Students Body Launches "Operation Recreation"

The Student Council has announced plans for a supplementary student project, a recreational area to be completed this spring. In view of the necessary delay in beginning work on the previously-proposed radio station, the new project is designed to fulfill present needs on the campus.

The recreational area will be located behind Magee-Campbell-Wisconsin Dormitories, on the site of the present tennis courts, and will measure 265 by 130 feet. This area will be surfaced with asphalt, lighted for night use, and will include six tennis courts, a basketball court, two handball courts, three badminton courts, a volleyball court, and shuffleboard. Facilities for croquet, horseshoes, and possibly miniature golf, will be provided next to the asphalt courts. The completed project will be known as the Leland Moler Memorial Recreation Area, in honor of the freshman student who was killed in a motorcycle accident this year.

The purpose of the proposed project is to meet a need on the campus for adequate recreational facilities. Present tennis court conditions are poor; the gymnasium is not always available for extracurricular activities; and no other provisions have been made for active recreation, which is an important part of a well-rounded person’s life. It is the hope of the leaders of the project that the new area and equipment will stimulate more students to participate in the recreational opportunities.

The whole project is being carefully organized, with Jack Riggs as general chairman, with Dr. Paton Yoder as sponsor. Three main committees have been formed, with a student chairman and a faculty advisor for each. The Facilities Committee, headed by Bob Stoker and Coach Granitz, is responsible for preparing the area for the laying of the asphalt, and putting in the equipment after the surface is completed — in other words, the student labor. Brochures, placards, and all the details of advertising will be handled by the Promotion committee, under the direction of Ivan Niswender and Warren Lewis. The Finance committee has the big job of raising the money, which amounts to about $12,550. This committee, led by Dave Schwartz and Coach Odle, has a representative on every floor of every dorm to take pledges from the students. The goal of $25 per student has been set.

David Cox Will Fill Unexpired Board Term

David Cox, of Alexandria, Indiana, has been appointed to serve the unexpired term of the late Grover Van Duyn as alumni representative on the William Taylor Foundation Board of Directors. Mr. Cox, owner of supermarkets in Alexandria and Connersville, is a member of the First Methodist Church in Alexandria. For the past one and a half years he and his wife have been helping to establish the Union Methodist Church near Alexandria, pastored by a Taylor student. This summer the Coxes will join the Lacour Evangelistic party, which is going to Japan to help establish ten new churches. The Coxes have three sons, ages fourteen, ten and seven.

In a voluntary chapel on March 29, the whole financial campaign was laid before the students. Information was given on ways of contacting prospective donors, such as parents, friends, relatives, business acquaintances — preparing the students for the big drive during the Easter vacation.

“The responsibility for the success of the project,” says Jack Riggs, “depends on the cooperation of the students in raising the money and helping install the equipment. If a committee, or sub-committee, or individual falls down on the job, that means that the project will not be a 100% success.”

Board Inaugurates Consulting Program

For the first time in a great number of years Taylor University, by action of the Board of Directors, is entering into a relationship with educational consultants to help analyze the institution and establish it on a stronger educational and public relations foundation. Gonser and Gerber, educational consultants from Chicago, Illinois, will work with the administration and the Board, as well as the faculty, students, and alumni in a program that will involve a self-survey and, if necessary, a redirection of certain emphases to make Taylor a more effective operating educational institution. It is Taylor’s purpose to give a high standard of academic training to her students, and to do this work in an effective Christian atmosphere. It is the Board’s conviction, and that of the administration, that there are tremendous potentials for our college that have never been touched. Thus, we are happy to have the possibility of having for the next three years a very high calibre type of leadership to come to us to “help us help ourselves.” Both Mr. Gerber and Mr. Gonser have had long careers in education, primarily as vice-presidents of Northwestern University. They are unusually gifted in the area of public relations, relating itself to both internal and external groups. Thus, this program will get down to the very foundation of our college, emphasizing our strong points and endeavoring to eliminate our weaknesses. All related groups will be involved such as faculty, students, alumni, Board of Directors, and other publics in our constituency.

