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Editor's note: This issue is dedicated to the countless hundreds of Taylor alumni who quietly go about their world-changing endeavors without much notice, to those who serve the world in unnoticed or unglamorous corners of the earth, to the unsung close by and far away, to those who have addresses in places like Mumbai, Chicago, Nairobi, Kenly, Billings, Akron, Seoul, Yetebon, Kandern ...

Full many a gem of purest ray serene
The dark unfathom'd caves of ocean bear;
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,
And waste its sweetness on the desert air.
—from "Elegy in a Country Churchyard" by Thomas Gray

When it comes to what matters most, their work is not overlooked or wasted at all. May they keep the faith, keep at it, and keep going.
Orbiting observer

The physics department won a university nanosatellite grant from the United States Air Force Office of Space Research (AFOSR) in a national competition with graduate-level schools. The title of the proposal is Thunderstorm Effects in Space: Technology (TEST) Nanosatellite. This two-year grant will provide a total of $100,000 for the design and fabrication of a 35-pound nanosatellite with dimensions nine inches by nine inches by 18 inches.

"[The grant] keeps Taylor University at the forefront of space science and the growing field of nanosatellite technology," said Adam Bennett '01, member of the TU physics department. "Through this grant, Taylor students will have the opportunity to work with top graduate schools, industries, NASA and the AFOSR."

Although Taylor will be the lead institution, partners in the proposal include the University of Illinois and Nanostar Technologies, Inc. Taylor will subcontract the University of Illinois electrical engineering department for two scientific instruments, and Nanostar Technologies, Inc., for the development of an altitude control system. Nanostar Technologies, Inc., is a corporation located in Grant County, Ind., started by Taylor University graduates.

Taylor University is the only undergraduate university to win in this competition. The other eleven winning universities include Pennsylvania State University, University of Colorado, New Mexico State University, Michigan Technological University, Montana State University, University of Texas, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Arizona State University, University of Hawaii, Washington University and Utah State University.

The thunderstorm nanosatellite will be the second satellite designed and built by Taylor University physics research faculty, staff and students. The first project, TU Sat 1, is currently undergoing tests for a planned launch later in 2003. TU Sat 1, a communications nanosatellite, is the first satellite to be entirely designed and fabricated in the state of Indiana. More information is available at www.tayloru.edu/upland/departments/physics.

Nanosatellite facts:

**Project goal:** Build a satellite to study thunderstorms in space

**Size of satellite to be constructed:** About the size of two shoe boxes

**Amount of grant from AFOSR:** $100,000

**Number of satellites Taylor is now constructing:** Two

**First to design and fabricate a satellite in Indiana:** Taylor University
Art in motion
The art department moves to a new building and leaps into a new era.

A well-attended February open house for the new Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center featured piano music by Isaiah Koh '03, a light dinner, the opening exhibition reception for artist Katharina Jeong-Hwo Kang in the Metcalf Gallery, and a senior exhibit by Sarah Nurmi '03 in the Tyndale Gallery.

In February 2003 the art department made a dramatic jump. They moved from a building originally constructed a half century ago as a library into a new purpose-built structure designed to house Taylor's visual arts program. The task of moving supplies from old studios and offices into the new ones was relatively simple because the two buildings stand side by side.

The Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center, the third stage of a building project that began with the Smith-Hermanson Music Center in 1983 and continued with the Rupp Communication Arts Center in 1994, is a strong addition to the Upland campus landscape. The studios, computer labs and offices in the 38,000 square foot facility house all the programs formerly located in the Ayres Alumni Art Building. The new building also holds a spacious humanities auditorium and exhibition galleries.

After being housed five different places on campus over the past 30 years, the department is excited to settle into their new home. With 95 art majors, the move to an expanded location comes just in time.

The building is named for Modelle (Holt '45) Metcalf who, as a Taylor student in the 1940s, was financially unable to complete her degree. In the following years several of the Metcalf family members did attend and graduate from Taylor, and in 1999 Coburn and Modelle Metcalf gave the University $1.5 million for the new visual arts center.

Special features of the Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center include a sculpture garden and well-designed work areas that show careful attention to lighting, functionality and aesthetics. The new building promises to provide a place for students to learn how to communicate deep and powerful truths through the study of the visual arts.

Read more online about Modelle Metcalf and the new Visual Arts Center named in her honor at www.tayloru.edu/upland/magazine.
Board business

The board of trustees met Jan. 23-25, 2003, in their annual strategic planning retreat. President David Gyertson stated, “The University is blessed to have trustees who believe in the mission and serve sacrificially in support of it. The University’s future is bright as we fulfill the mission to be covenant communities where men and women are equipped to extend ‘the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need’ through quality, Christ-centered higher education.”

Major discussions and related action items:
- Affirmed the emphasis on academic program and faculty support as the primary focus for resource allocation for the remaining three years of the planning cycle.
- Reviewed the program and business plan presented for the Fort Wayne campus reaffirming that it is an essential part of achieving TU’s 21st century vision. In affirming the plan, the board recognized that continuing financial subsidies will be necessary.
- Affirmed the need to begin construction of the Kesler Student Activities Center as soon as possible. In light of the critical nature of the facility, the board authorized the issuing of bonds in the amount of $8 million to cover the cost of completion.
- Acknowledging the June 30, 2003, completion of Dr. Jay Kesler’s three-year appointment as chancellor, the board unanimously recognized his valued role to the University, electing him to the office of “President Emeritus.”
- Affirmed, with deep appreciation, the 42 years Dr. Barbara Dickey has served Taylor, bestowing on her the title “Faculty Emeritus.”
- Recognized the excellent service of Mr. John Horne to the board of trustees and, upon his retirement, elected him as a “Trustee Emeritus.”
- Elected Mr. Chris Goeglein ’84 to the board of trustees. Chris is the former vice president for corporate development of the Lincoln National Corporation and currently managing partner of True North Strategic Advisors. He is married to Debra (Glass ’84) Goeglein. They have three children – Justin, Alissa and Anna.

