 2002. They reside at 5087 Cardinal Cove E Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46256. E-mail is shelleykirkendall@juno.com. • Mark & Keri (Quick '97) Kornelsen have moved to 12518 Pewter Pl, Fishers, IN 46038, where Keri is an administrative assistant at Christian Missionary Fellowship and Mark is a computer programmer at Allegiant, LLC. E-mail is kornelss@juno.com. • Troy Leach is the assistant baseball coach at Manchester High School. After a 7-16 regular season, the Squires completed the state tournament undefeated to claim the State 2A Championship. Troy teaches PE and health at Manchester Junior High School and coaches eighth grade football. Michele (Moore '95) stays home with their son Kody (2). They reside in North Manchester, Ind. • David & Michelle (Graber) McKnight reside at 3528 Valley Lake Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46227, where Michelle is in real estate sales for Carpenter GMAC. Children are David (8) and Daniel (7). E-mail is mnmcknight@carpentergmac.com. • Paul & Heidi (Chan) Neddo live in Spokane, Wash., where Heidi is a mental health counselor. E-mail is dzraechan@juno.com. • Chris & Erin Niswander reside at 105 E Weber Rd, Columbus, OH 43202, where Chris is owner of Christian D. Niswander Design. • Stephen Norris recently graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center where he attained Distinguished Student status in academics and Expert Shooter status in firearms. He has accepted a position on the U.S./Canadian border with the Department of Homeland Security at the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection. • Matt Roth became a partner in the Huntington, Ind., law firm of Gordon Kendall Brahan McNeely & DeLaney LLP. E-mail is mrroth@gordonlawyers.com. • Randy & Anne (Oliver) Smith joyfully announce the birth of Kristin Lee on Feb. 3. Anne has been teaching, but plans to stay home with Kristin. The family lives in Angleton, Texas. • Jim (TUU professor) & Amy (Bell) Spiegel happily announce the arrival of Samuel Berkeley on Sept. 6, 2002; Sam joins brother Bailey (3). The family lives in Fairmount, Ind.

Michele (Moore '95) & Troy Leach '96 with Kody

1997

Jim & Carrie (Barnhart) Brothers are the proud parents of Jordan Renee, born Sept 28, 2002. Carrie works for Franklin County Children Services as a child welfare caseworker, while Jim works with youth at a residential treatment facility. The family lives at 4104 Balsam Ave, Grove City, OH 43123. E-mail is carriebrothers7@aol.com.

Eric '97 & Beth (Dalton '96) Jefferson and family

• Matt & Catharine (Beers TUFW) Cwanek are the proud parents of Torilinn Elizabeth born Jan. 14. E-mail is matt@frob.net. • Lisa Huber was ordained for ministry at her
home church, Markey Community Baptist Church, on Dec. 22, 2002. She is currently the pastor of Women’s Ministries at First Baptist Church of Pomona, Calif. • Jonathan & Anna (Hyndman) Williams joyfully announce the birth of Samuel Thomas on

April 22, 2002. Anna has resigned from her job as occupational therapist to be home with Samuel. E-mail is jonathan_anna@yahoo.com.

1998

—5-year class reunion, Oct. 10-12, 2003

Matt & Brittany (Sieling) Book happily announce the birth of Jacob Matthew on

March 30, 2002. The family lives in Gaylord, Mich., where Matt is a high school social studies teacher and Brittany is a stay-at-home mom. Their address is 111 W 2nd St, Gaylord, MI 49735. E-mail is matthewebbook@juno.com. • Joel Davis married Victoria Evelyn on March 30, 2002. Joel teaches statistics and geometry at Westminster Christian School, while Victoria is a pre-k special needs teacher in the public school system. The couple resides at 13000 SW 92 Ave #8412, Miami, FL 33176.