We urge you to be much in prayer for this program, for it is the conviction of many of us that Taylor stands at the threshold of increased usefulness in the program of the Kingdom of God. You will hear considerably more about this program in the months to come, and we trust that this will be one of the most productive ventures of growth into which Taylor has ever entered.
A Personal Word

It no doubt would be a real inspiration for each one of our great constituency to be able to spend a few days on our campus at this springtime of the year. Spring on Taylor's campus is a time of new life and vigor. As the campus becomes green and the loving attention of Mother Nature makes our campus beautiful, we cannot help but think of other aspects of campus life that also speak of abundant living.

We have experienced one of the finest revival periods that any college could hope to have. There has been new spiritual light and life shed in the hearts of many, many students and staff members, as well as visitors on our campus. We thank God for new life spiritually and for its inspiration as it reaches out and makes life so rich and invigorating.

Again, you would be inspired to feel the sense of responsibility that is upon the campus as we face Youth Conference. Our students and faculty are making preparations for the throng of youth that will be coming upon our campus in just a little over a week. It is a joy to see how selflessly time and talent are given in the hopes that young people from high schools all over this part of the country might have “springtime” come into their hearts and lives through a spiritual awakening.

We rejoice further in the interest that is evidenced on our campus as a new project is being sponsored by the young people themselves. As an evidence of their love and interest and endeavor to promote Taylor University, the students are promoting a new recreational area that will render a tremendous service to this institution. Outsiders cannot fully appreciate the implications of this unless they are able to witness it upon the campus. It would not be difficult to list other areas in which this same spirit is being manifested. Taylor University will be strong only in proportion to this evidence of growth, both spiritually and academically, and in a real sense, materially, upon our campus. We urge our constituency to be in prayer for these fine young people, for their teachers, and for the larger staff here as they work in this program of Christian higher education. We need your prayers, your moral support, and the benefits of your influence, both in terms of finance and in terms of new students. As we enthusiastically give of our best to promote the interests of Taylor University as a God-given institution, we will indeed be making an investment in the ongoing life of the Church of Jesus Christ.

Evan H. Bergwall

QUARTET TO TRAVEL

The Ambassadors Quartet is planning to travel to Germany this coming summer under the auspices of Youth for Christ International. This is the third Taylor group to visit that country within the past few years. Members of the quartet are Kenn Gangel, John Terrell, Tom Wells, and Bill Yoder.

In Germany the quartet will have complete charge of the music in evangelistic campaigns. They will also take part in the organization and administration of follow-up work such as Bible correspondence courses, Youth for Christ rallies, and Youth Bible Clubs. Also included in their ministry will be open air meetings and tract distribution.

The fellows are now holding services to raise prayer and financial support for this enterprise. If you desire to have the quartet in your church, you may contact Bill Yoder, Taylor University, Upland, Ind.

Evangelaires Will Tour Midwest

Taylor University has announced the summer itinerary for the Evangelaires, five students with a gospel message in music. Included in their tour of the midwest to represent Taylor will be the states of North Dakota, Minnesota, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio, and Western Pennsylvania.

The group, composed of Joyce Bresson, Shirley Bohleen, Joanne Dutro, Marian Lucht, and Jack Augustine, will present a program of musical variations, including mixed trios, instrumentals, and solos. The program will be of special interest to youth, with an emphasis on vital Christian living.

Alumni and friends in the states mentioned, who would like to have the Evangelaires hold a service in their churches, may make arrangements with the Public Relations Office on the campus.

CHOIR TO TRAVEL AT EASTER TIME

The A Cappella Choir has announced the itinerary for its annual spring tour. This year’s tour will cover the eastern part of the country, concentrating in the Ohio and Pennsylvania area. Host pastors for the two-week tour include several alumni. This year’s program will include numbers by a girls’ trio, and Warren Lewis, Director of Public Relations at Taylor, will accompany the choir to provide information about Taylor University for interested pastors and students. Traveling with the choir again will be Miss Ruth Bixel, professor of organ. Professor Eugene Pearson directs the group in a program that ranges from Bach and the classics to favorite hymns of the church and Negro spirituals. Choir members are anticipating the trip, with the prayer that they might be used to win souls for the Kingdom.