Senior seminar overhaul

2003 is the final year for a campus-wide January-term senior capstone course

Ending a 19-year tradition, the class of 2003 was the last group of students to have a special J-term senior seminar class. “Senior Sem,” as the month-long senior study program came to be known, will be remembered for cold winter weather, departmental field trips and special Rediger Auditorium lectures for the entire senior class.

According to Dr. Win Corduan, who chaired the general education revision committee, senior seminar will not disappear completely but will certainly see some fundamental changes. Dr. Tom Jones, who has recently been appointed as the new director of general education added, “We used to have four days of a combined program on a theme, followed by three weeks of departmental work with that theme, but now we will have a course that runs throughout an entire semester.”

“We’re very pleased about these changes,” Corduan stated, “as we feel it will definitely strengthen the TU curriculum.”

Changes at a glance:

Old senior seminar - Required of all seniors during January. Included four days of a combined program on a theme, followed by three weeks of departmental work.

New senior seminar - Remains a required general education class for all seniors but available now as a semester-long class. The new “Senior Seminar” will now only focus on topics such as worldviews and current issues. The class no longer will be tied to departmental capstone classes. (Some majors such as biology will continue to offer an additional senior capstone class during January while others will not.)

For more information, read the expanded article online: www.tayloru.edu/upland/magazine.

campus fact

Fortepianist Penelope Crawford braved the Upland winter weather to bring her original and reproduction 18th- and 19th-century pianos and harpsichords to campus as a part of the spring semester Performing Artist Series.

Dr. William C. Ringenberg, professor of history, has published *Letter to Young Scholars – An Introduction to Christian Thought*.

InterVarsity Press published three new books by Taylor professors from the biblical studies, Christian educational ministries and philosophy department.

They are: *Exploring Jewish Literature of the Second Temple Period*, by Dr. Larry Helyer, *A Tapestry of Faiths*, by Dr. Win Corduan and *The Unformed Conscience of Evangelicalism*, by Dr. Daryl Charles.

“Children’s Books and Special Needs Students,” by Dr. Joan Kitterman, professor of education, was published in the November 2002 edition of the journal *The Reading Teacher*.

“Cinematic Illustrations in Christian Theology” by Dr. Jim Spiegel, associate professor of philosophy and religion, recently appeared in the *Journal of Religion and Film, 6:2* (October, 2002).

**Online magazine**

Expanded stories and exclusive online “Extras” are available at www.tayloru.edu/upland/magazine. In the Spring 2003 Extras there are stories about the campus reaction to the Columbia disaster, adventures in Siberia, the Ethics Bowl team, recent awards at WBCL, the student outreach to the disabled, and much more. A searchable archives allows readers to access magazine stories back to the 1950s. An online bookshelf highlights books by Taylor graduates. Discover and remember at www.tayloru.edu/upland/magazine.

**Campus fact**

Students still pack the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium from wall to wall. Taylor’s Spiritual Renewal Week, held this spring in early February, provided opportunity to witness that fact. Dr. Scott J. Hafemann presented a series of five talks on the subject “Living in Dependence on God: Faith, Hope & Love.” The week was sponsored by the Staley Distinguished Christian Scholar Lecture Program.
Strong arm

Leadership from Kim Martin '03 provided inspiration and strength to this year's volleyball squad.

What is your philosophy of leadership?
You lead by serving others. It is important to ask for help and receive support from people around you. You have to be humble.

What was your team’s biggest challenge this past season?
The fact that we only had one senior automatically implies that we had a very young team. Yet this year we made it to semi finals only to lose to a school that ended up in the final four at the national tournament.

What are some of the highlights of your Taylor experience?
Volleyball is my number one highlight. Another highlight is my major, social work. The people in my major are amazing, I've had such an awesome experiences here.

Who has made the most impact on you during your time at Taylor?
My coach, Angie Fincannon. She’s not just a coach - she’s a mentor. She impacted me by pushing me to grow spiritually. Without her I wouldn’t be the leader or player that I am today. — by Elizabeth DeMik '04

Read an exclusive indepth interview with Kim Martin, this season's only senior volleyball player, in the current issue of the online magazine.

Sports update

For the 17th time, Taylor University’s men’s basketball team won 20 games in one season under Coach Paul Patterson. The men’s team only had five losses in their first 25 games. Their strong play earned them high rankings in the MCC and in the NAIA.

Taylor University’s women’s basketball began the first 26 games of the season with an even number of wins and losses. They were hampered by injuries to several starters. An overtime victory over Indiana Wesleyan University offered spectators a glimpse the team’s spirit.

Spring sports practice starts in February with contests beginning in March. Softball is under the direction of first year head coach Stephanie Smith. Mark Raikes ‘95 serves as the baseball head coach, and Ted Bowers '73 coaches men’s and women’s track teams.
Top money managers

Students work side by side with TU administration and board of trustees to invest University funds.

Selected Taylor University business accounting and economics (BAE) students will invest and manage a $25,000 portion of the University endowment, according to Vice President for Finance Ron Sutherland '82 and BAE instructor Scott Adams. The project started last summer after Adams attended a conference and heard a presentation by institutions allowing their top business students to gain real-life experience by investing university funds in the stock market.