Danne (Dorman '98) & Tedd Landgraf and wedding party

E-mail is daniele@wesmiami.org. • Danelle Dorman married Tedd Landgraf on March 22. TU participants were Kristina (Blagojevic) Zelt and Jill (Thompson '97) Stewart. Danelle is a computer engineer with Banetec. The couple lives at 60 N Beretania St #1009, Honolulu, HI 96817. E-mail is danelle@hawaii.rr.com. • David & Breann Falkenberg’s address is 61 E Main St, Flora, IN 46929. David is the district sales manager for The Southwestern Co. E-mail is dfalkenberg@southwestern.com. • Corri Ferguson x has been a research tech for the past three years at Loyola Univ and is entering a Physician Assistant Master’s Program at Midwestern Univ. She lives in Oak Park, IL. E-mail is corri.lee@yahoo.com. She would love to hear from her TU friends! • Franz & Emily (Gottschalk '99) Forman joyfully announce the birth of Madeline Grace on Sept. 9, 2002. Their address is 20918 N 90th Ave, Peoria, AZ 85382. E-mails are emilyforman@msn.com and franzforman@msn.com. • Francis & Deanna (Barton) Gilmore are the proud parents of Alexander Markus Roy born July 10, 2002. Deanna works as a customer service representative at Walt Disney World. The family resides in Winter Garden, Fl. E-mail is deanna.gilmore@disney.com. • Christy Jenets resides in Carmel, Ind., and her e-mail is cjentets@janssi.com. • Matthew & Kendra Ohime are thankful for the arrival of Ellen Matthew Stephen on Jan. 4. Matthew & Kendra have returned to Romania as missionaries with Intl Messengers. E-mail is mikohime@hotmail.com. • Jeff & Sarah Pearson are the proud parents of Emma Grace born Dec. 2, 2002. The family lives in Wentzville, Mo. • Mark & Kimberly (Rapp) Pinkerton decided to follow their dreams and move to Hawaii. Mark is working in his field and Kim is seeking employment in marine biology. E-mail is pinkertons@mac.com. • Jed & Nicole (Boss) Robyn recently moved to Grand
Ryan ’98 & Kamarah (Ziel ’98) Sietsema with Jackson
Rapids, Mich., after Jed finished his master’s degree at Azusa Pacific Univ. Jed is a resident director at Calvin College while Nicole is home with their children, Gavin (3) and Karin (2). E-mail is jerd2@calvin.edu. • Ryan & Kamarah (Ziel) Sietsema welcomed Jackson Ryan into their family on May 30, 2002. They live in Kentwood, Mich. E-mail is kamarahryan@yahoo.com. • Ben & Kris (Wahnefried) Stichter joyfully announce the birth of Talitha Lauren on July 24, 2002. The family’s new address is 1795 Hartzler, Warsaw, IN 46580. • Craig & Stephanie

Craig & Stephanie (Balyo ’98)
Tamllyn with Jack
(Balyo) Tamlyn are the proud parents of Jack born Feb. 15, 2002. They reside at 1946 Parkcrest Dr SW Apt 5, Wyoming, MI 49509. E-mail is craigtamlyn3@hotmail.com.

1999
Laura Bartlette married Ryan Jones on Aug. 17, 2002. TU participants were Sarah (Hershman) Sell and Julie Rosema. Laura is a CPA working for the J.M. Smucker Co., and Ryan is the director of strategic planning for Aultman Hospital. The couple lives in Uniontown, Ohio. E-mail is ljbar@cmnet.com. • Michael Bever was recently awarded an Emmy by the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences due to his outstanding work at CNN following the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center. Michael has been employed by CNN since 2000. • Karl & Danielle (Lugbill) Black live in Osceola, Ind., where Karl is the youth pastor at St. Mark Missionary Church. Danielle enjoys being home with their son Braden.

Ryan & Laura (Bartlette ’99)
Jones
(Kevin)

Karl & Danielle (Lugbill ’99) Black with Braden
A career in radio theatre

Have you ever scanned radio stations and landed on an audio drama? Beth (Klima) Culp ’98 is the senior writer and director for Down Gilead Lane – a weekly program which focuses on grace and redemption.