The complete schedule is as follows:

Thursday, April 8—First Baptist Church, Painesville, Ohio.
Friday, April 9—First Baptist Church, Painesville, Ohio.
Saturday, April 10—Grace Methodist Church, Painesville, Penna.
Sunday, April 11, 9:30 a.m.—Free Methodist Church, Painesville, Penna.
Tuesday, April 13—Trinity Methodist Church, Painesville, Penna.
Tuesday, April 14—Methodist Church, Brentwood, Md.
Thursday, April 15—Aldersgate Methodist Church, Wilmington, Del.
Friday, April 16—Cokesbury Methodist Church, Marcus Hook, Penna.
Saturday, April 17—Main Line Church, Devon, Penna.
Sunday, April 18—Siloam Methodist Church, Philadelphia, Penna.
Sunday, April 19—First Methodist Church, Columbia, Penna.
Monday, April 20—Missionary Church, Ottawa, Ohio.
Here's an Idea

The Grace Methodist Church of Elkhart, Indiana, is initiating a Taylor University Scholarship program for high school graduates who are members of its Sunday School. The program will encourage young people to attend a Christian school, and will aid those who are planning on entering direct or indirect Christian service, or those who desire to attend college and do not have the means to do so. The scholarship will pay $200 per semester for two semesters toward the expenses of the chosen candidate. The candidate will be selected on the basis of his or her participation in the four main branches of Church activity: Church Worship Services, Sunday School Activities, Methodist Youth Fellowship, and Stewardship. He also must meet the Taylor entrance requirements. Rev. Robert Gorrell '30 is pastor of the church.

New Catalog Ready

The catalog for the 1954-55 school year has been published and is being mailed to prospective students. Alumni and other interested friends are encouraged to obtain these catalogs, use them in their personal libraries or in personal consultation. Catalogs may be obtained by sending a post card to the Public Relations Department, Taylor University, Upland, Indiana. For the purpose of keeping the files straight, indication should be made as to whether you are an alumnus, parent, pastor, interested friend, etc. Otherwise you may receive a letter urging you to attend Taylor—it has happened! Let us hear from you!

Mrs. Kelly Will Work on Doctorate

Mrs. Roberta Kelly, head of the Home Economics Department at Taylor, has announced her plans to attend Indiana University during the summer session and the next academic year. During this time she will be completing the work necessary for her Ed. D. degree. Mrs. Kelly received her M.S. from Purdue University, and has taken additional work at Ball State Teachers College. During her studies, Mrs. Kelly will be under a leave of absence from Taylor and will be receiving the benefit of the new In Service Faculty Assistant, who was inaugurated last year to encourage and aid the faculty in their graduate work or doctor's degrees.

Plans are now being made to secure a competent person to teach the Home Economics courses next year during Mrs. Kelly's absence. Work of the department will proceed without interruption and senior majors will be able to complete their programs according to schedule.

Student Guidance Is Everybody's Job

The Problem—

You who are alumni and parents of students deserve a word of appreciation for the way you have sent in names and addresses of prospective students to the Public Relations office. At the present time there are 1850 names on the prospective student list, as a result of your efforts and our advertising program. But a catalog, a departmental folder, and a form letter from the office is not enough to show these students what Taylor is really like. The answer to this problem lies in personal contact, and it is being developed in a new Student Guidance Program, which will work through several different groups.

The Administrative Answer—

For each faculty or staff member who travels in the interests of the school, a list will be provided of prospective students in the particular area to which he is going. He will make personal visits, or phone calls if necessary, to these future Taylorites, in an effort to answer their questions and build up their interests in Taylor.

The Faculty Answer—

Faculty members are also being asked to call on those in their home areas who might be directed toward Taylor for their Christian higher education.

The Student Answer—

An organization is being formed among the students to set up a program of personal calling. This program, which will be initiated during Easter vacation, will be maintained on a permanent basis. Each state will have a general chairman, who will divide the students and prospective students into home areas. A talk with a person who is now at Taylor will mean a lot to one who is thinking about attending.

The Alumni Answer—

Alumni are also being organized under a committee of three members, who will be responsible for placing a Guidance Counselor in each area. This program will renew the challenge of Taylor for the alumni, in addition to being a service to the prospective student.