Under Adams' supervision five students will act as equity managers for the capital. The students will be selected based on the following criteria:
- A minimum B+ average in investment classes
- A minimum 3.2 grade point average (GPA)
- A letter of recommendation from a faculty member
- The successful completion of an interview with Adams

Adams said this investment opportunity compliments the existing Series 7 brokerage license exam and the Certified Financial Analysis test offered to Taylor University investment majors. "This just shows the strength of the Taylor financial program," said Adams who will place all trades for the students in the account with a Wall Street brokerage firm. "It is unusual for a school of Taylor's size to have programs of this nature."

"The investment committee of the Taylor University board of trustees was enthusiastic and excited by the possibility of working with these students," said Sutherland. "As an alumnus of the business department at Taylor, I am continually grateful for the quality of education I received. Knowing that our students will walk out the doors of our institution with real-life experience only makes that education more valuable."

Adams said the student investment group is being selected at this time and will make regular presentations to the Taylor board, as well as produce quarterly reports. He added that group membership will rotate as students graduate and with the change of semesters.

Why a GIFT counts twice

Taylor University has received a $3.5 million challenge match from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. More than half the funds already have been received, and alumni donors have until Dec. 31, 2003, to have their donation doubled.

The board of trustees recently completed a special one million dollar board matching grant challenge from Lilly Endowment, Inc.

The majority of the combined $4.5 million matching dollars will be used for the academic program, faculty development and teaching excellence.

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Fees for 2003-04 set

Tuition, room, board and fees for the 2003-04 fiscal year for students on the Upland campus total $23,920. This represents about 80 percent of the actual cost of a Taylor education. Conference and bookstore income help raise part of the remaining 20 percent, but most comes from alumni and friends who give generously each year to the Taylor Fund.

President's Weekend

April 4-6 will include the annual President's Dinner, Grandparents Day, the Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center dedication, the Council of 100 induction ceremony and Wall of Honor dedication and much more. Questions? Please call 1-800-882-3456, ext. 4956 or e-mail jyhelyer@tayloru.edu.

Employees show support

Two hundred and seventy Taylor staff and faculty members gave a combined total of nearly one quarter of a million dollars to TU in donations in 2002.

by the numbers

500,000+ The number of dollars given to the Taylor Fund in December 2002. This total breaks the record for any one-month period in Taylor's 156-year school history. The generous giving puts the fund, designated for financial assistance for students, 25 percent ahead of this time last year and pushes it within $300,000 of the May 31, 2003, goal of $1.36 million. The best part? Every one of those dollars given by alumni is being doubled, thanks to the GIFT challenge match.
A LEGACY OF WORLD ENGAGEMENT

When Melvin Hill '08 wrote the opening phrase to The Taylor Song in the early 1900s, the words “Up beyond the village border ...” were literally true. Taylor was located on a 10-acre plot of land located about one mile south of the town of Upland.

Today, the town has grown and buildings fill in much of the land between the tracks and the University. The opening words to the song now serve as a rallying call for students to take what they have learned at Taylor beyond the Vayhinger Circle that loops around campus and out into the world.

“From the north and south, her students, East and west, are there.” At the time the text of the school song was composed, students were coming from as far away as Asia, Africa and Europe to attend Taylor. This same diversity continues to enhance the campus community today. Nearly three-fourths of Taylor students on campus in 2003 came to the University from outside of Indiana, including young men and women from well over a dozen foreign countries.

“... 'Till in ev'ry land, men shall hear the name of Taylor and her purpose grand” are the closing words of the school song and are an aim that was pursued seriously during Hill’s day at Taylor. The challenge continues to be seen as a sober responsibility today.

In fact, since 1846 the graduates of Taylor have been heading out with tough minds, tender hearts and hands prepared for competent, caring service.

The following feature stories in this issue of Taylor magazine focus on this ideal — the endeavor to uphold the University’s sixth core value, “world-engaging.”
Why Taylor must be world engaging

How Taylor University’s historic commitment to educate students with a global vision continues today
— by David J. Gyertson, President

A defined purpose and passion

I believe that Taylor University is both an informing and transforming covenant community. As such we are on a journey of Christian discipleship characterized by academic excellence, spiritual vitality and competent, compassionate service. We are anchored by our commitments to be Christ-centered, biblically anchored, Liberal Arts grounded, whole person focused, vocationally equipping, world engaging and servant leadership motivated.

The goal of this journey is to produce mature disciples able to do God’s work throughout His creation, ministering the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need through lifetimes of learning, leadership and service. For me, Taylor University’s greatest purpose is to partner with those around the world who are dedicated to making a significant contribution to that time when the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea, Isaiah 11:9.

The biblical mandate

One of the distinguishing characteristics of New Testament disciples was their personal and corporate commitment to the task of fulfilling the Great Commission. Among Jesus’ final commands is this: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of time.” Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV.

If we take seriously these words of the Savior, then we too will be world engaging. All that we do at Taylor University to sharpen minds, sanctify hearts and equip hands, to be both competent in their professions and compassionate in their ministries, must be propelled by this Great Commission motivation.

A rallying call

Early in my Christian faith I understood that the order of the day for God’s great salvation army is to go. I meet many Christians, however, who seem to believe that a special revelation is necessary to be actively engaged in the global mission of Christ’s Gospel. They assume that their mandate is to stay in Jerusalem unless specifically called to Judea, Samaria and the outermost parts of the world. I believe that this misunderstanding has hindered our response to the Lord’s final marching orders. In reality, one needs a special calling not to go. Absent that, each believer should be involved in things that enable the lost to hear the good news of Jesus’ salvation.