Culp recalls singing the hymn “There is a Balm in Gilead” when she was 11 years old, only a few months after her older brother was killed in a car accident, and was comforted by the idea of a place of healing, only available by grace. It was at Taylor that Culp says that she “walked down Gilead Lane” toward the healing power of grace shown by God.

Down Gilead Lane is written for children ages eight to fourteen and is broadcast from 1400 radio stations, reaching hundreds of thousands of listeners worldwide. Down Gilead Lane is produced by CBH Ministries, formerly Children’s Bible Hour.

For more information about Down Gilead Lane check out an expanded story on Culp in the the online version of this magazine, visit the CBH Ministries website at http://cbh.gospelcom.net/ or pick up the first two seasons of Down Gilead Lane at your local Christian bookstore, made available by Tyndale House Publishers.

Serena (Thrush) Duke ’94

Leslie (Carpenter ’99) & Nathan Norris ’00
Alumni office news

As I reflect on the past academic year at Taylor, I am grateful to be part of the many blessings the Lord has bestowed on the University. While the campus was filled with energetic, bright students, there were many TU young men and women studying abroad in Ireland, Kenya and Hong Kong. During J-term, when students on campus were braving the winter Indiana weather, others were ministering with Taylor World Outreach and Lighthouse trips in areas such as Russia, the Czech Republic, and South Africa. Taylor’s impact is truly being felt around the world.

A new building for the visual arts has been completed and is being fully utilized, and the groundbreaking for the Kesler Center marks the beginning of a new facility for fitness and athletic use of the entire student body. These additions to our Upland campus are only made possible through alumni interest and support. Thank you!

Taylor continues to be recognized as a leading institution of Christ-centered liberal arts education, and under Dr. Gyertson’s leadership, strides are being made to keep your alma mater a University that is strong spiritually and academically.

From Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., I have been greatly encouraged by the alumni, parents and friends I have had the opportunity to meet and visit while traveling this year. Your concern, interest and support make all the difference to students, faculty and staff. Please continue to pray for Taylor, its leadership and its students. As more alumni and parents Get Involved For Taylor, our Taylor connections and community are strengthened.

Upcoming alumni events include Homecoming Weekend on October 10-12, 2003. Also, we are continuing our regional alumni gatherings. Watch for information about a Taylor event in your area!

Marty Songer, director of alumni relations
Conant, Amanda Shank, Troy Tiberi '99, Matt Schweingruber '99, Darren Youngstrom, Josh Purses '98, Josh Hawkins '97, and Murage Njoroge '97. Eric continues as the director of executive placement for General Sports and Entertainment and Brittany works as a total quality manager for Bethany Christian Services. The couple resides at 315 Diamond Ave SE, Grand Rapids, MI.

Kurt (Huyser '00) & Eric Smith x'00

49506. E-mail is ericbrittany@msn.com.

James & Erin (Johnson '99) Kutnow joyfully announce the birth of Ava Turner on March 19, 2002. The family lives at 834 River Rd, Trenton, NJ 08628. E-mail is murtlow@hotmail.com.

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Karen Tanner resides at 9023 Lake Nora West Dr Apt C, Indianapolis, IN 46214. After receiving her master of arts degree from Ball State Univ, she began working at Five Seasons Country Club as a personal trainer. E-mail is karentanner78@yahoo.com.

2001

Rachel Algorri and Ryan Steffes were married in Cape May, N.J., on Aug. 11, 2001. Melissa (Mange '02) Stalcup was the maid of honor. Ryan is a member of the technical staff at Computer Sciences Corp., and Rachel is a medical editor for Slack Inc. They live at 2006 Gramercy Way, Mt. Laurel, NJ 08054. E-mail is rasteffes@comcast.net.