Your Answer—

There is a place for you as parents and friends in this new program. You have more high school students who are looking for a college. Why not talk to them about Taylor? Then send their names and addresses to the Public Relations office, with as much information about them as possible. Or if you know someone who is already planning to attend Taylor, you can talk to them and sell them on the school. We need your part in the answer to this problem!

UPLAND SPONSORS RECOGNITION BANQUET

Coach Don J. Odle, recently named outstanding young man of Indiana for 1953, was honored at a Recognition Banquet on March 27 at 6:30 p.m., in Maytag Gymnasium. Congressman John V. Beamer of Wabash was the guest speaker for the dinner, which was sponsored by the Upland Lions Club, in cooperation with officials of the local community and university. Over 1300 invitations were sent to civic, business, educational and religious leaders in Grant and neighborhood counties, to alumni of Taylor and to other interested friends of the coach and the community. The school kitchen staff served approximately 400 persons.

Odle was presented the Junior Chamber of Commerce award on January 30 in recognition of his unusual work with the Venture for Victory basketball and preaching tours of Formosa and other countries of the Orient during the past two summers.

Displayed for the first time at the banquet was Odle's new book, Venture for Victory, published by the Light and Hope Publishing Co., of Berne, Ind. The book has 176 pages, illustrated, and sells for $2.00.

Former Professor To Present Program

Dr. John H. Furbay, former Taylor professor and now director of Air World Education for Trans-World Airlines, will be the featured speaker in the final lyceum program at 8 p.m., on April 27. He has recently returned from a global lecture tour addressing 66 organizations in 22 countries.

His many activities include special assignments for the War Department during World War II, director of numerous documentary films, professor of various world universities, delegate to UNESCO, and author of several books.
Campus Briefs

Eight new members were inducted into Chi Alpha Omega, the Taylor scholastic honor society, on February 25. Those honored were: Gail Brenneman, Betty Lou Fitch, Barbara Gordinier, Miriam Hegle, George Paterson, Joanna Phillippe, Richard Steiner, and Carmen Wilks.

The Music Department has presented two joint recitals, with a third scheduled for April 28. Those already appearing were Ernestine Good, pianist, and Ray Adams, tenor; and Dorothy Wing, pianist, with Richard Raby, baritone. Donna Wright, pianist, and Miriam Hegle, soprano, will share the stage in the next program.

Plans have been announced by the Speech Department for production of "Elizabeth the Queene," by Maxwell Anderson next October. The third annual Shakespearean Festival will be held in April of 1955, with "Romeo and Juliet" as the featured drama.

Coach Don J. Odle and Prof. Paul Pixler have been elected president and secretary-treasurer, respectively, of the Hoosier Conference. At the same meeting, Forrest Jackson and Howard Habegger were named to the all-conference first team.

Kathy Epp, Mountain Lake, Minn.; James Glebe, Gaines, Mich.; and Sue Cheesman, Montpelier, Ind.; were winners of the Homer and Annabel Speech Contest with their orations on the life of Dr. Albert Schweitzer.

The Art Department is sponsoring free evening painting classes on the second and third Mondays of each month. The classes are open to anyone who is interested, who pays $1.00 for use of equipment, and who furnishes his own materials.

SAMMY MORRIS FILM

The above picture shows the set-work involved in filming Sammy's Life.

The filming on sets such as the above picture shows has been completed for the Sammy Morris Film. Special photographic effects are now being added, and the campus premiere of the film will be held sometime that fall.

One of the biggest problems in filming the story of Sammy Morris was in finding correct costumes and properties for the 1890 period, in which the story takes place. Most of the scenes were shot in Chicago, where these articles were available from a professional agency. However, cameramen actually travelled to Africa to film scenes of a primitive village, tribal chieftains in their native costumes, and the jungle itself. The story begins with Sammy's capture by the enemy tribe, and follows his escape through jungle and swamp until he arrives at the plantation on the coast.

Pictured above is the set as it appeared for the scene of the mission compound in Africa, where Sammy spent many hours with Miss Lizzie MacNeil, studying the Word of God.

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