The willingness to go is directly related to the convictions we hold about the nature of the Christian faith. First, those who have experienced the depth of Christ’s forgiving and transforming love cannot help but tell others of His mercy. I believe that the redeemed are spiritually nourished beggars morally obligated to tell others where to find the bread of life. The first thing I wanted to do after my conversion was to freely share what Jesus did for me. To this day, whether preaching in chapel, lecturing in a classroom or speaking at a service club, I find
gain valuable experience in international business. And finally, I stepped off the plane and squinted against the powerful Mediterranean sun, eager to advance my language skills and immerse myself in the rich culture of Spain.

What beckons Taylor students to study around the world each semester? For every student who decides to participate in an off-campus study program, the answer is a complex mixture of seemingly lofty purposes: to see the world, experience history firsthand, immerse in a foreign culture, learn a language, build meaningful relationships with diverse people, develop a global perspective, cultivate personal growth, answer a calling, and deepen one's understanding of God. However, as each of these women can testify, a semester abroad is not only about making these lofty goals attainable—it is about students' greatest expectations.

Taylor University offers students the opportunity to participate in over 20 semester-long off campus programs and several summer and January term programs. Students can study across a wide range of disciplines in France, China, Kenya, Lithuania, Egypt, Italy, Russia, Spain, Hong Kong, England, Ireland, Israel, and Costa Rica. In addition to international experiences, off-campus study options within the U.S. include the American Studies Program in Washington, D.C., the Christian Center for Urban Studies at Olive Branch Mission in Chicago, the Contemporary Music Center in Martha's Vineyard, the Los Angeles Film Studies Center, the Oregon Extension Program and the Focus on the Family Institute in Colorado Springs. Off-campus study programs such as these are one way in which Taylor University enables students to engage the world as part of a liberal arts education.

After returning from life-changing semesters abroad, the seven of us reunited in Upland for our senior year. As we gathered together again, surrounded by hugging photo albums and assorted souvenirs, our excitement rivaled that of our first weekend at Taylor. Amazing anecdotes of travel mishaps mingled with profound observations of life as stories of God's faithfulness in these continents poured forth from god hearts. Thanking God for far exceeding our freshman expectations, we now dreamed of God's plan for each of us following graduation. Having reached the final stage of our college experience, we realized that studying abroad taught us all a valuable lesson: education, and indeed the Christian life, consists not only of the destination, but of the journey. Suzanne Johnson '02

myself looking for some appropriate way to bear witness to God's saving grace.

A second conviction that determines the depth of our commitment to the Great Commission is the belief that Jesus alone is the way, the truth and the life. John 14:6— that He is the supreme revelation of God's redeeming love for us. The Bible teaches that there is no other name under heaven by which we can be saved, Acts 4:12. While the political correctness of the day slams this exclusive claim, the follower of Christ, dedicated to biblical authority, can take no other position. While we treat with respect those who sincerely explore other alternatives to truth and life, the transformed disciple, who is both Christ-centered and biblically anchored, cannot help but graciously call, Come and see the One who is the lamb of God, slain from the foundation of the earth for your salvation and mine, Revelation 5:6, 13:8.

A third insight is the realization that world engagement is the fruit of the Holy Spirit's work in our lives. The Lord promised that through the Comforter, He would be with us always, even to the end of time. He directed His disciples to remain in Jerusalem until they were filled with that empowering presence, Luke 24:49. At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit, whom they received when Jesus breathed on them in the Upper Room following His resurrection, John 20:22, was released with signs and wonders. The greatest sign of the Spirit's sanctifying presence is the glorious wonder that over 5,000 men plus women and children came to faith. From that day until this, the most reliable evidence of the Spirit-filled life is the bold witness that the promise is unto you and to your children and to all that are afar off, Acts 2:39.

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All God's children

Those who are world engaging and Great Commission-motivated know that they are multiplying the voices of praise for the Lamb who is worthy. The resurrected throngs will be composed of those from every tongue, tribe and nation. Eternity’s choir will sound like the voice of many waters – the confluence of those gathered across time and culture who tasted and saw that the Lord is good. Heaven will reveal the body of Christ made up of many parts, each different but perfectly fitted together with Jesus as the head. God’s Kingdom will unfold like a glorious tapestry woven with threads of many colors because no cultural, ethnic or racial group alone can reflect the majesty of His divine purpose for humanity. Great Commission Christians will marvel for eternity over the privilege the Father of Heaven gave them to be the recruiting agents for such a glorious celebration.

I did not realize how immature and self-centered my own discipleship was until I became actively engaged in taking the Gospel overseas. Faith is incomplete, at best, if all we know is our tribe’s version of Christianity. The amazing thing about going is that we return having received more than we gave. Those I encountered beyond my cultural and theological comfort zones changed my understanding of the power of the Gospel forever.

No wonder Jesus’ final word was “Go.” He knew that effective disciples must leave their nests and soar with the worldwide company of Christ’s committed. This is why Taylor University unapologetically declares her purpose to minister the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need. If our ultimate goal is to equip men and women to be mature and effective Christians, every student, employee and alumnus must be challenged to become world engaging.

The attitude of today’s students

Tethered to the fundamentals of covenant community, Taylor’s students are taking up this challenge. In January of 2003, through Taylor World Outreach, teams of students, faculty and staff traveled to South Africa, the Czech Republic, India, Kenya, Brazil, Jamaica and Romania. Through semester abroad programs in Africa, Ireland, South America, Egypt, Israel and China, students are both informed and transformed as global Christians. Closer to home, they are involved in community service through environmental clean-up projects, right-to-life advocacy, tutoring, inner-city outreach and myriad other ministries designed to give a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus.