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How Erik Hayes' passion for teaching extends outside the classroom — Kristina Jorgenson '03

Service in Kosovo — Michelle Rainich '03

Sweeney '04, Jeremy Heavey '03, Gretchen Krumm, Jason Hillier '01, Kurt Reppart '02, Joe Cicero '02 and Dan Mostad '02. Geoff & Lisa honeymooned in Italy and Switzerland and are at home in London, England,
Kim Beesley. Brad is assistant vice president, office manager at Bernstein Research Investment and Management in Seattle. Rachel is a physical therapy aide at Mercer Island Physical Therapy. The couple lives at 731 241st Ln SE, Summanish, WA 98074. • Erin DeBlander and Josh Olson were married Aug. 17, 2002, in Hudson, Ohio.TU attendants were Jenn (McLean) McGowan, Carrie Hartzer, Julia Abbott, Beth Keller '02, Chris Anderson, Tom Roberts x, Jared Seaman '02 and Chris Hill. The couple resides at 4910 Goodman Ave. #1929, Addison, TX 75001. E-mail is dblander@aol.com.

Josh '01 & Erin (DeBlander '01) Olson

• Tara Hodapp married Timothy Tang on March 15. TU participants were Mary Alice Kirkpatrick '00, Jessica Barnes '00 and

Heidi Harbin. The couple resides at 2814 Eugene St, Indianapolis, IN 46222, where they are both employed at Eli Lilly. E-mail is ttang@lilly.com. • Julie Kephart married Alan Dike on Nov. 9, 2002, in Chillicothe, Ohio. Tom & Christine (Foote) Johnson of Inverted Staircase Productions produced the videography. The Kepharts live at 555 N 7th St Apt 304, Sierra Vista, AZ 85635. • Jamie & Candace (Kemp '02) Ostrander reside at 3393-B S Lincoln St, Carlsbad, CA 92008. Jamie is an investment rep for Edward Jones Investments. E-mail is jamie_ostrander@yahoo.com. • Abbigayle Spoelman married Kyle Warmington on

Aug. 2, 2002. Emily VanderWilt attended the bride. Abbigayle is pursuing her graduate degree from Western Michigan Univ. Kyle is a national youth speaker and on the staff of Keystone Church in Ada, Mich. They live in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Kyle & Abbigayle (Spoelman '01) Warmington 2002

Tab Bamford is an agent for Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. His address is 33 Sheffield Ln, Oak Brook, IL 60523. E-mail is tab_bamford09@yahoo.com. • Micah Barcalow is a personal trainer and fitness attendant at the Jorgensen Branch YMAC. His address is 4009 Indiana Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46807. E-mail is sonofdog2@msn.com. • Martha Blackford is pursuing a pharmacy degree at Ohio Northern Univ. She lives in Ada, Ohio. E-mail is martha_blackford@yahoo.com. • Julie Cooper is a reporter for The Evening Leader. Her address is 866 Townview Dr, St. Marys, OH 45885. E-mail is jcooper@theeveningleader.com. • Rebekah Greenhoe and Justin Hughes were married July 20, 2002, in Grand Rapids, Mich. TU participants were Allan '01 & Johanna (Eisenbraun '01) Graves, Theodore Snider '98, Mark Della-Croce '01 and Michael Dowden '00. The couple moved to 929 Harrington

Justin '02 & Rebekah (Greenhoe '02) Hughes

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Kent is doing web development and Regan is pursuing her master’s degree in music therapy at Illinois State Univ. Their address is 701 Orlando Apt D, Normal, IL 61761. E-mail is krt622@hotmail.com. 

Chris Kent married Melinda Stephens on July 20, 2002, in Syracuse, N.Y. Drew Broceck, Ryan Leavitt, Tim Klein, Willie Vega, Susen Kent ’00, Jana (Hunt ’00) Tyree, Emily Moulton ’00, Laura Pedemonti ’00, Jenni Sparks (TUFW ’01) and Ryan Sparks were TU participants. The couple resides in Seattle, Wash. E-mail is chent02@yahoo.com. 