A link to the past, a hope for the future

You might ask how Taylor University, located in Indiana, developed such an understanding of and commitment to world engagement. My response – it is an inescapable legacy of those who sacrificially model the Great Commission before us. The vision for a needy world is deeply influenced by the University’s namesake Bishop William Taylor whose missionary calling was to seek and save the lost. That passion was ignited by the life and death of escaped African slave Prince Kaboo. Samuel Morris’ humble determination to proclaim Christ’s saving Gospel at any cost still impacts Taylor today. And countless men and women, such as Don Odle with his vision for world evangelism through competitive sports, fuel the belief that at the heart of our quest is a venture for victory that seeks to serve the cause of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

One day, as Isaiah promised, the knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. The means by which Great Commission Christians accomplish that end.

Brandon Johnson ’04 spent January 2003 in Kenya as part of a trip led by Olson Hull Director Jennifer (Burke ‘96) and her husband Scott Mescherberger ’97. To learn more about off-campus programs, check out the interactive website at www.taylor.edu/taylor/offcampus.
according to our Lord’s directive, is by going and teaching all nations. The heart of our message is Come let us reason together says the Lord, though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow. Isaiah 1:18. At Taylor University we take seriously the mandate of world engagement equipping, through Christ-centered higher education, another generation of disciples who could finally and fully obey the Lord’s last command.

This article is the sixth in a series of seven articles by President Gyertson highlighting Taylor’s core values. (See back cover for a complete list.) This and all previous core values articles are available in the online magazine at www.tayloru.edu/upland/magazine/.

Dr. David Gyertson is in his third year of service as president of Taylor University. Gyertson holds a doctorate from Michigan State University with a major in higher education administration and management. Before coming to Taylor he served in a variety of leadership roles, including president of Asbury College and president of Regent University.

Service learning with a global perspective

How short-term cross-cultural experiences are shaping today’s students.

At the end of an intense month of service learning, Nicole Sampley ’03 and the other members of her Lighthouse team returned to a juvenile prison set in the mountains of Trinidad. Packed in the facility’s cafeteria, the Taylor students spent their last day on the exotic island distributing Bibles to boys who long for freedom. Sampley met a young man named Matthew who graciously accepted a Bible and listened eagerly as she flipped through the New Testament, pointing out where to learn about Jesus’ life, love and grace. As they talked, Matthew confided that he often dreams of heaven. When the team bus was ready to pull away, Sampley pressed the Bible into Matthew’s hands and prayed for him before she climbed reluctantly on board.

For over three decades Taylor University’s Lighthouse program has been enabling students to spend their January Interterm studying and serving around the world. During the full semester, a one-credit hour course prepares each team for the field experience. Students study the historical, political, social, religious and cultural aspects of the host country. During the month in a host country, students engage in service projects, community development, performing arts and Christian education. Lighthouse trips call upon students to synthesize their ministry experiences, interaction with hosts, group discussions and reflective journaling to develop a perspective on many issues, including God’s purposes in the world, the importance of entering another culture as a servant, the struggles and diversity of the universal Church and the attitudes and behaviors of a global citizen.

Even as the Lighthouse teams are facing new challenges and triumphs each day of January term, other students are looking ahead to spring break, not only as a needed hiatus from the daily pressures of collegiate coursework, but as another opportunity to serve the world around them. Each spring break Taylor World Outreach sends teams throughout the United States and the world. Over the years these teams have engaged in a broad range of activities, including serving children and youth, helping families with Habitat for Humanity, leading Bible studies, giving presentations to school and church groups, teaching English, coaching sports camps and even digging ditches. Recent destinations include Honduras, Bolivia, New Mexico, Alaska and New York. Rachel Mend ’03 traveled to the Dominican Republic where her team built two playgrounds for the children there.

"Going to the Dominican Republic was God’s way of opening my eyes," says Mend. "Whether through the amazing creation that surrounded me, the kindness of the people, the talents of my teammates or my own weaknesses, I was made aware of God’s incredible power and how He uses us as vehicles for it."

Each year the Lighthouse program and spring break trips offer Taylor students service learning opportunities. Each year the teams do more than offer an education; they open students’ hearts to the people of the world.

Suzanne Johnson ’02

Catch a glimpse of the world-engaging spirit on the campus in the 1920s in a reprinted article from 1923 by Mrs. Dallas Albright. Read the exclusive story “A month in Africa: A close look at a Taylor team’s life-changing trip.” These stories and many more are available in the current issue of the spring 2003 Taylor magazine online. Just click on “Extras” at www.tayloru.edu/upland/magazine.
Holding a piece of Middle Eastern cloth, Lisa Ford feels her overseas experiences are an essential part of her life.
From the Midwest to the Mideast
How Lisa (Curless ’92) Ford’s overseas experiences shape her understanding of the world

It’s interesting how something as fleeting as a scent can hearken to another place and time. For Lisa (Curless ’92) Ford, a breath of jasmine can transport her from her home in Indiana to the streets of Damascus for a quiet walk with friends. Then there is the strong aroma of Arabic coffee. It brings to mind shopkeepers, children’s faces and some of the warmest friendships she’s ever known.

Even though she finds her roles as a wife and mother as rich and fulfilling, there is a cascade of memories of her life in the Middle East that Ford can never quite forget. Nor does she want to.

Ford, who now lives in Wabash with her husband Steve and son Rob, spent nearly 10 years in the region as the daughter of American missionaries in Ramallah, and later as a teacher at American schools in Kuwait and Damascus, Syria, where she taught American children whose parents were working in those regions and the children of wealthy nationals.

“One thing I’ve never experienced a lack of in the Middle East is gracious hospitality without reservation,” she said. “People will give you the best of what they have if you are their guest. That is something that is overlooked or not emphasized in the American mind.”

But that warmth can quickly rise to a boil as Ford discovered in December of 1998 when American jets bombed Iraq. A demonstration in the streets below her apartment turned violent when rioters surged over the wall of her school, breaking windows, destroying equipment and ransacking parts of the compound.

“The anger was because of what they saw in their media; and that was America was responsible for Iraqi babies dying,” she said. “I watched from a window, it wasn’t a smart time to go out to the balcony.” In the coming days call after call came from Syrian students. “Miss, are you all right? Do you want to come stay with us? Can we bring you groceries?”

“Those students felt violated... it was done to their school because it had the name ‘American’ on it,” she said. “It took a little while to regain trust. I can’t say I was afraid, I was sad. The shopkeepers on my street and other Syrians were so profusely apologetic. They most likely agreed with sentiment behind riots, even if they chose not to join the demonstration.”

Syria, where Ford taught from 1997 to 2000, was actually her second teaching job in the region. Her first job there was in Kuwait City from 1992-94. Her arrival came only a year after the 1991 Gulf War, and a burned out Iraqi tank provided one of only a few visible reminders remaining of the conflict. She did find, however, people whose way of life had been shattered by conflict.

“In Kuwait City and its suburbs, there is a mistrust of people... (The Kuwaitis) had been shaken by war. The surface damage could be repaired easily because they were wealthy,” said Ford, whose apartment building had been used to house bodies during the occupation and war. “Nothing justifies the brutality of the Iraqis toward the Kuwaitis.”

An exchange one day with the grandson of the Emir of Kuwait remains a clear memory. The boy, Ahmed al-Sabah, asked her, “Miss, what is your house like in America?” After she described a modest home with a kitchen, living room, bedrooms and garage – a far cry from the palace he lived in, he answered with a wistful, “Oh, miss, I wish I lived in your house. When you’re rich, you’re always afraid someone is going to get you. When you’re poor, nobody bothers.”

“I loved living in Kuwait. Yet the sense (of place) I had living in Damascus, I didn’t have in Kuwait,” Ford stated. “There was never a fear issue. That was such a blessing. I’ve never been afraid living there of things I wouldn’t be afraid of here.”

Ford says while she hopes to one day take her family to visit the places she stayed, her time there has ended. “I was realizing a lifetime of love for a people,” she said. “There was sadness and joy (when she came home). When I was a child, I would say I had happy tears from one eye and sad tears from the other.” – Jim Garringer

Taylor magazine also spoke with Lisa about her experiences in the Middle East when she was a Taylor freshman. Read the Spring 1998 Taylor magazine account of her childhood, “Growing up in the Mideast.” The article also features the thoughts of Mark Yonest ’92. This article is available online in the “Extras” section of the current online Taylor magazine at www.tayloru.edu/upload/magazine/.
Andrew Simons: Choosing to respond with grace
The path from Upland, Indiana to Latin America to Harvard University

Widener Library, a cornerstone of the Harvard library system, has become a familiar haunt to Simons '01.
One hot afternoon in Guatemala City, a young man gazed upon a woman and was never the same again. It was not her beauty that struck him. It was her desperation. For this woman lived in the city dump alongside stray dogs, rats and swooping vultures. The man stood still on a balcony and silently watched as she took off the soiled shirt she was wearing and exchanged it for another she just dug up; the man’s heart broke for the poverty of his fellow man.

Andrew Simons ’01, then a student in the semester-long Latin American Studies Program, resolved then to spend his life working to bridge the distance between North American wealth and this abject poverty. “Once you’ve seen it,” he said, “you have no choice but to respond.”

Andrew’s decision was rooted in two simple realizations:

1. The woman living in the city dump, despite economic, social and geographic differences, is his neighbor.

2. Loving God requires that we love our neighbor.

Who is my neighbor?

Millions of American children grow up watching Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood, singing along with the hallmark refrain. “Won’t you be my neighbor?” By the time Andrew arrived in the Latin American Studies Program in the spring of 2000, he was posing a different question: “Who is my neighbor?” Andrew’s entire worldview hinges upon the answer to this question because, as a Christian, he takes the command to “love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:39, very seriously.

“If you stop and think about who your neighbor is, chances are you won’t like the answer,” said Andrew. It’s not just the people who look and behave like you; it’s everyone, including the poor, near and far. “In the comforts we have in America, it’s easy to not even see the needs in third-world countries. But I have. I’ve seen the poverty and I’ve seen the economic level America has been elevated to. the great chasm between. Now that I know of this, something is going to be required of me. If I didn’t call myself a Christian, I didn’t have the mandate to love my neighbor. I don’t think I’d be doing what I’m doing.”

Andrew’s semester with the Latin American Studies Program (LASP), offered by the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities, was spent primarily in Costa Rica with three-week trips to Guatemala and Nicaragua. The program focuses on the culture, politics and economics of Latin America; Andrew’s chosen concentration was sustainable approaches to development.

For two weeks during the semester, Andrew lived with a family of five in Nicaragua. Even with the father, mother and oldest son working, together they earned less than two dollars a day for the family, barely enough to survive. The kids did go to school, however. “Since school buildings are not very plentiful, the younger grades would go to school in the morning and then the high school students would go in the afternoon,” Andrew recalled. “Two of the three brothers were roughly the same size. As soon as the first one got home from school, he would take off his uniform and the second brother would put it on and then go to school. I had a difficult time coming to grips with the harsh economic situation this family dealt with in comparison to the ease and comfort of my own life.”