Michael McBride works for Kappa Delta Pi Indl Honor Society in Education as a chapter resource consultant. His address is 8269 Harcourt Rd #314, Indianapolis, IN 46202. E-mail is mmcbride@tayloru.edu. 

Joel Michels and several other alumni enjoyed a TU reunion in Katmandu, Nepal. Pictures clockwise from left to right are Ben Oldham ’00 who is working full time with Word Made Flesh in Katmandu; Marc Curless ’94 who teaches in Intl Schools in Thailand, and wife Mel who volunteers as a nurse in schools and orphanages; Bryan Kenney and Mike O’Hara who are both working with Word Made Flesh; and Joel Michels, who participated in street ministry as well as traveling and encouraging missionaries. Other TU grads not pictured but who are in Nepal working for Word Made Flesh are John Molinex and Tim Knipp. Jessica Peil and Billy Claybrook ’01 were wed July 6, 2002, in Peoria, Ill. TU participants were Beth Stahl and Leigh (Van Harn) Flagel. The couple resides in Indianapolis where Billy works at Eli Lilly and Jessica

Kevin Anselmo ’99 has settled in Switzerland and is helping to launch an international magazine called Global Heroes. The online version is available at http://www.gh-mag.com.

The magazine is designed to highlight some of the positive news in the world. Anselmo hopes to “motivate readers all over the world through inspirational stories and to educate by showing the lives of individuals from different cultures.” He also hopes the magazine will promote “the ideas of global peace and understanding.”

He can be contacted at: Kevin Anselmo chemin des Aubépines 45 1004 Lausanne Switzerland Tel/Fax: (+41) 21 646 5863 E-mail: kevin_anselmo@gh-mag.com Website: http://www.gh-mag.com

Read more about how Anselmo went from working for TU’s weekly student paper, the Echo, to working for a magazine in the Extras section of the Summer 2003 online magazine at www.tayloru.edu/upland/magazine/.
2003

Abigail Rice and Matt Brandenberger '02 were married July 20, 2002. TU participants were Vicki Siegrist '02, Dana Disanto '04, Suzy Brandenberger '04, Sarah Townsend '04, Jeb Rice '01, Matt Lipan '01, Jeremy Reddy '01, John Nussbaum '01, Bryan Kenney '02, Christina (MacFadyen '02) Murphy, Twila Jones and Kristi Latimer. The couple resides at 6020 Post Brook Ln., Fort Wayne, IN 46835. E-mail is abbynoelb@yahoo.com.

2004

Serena Thrush married Aaron Duke '02 on Jan. 11, 2003, in Wabash, Ind. TU participants were Sheryl (Thrush '01) Hodson, Jessica Cook '03, Rebecca Hasbrouck, Katie Adams, Matthew Chapin '02 and Brad Habegger '02. Serena is completing her degree in communication studies, while Aaron is preaching at Christian Chapel in Muncie. The couple now resides at 1569 S First Street in Upland. E-mail is aaronandserena@hotmail.com

Honoring the life of LaVerne Newson

"One thing I have asked of the Lord, and that I will seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, to inquire in His temple." Psalm 27:4

LaVerne left us as she came to us . . . unexpectedly and graciously. She came to us and lived in our midst, failing in physical strength but growing in spiritual strength. What she had, she freely offered to others.

From the moment LaVerne arrived on campus, she was concerned about her effectiveness. Was she doing enough? Was she connecting with our students? Was she sponsoring enough programs? Was she pulling her fair share of the load? Was she doing what we had in mind for this position? Those sessions always began with LaVerne tearfully lamenting her feeble efforts. But those sessions always ended with the affirmation that she wanted to be about the things God had in mind for her. She wanted to be assured that we were OK with that . . . and we were.