The summer after Andrew’s semester in Latin America, he worked in a biotechnology laboratory at Texas A&M University. The combination of seeing immense poverty and then immediately working with high-tech biochemistry splicing and sequencing DNA, he began to think about the potential this level of technology could have in benefiting developing countries.

Dame un peso

“Dame un peso porque tengo hambre y necesito comprar comida.” Eating lunch at the Payan Bar in Santo Domingo, Andrew was suddenly aware of a small, wizened old woman standing at his side. “Give me a peso because I am hungry and need to buy food.” she had lisped, for she no longer had her teeth. Andrew, who was in the Dominican Republic at that time to help build a medical clinic for people just like this one, froze. Opposing viewpoints about the appropriate response clashed in his mind: “The only way to help the poor is through investing in the infrastructure of the developing country.” “If you give to a beggar, what incentive do they have to quit begging?” “I was hungry and you gave me something to eat...”

Andrew gave her the rest of his sandwich, but without any teeth, the woman had trouble biting through the toasted bread. Again, she asked for money. Finding the smallest bill in his pocket was a 50-peso bill (equivalent to $3.50 US), Andrew thought. “I can’t possibly give her that much money. 50 pesos is more than this woman will see in a week!” He turned to her and said, “Adios, no puedo ayudarte.” – Goodbye, I can’t help you – and left. Driving away, he was haunted by the look of despair in her eyes and by the feeling that she should have given more. She would be hungry again soon.

“Looking back,” Andrew said, “I still do not know why I didn’t help her. Sometimes I rationalize it by saying that my economics professor was right and the microeconomic assistance of 50 pesos truly does not dent the multi-billion dollar macroeconomic problem of poverty. At times, I just worked harder on the clinic thinking I could still help others.
I may never know why I didn’t help her or what ultimately happened to her, but I have learned at least one thing. I have learned that I can show more grace. As I prepare myself to live differently, to live by grace, I ask God that when I see one of the “least of these” on the streets, I do not forget that I am one of the “least of these” to whom God has already shown grace.”

And so, with the “least of these” in mind, Andrew forged ahead with his calling to spend his life improving conditions for his neighbors, the poor. Desiring greater resources for the task, he applied and was accepted to Harvard University.

From Guatemala to Harvard

It has now been two years since Andrew watched the woman change her shirt in the Guatemala City dump where she lived. Andrew has come and gone from Guatemala, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and El Salvador since then. If the woman still lives, she most likely has not moved from her dwelling place among the thousands of other people, wild dogs and rats. If she has died, it was without ever having seen a waterfall, mountains or trees. Though he never knew her name, Andrew has not forgotten her.

Last fall Andrew climbed into the elite world of Harvard academia for a master’s degree in public administration/international development (MPA/ID). There, he studies macro- and microeconomics, quantitative methods, legal and political institutions, governance, management and the history and theory of development.

After completing his first semester in the rigorous two-year program, Andrew has a new perspective on the work he has committed his life to – namely, easing the poverty of the most impoverished. “When you’re young, you think all the world needs is you to fix its problems,” he said. “We are optimistic, we want to save the world now. But the world is too complex and moves too slowly. Even if we are trying our hardest, the problems are still very hard to solve.” Still, Andrew clings to the blind hope and faith that doing his best will some day make a difference somewhere.

Early in the fall semester, Andrew would get himself out of bed in the morning by promising himself that the economics he learned that day would result in one fewer girl starving to death ten years from now. At some point in the semester, he stopped promising himself that and started wondering if he was losing faith.

Then he was reminded of Kierkegaard, who said, “The thing is to understand myself, to see what God really wants me to do: the thing is to find a truth for me, to find the idea for which I can live and die.” Considering these words, Andrew said, “While perhaps I am losing the faith a little, I believe the quest to love our neighbor regardless of economic situation is that idea which is truly worth living and dying for.”

Andrew recently wrote a challenge to his fellow Harvard classmates for the Kennedy School of Government newspaper. He concludes with this: “I am reminded of what my undergraduate college president, Jay Kesler, would often tell us: ‘There is a well-worn path between optimism and cynicism, our job as citizens of the world is to stop somewhere in between at realism.’ That is the message in which I find comfort now. And I challenge any of you, fellow sojourners, if you have felt the same grip of cynicism come over you to shrug it off and continue the noble fight for those unseen neighbors of ours who struggle day and night for dignity and the ability to support themselves.” - Jocelyn Falck ’99

Andrew Simons graduated from Taylor University, Upland, Ind., in 2001 with a bachelor of arts in biology and minors in Spanish and business management. He plans to complete his master’s degree in public administration/international development in the spring of 2004.

Jocelyn Falck wrote the original version of this story in her role as editor for the Fall 2002 CCCU Advance, the newsletter of the Council for Christian Colleges & Universities.
News you can use

Help us identify noteworthy alumni! Each year, alumni awards are presented to individuals who have exceptional personal or professional accomplishments, bring recognition to Taylor or work to advance Taylor's vision. To nominate someone for an alumni award, call the alumni office at 1-800-882-3456, ext. 5115 or nominate online at www.tayloru.edu/upland/alumni/awards/.

If you, or alumni you know, are interested in serving on the National Alumni Council, please contact the alumni office. The NAC, which meets three times a year, works hand-in-hand with staff promoting alumni matters.

More alumni information is available on the TU website at www.tayloru.edu/upland/alumni. Update your alumni record, add your e-mail address to the online directory and read alumni profiles. The website is a great way to stay in touch.

Alumni notes reminder: We love baby pictures! When sending in a shot of your children, however, please make sure that you take a family shot. Due to space restrictions, we can only run baby pictures that include TU alumni in the photo.