LaVerne told me that she wanted to live, work and worship in Upland as God’s missionary to this place. And she did just that. She wanted people to get to know her as a follower of Jesus. She believed that racial reconciliation was not a matter of political activism but of living out the reconciliation between human beings at the foot of the cross of Jesus. She believed that she could live out this conviction at Taylor University. She believed she would have a platform here to be who she was in Christ and in so doing draw others to consider the claims of this Healer of all disunity.

LaVerne, you left us too soon. Some barely had begun to get to know you and the obvious presence of Christ dwelling in you. But it was enough time. It was enough time for you to have done your work remarkably well. Enough time for God to have fulfilled His mission in you. And enough time for us to value the wonderful gift you were to us in these short 18 months. And now, by the grace of God, you’re “beholding the beauty of the Lord and inquiring in His temple.”

Wynn Lembright, vice president for student affairs

LaVerne Newson served TU as the director of American Ethnic Student Programs. She passed away on April 19, 2003 after an extended battle with lung disease.
A summer of Shakespeare

Ever since his 14-year-old babysitter, Anita, told him the story of Romeo and Juliet as a child, Dr. Joseph S. Ricke has been in love with the works of William Shakespeare. So, when he was given the opportunity last summer to study Shakespeare’s plays on the sets of two replicas of Shakespeare’s theatres, he eagerly agreed.

Dr. Ricke is in his second year of teaching in the English department at Taylor University. One of his favorite classes is his Shakespeare class, a subject he has taught since he received his doctorate in Renaissance and Medieval Literature in 1982. Ricke has acted in and directed several Shakespearean plays.

His love and knowledge of Shakespeare’s work made him a prime candidate for a five-week fellowship funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, titled Shakespeare’s Stages: Inside and Out. About 20 Shakespeare professors were chosen for the fellowship.

Ricke and his colleagues first traveled to Staunton, Va., to spend three weeks studying with the Shenandoah Shakespeare Express. There, the SSE built a replica of Shakespeare’s indoor London theatre, the Blackfriars.

While in Virginia, the group examined differences in modern performance technique from that of Shakespeare’s day. For example, in many of Shakespeare’s plays, actors directly address the audience, as the entire theatre is fully lit and the three-sided stage is surrounded by audience members. “At Blackfriars, some audience members sit on stools onstage, which actually happened in the Renaissance,” said Ricke.

The group also studied the practices of costuming and what period Shakespearean actors may have been like. “We had some of the world’s top experts on Shakespeare, especially on staging,” Ricke explained.

Along with their study, the professors worked closely with actors, directing performances at Blackfriars. An important part of this experience was deciphering and performing unclear staging directions, such as those in The Winter’s Tale, in which one stage direction reads, “Exit pursued by a bear.” “It’s Shakespeare’s most famous stage direction,” said Ricke.

“Where did the bear come from? Was it a real bear [or] a man in a bear costume?” In the end, Ricke played the bear, a fierce wild man with extra hairy arms and minimal bear make-up. “I just came busting out of the back with this big bear noise,” said Ricke. “I scared people to death.”

The fellowship culminated in a trip to London to work in the newly rebuilt Globe Theatre, Shakespeare’s famous outdoor stage, located just down the street from the Globe’s original location.

While at the Globe, Ricke and his fellow professors spent time with real actors involved in Globe performances, especially the big summer production, Twelfth Night. They met with directors, costume specialists and Globe education staff. “The Globe is a theatre,” Ricke explained, “but it’s also a classroom.”

Ricke especially enjoyed seeing performances at the Globe. “I was standing with the groundlings for every show,” he said. “We had expensive seats ... but it’s more fun to stand right at the stage and lean on it.”

Ricke believes the fellowship experience has impacted his teaching. “[I am] interested in how performance helps us understand a play,” he said. “[In class], a lot more than I used to, I say, ‘Let’s get a couple of people up here. One of you be the nurse and one of you be Juliet.’” Sometimes while students are acting, Ricke and the rest of the “audience” get out of their seats and stand all around the actors, recreating some of the magic of Shakespeare’s day. Kristina Jergensen ’03

Ricke will spend this summer working on his house and garden, both of which were neglected last year. He will also be working on several scholarly projects, including a presentation at the Blackfriars Conference in October, at the Conference on Christianity and Literature in September, and a book manuscript on Shakespeare’s “shrewish women” characters. He’s been asked to work next year as a dramaturg – a textual consultant to cast and director – for a production of Shakespeare’s Measure for Measure.

Also in his plans for this summer — celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary.
The towel, tennis and thanksgiving
Selected reflections on my first year at Taylor University — Randy Gruendyke, campus pastor

On Coming To Upland
Like most of you, the Gruendykes come from suburbia. So when I first saw a gas station marquee announcing, "We Do Deli Trays", and met my real estate agent who later turned out to be my barber, and drove past Associate Dean of Students Skip Trudeau who was wearing a straw hat and driving a vintage tractor, I knew I was no longer in Chicago. But, the fact of the matter is, we love Upland and are very happy to be living here!

On The Mission of Taylor
President Gyertson has shown me that Taylor is truly about "the towel" — preparing servant leaders to proclaim the gospel in whatever setting they choose to live and work.

On Studies and Chapel
You're serious about your studies and serious about serving Christ. I am so proud of you when guest speakers come through. The attention you give to our guests is quite noticeable — so much so that every one of them comments on it.

On Student Response to Scripture
I have appreciated your response to my multiple exhortations to read the Bible! Press on! If I had read through Scripture more faithfully as a collegian and prayerfully applied God’s Word to my life, I would have been saved untold heartache in future years!

On Friendliness and....Tennis!
I'm amazed by the friendliness across campus — I've never waved at as many strangers, either walking down the sidewalk or driving by on the street, as I have in the last year!

Another surprise — and this may sound funny, but — another surprise is how much tennis you people play.

We live right across the streets from the tennis courts, and I can remember some nights early on when I would stand at the window even at 12:30 a.m. saying to my wife, "They're still out there playing tennis!" And not just a couple, but two or three pairs!

Now, we could see the collegiate tennis courts from our house in Chicago. But friends, let me put it to you straight — you've played more tennis in the last nine months (including our extended winter!) than I witnessed Wheaton College students play during my 15 years there! At least, that's the way it seems to me.

One night, after I had slipped into unconsciousness, I was awakened by the sound of a pulsating bass. I opened the window and looked across the street. Nancy asked, "Are they playing tennis?"

I replied, "They're on the tennis courts, but they're not playing tennis."

I looked at the clock. It was after midnight. I continued to watch. "There are a couple of large groups out there," I said. "And they're — dancing! Should I call Walt?"

That was our introduction to Air Band practice!

On Taylathon
I loved Taylathon! It was very fun and I count it a privilege to have been invited to cheer on the freshman team [the class of 2006]. Next year I look forward to a private challenge between "my" team and the class of 2004 sponsor, Dr. Gyertson!

On The Class of 2003
Wow, you've seen a lot of changes! You arrived for Jay's last year as president, were here for all three years of Dr. Richard Allen Farmer and welcomed me to campus for my first year. You've written papers, passed exams, and taken difficult classes from top-notch professors. You entered Taylor when the economy was not booming but still robust and are graduating into a very different economic climate. Your time here is evenly split between the pre- and post-9/11 worlds.

As you leave this place and endure a lifetime of invigorating, heartbreaking, and challenging changes, may you find great consolation and hope in the one who said,


Thank you for a rich and memorable first year.

These are excerpts from Pastor Gruendyke’s chapel address given in the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium on Friday, May 16, 2003. The original audio file is available online at: www.tayloru.edu/interact/upland/chapel/.
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