Indiana alumni: Don't miss the opportunity to own a Taylor license plate in 2003. Call 765-998-5225 for more information and to receive the special Taylor form needed by the BMV.

The Taylor Ringers, the University's advanced bell choir under the direction of Dr. Richard Parker, will be in Illinois (Carol Stream and Glen Ellyn), Indiana (Kokomo, LaFayette, Upland and Greencastle) and Nebraska (Omaha and Lincoln) this spring. For concert details go to the "Extras" section of the Spring 2003 Taylor magazine at www.tayloru.edu/upland/magazine or call 765-998-5232.

An exciting new publication currently in production invites Taylor female graduates, faculty, and staff to write life experiences rich in wisdom and meaning designed to help and encourage other women. Current working title for the book is Authentic Voices for the New Millennium: Women of Insight Talk About Life Challenges. Serving as editor and coordinator is Dr. Julie Reinhart Coburn '55. Dr. Julie is the author of many books, is available for questions and is pleased to assist you as needed. Joyce Helyer, associate vice president for university advancement will be serving as the project liaison. Contact Joyce Helyer for writing guidelines. Contributions are due by April 1, 2003. For more information, e-mail jre45@juno.com or jhelyer@tayloru.edu or call 765-998-4956.

Upcoming gatherings include:

March 3-6
Lincoln, Nebraska, Kansas City, St. Louis gatherings

March 17-18
Denver and Colorado Springs, Colorado gatherings

March 21-25
Orlando, St. Petersburg, Sarasota, Florida gatherings

April 7-9
Columbus, Ohio, and Washington D.C.

April 11
Indianapolis

May 3
Indianapolis Mini Marathon (Look for Taylor's tent)

May 10
Young Alumni Day in Upland, Ind.

June 6-8
Men's Gathering in Upland, Ind.

For more information on any of these activities, contact the alumni office at 1-800-882-3456, ext. 5113.

Message from Marty

"Taylor alumni are some of the most wonderful people in the world. And I am privileged to have the opportunity to travel this spring to many locations where they live. What an inspiration it is to learn about the impact and influence alumni are having in their hometowns.

One of the current initiatives of the alumni office is to strengthen alumni connections through regional meetings and organized networking. It is our desire to extend the blessings of Taylor's covenant community to alumni around the world. Watch for new information about a Taylor chapter in your area.

Taylor has always enjoyed strong alumni support and for that we are grateful. As we work to increase alumni participation, please join the many alumni who have shown their financial support of TU. Every gift counts!"

Marty Singer Director of Alumni Relations
1925
Sprague Willard x, Taylor's oldest living alumnus, passed away Dec. 3, 2002, at the age of 104. Mr. Willard's granddaughter, Julie Rabb, is currently a student at TU.

1934
Arthur Hodson x34 celebrated his 90th birthday on Dec. 14, 2002, with wife Nelle (Leisman Alspaugh '43) at a reception hosted by President David and Nancy Gyertson. Nearly 75 family and friends joined the Hod-

1945
Rev. Harry Bullis passed away Aug. 15, 2002, in his Roscoe, Ill., home. Surviving is wife Esther (Watkins) Bullis. They served the Lord together as missionaries in Japan and in the pastoral ministry of the Free Methodist Church.

1946
June (Meredith) Ross mourns the death of husband Fred, who died Oct. 18, 2002. June resides at the Presbyterian Retirement Center in Winter Park, Fla.

1948
—55-year class reunion, Oct. 10-12, 2003
Martha (Johnson) Strunk continues to be active in music. Besides singing in the church choir, she directs a small choir of residents at Brooks-Howell, as well as the bell choir. She and husband Leon reside at 266 Merrimon Ave, Asheville, NC 28801. E-mail is leomar@buncombe.main.nc.us.

1949
Eileen Lageer spent the last four years researching, interviewing for and writing the

Class of 1952 celebrates joyful reunion

The class of 1952 came back to campus last fall to celebrate their 50th reunion. The weekend proved to be a marvelous time of reliving old memories, renewing old friendships, and learning about all that is happening at TU today. Of the 130 original graduates, nearly half were able to be on campus for the weekend celebrations, and 99.4% contributed to a class gift amounting to more than $600,000. A very special thank you is offered to the class on behalf of the University for this generous gift that will help Taylor to fulfill her mission. Here's what class members have been saying about the weekend:

"Friends ask, 'What was the highlight?' And I respond, 'Every minute!'"
"What a joy it was to be greeted and assisted by such an array of beautiful, well-groomed, articulate young people!"
"A fiftieth reunion can be a once in a lifetime experience. Taylor's 2002 homecoming was exactly that!"

1952 graduates pictured left to right are: Bob Fraser, Paul Gentile, John Nelson, Ken Dunkelberger and Al Thompson.

For more information about the 2003 Homecoming weekend at Taylor University, call the alumni office at 1-800-882-3456, ext. 5113.
history of the Canadian arm of the Missionary Church. The book, which is scheduled to be available in March 2003, is entitled “Common Bonds, The Story of the Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada.” Eileen has enjoyed her journeys through Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia on this assignment.

1951
Dan Esau recently presented the University with an Authorized King James Version Bible printed in 1613. This gift, first reported in the Spring 2002 Taylor magazine “Around Taylor” news section, has been added to the University’s collections of rare Bibles and is stored in the Taylor archives. Many thanks to Mr. Esau for this generous and valuable gift to Taylor University.

1952
John & Jeanette (Badertscher ’54) Cornell celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer. They continue in their ministry at D & D Missionary Homes. The couple lives in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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

1955
Mike & Lorena (Smith ’56) Murphy continue their ministry in Eric, Pa., after serving the Lord for 40 years in Brazil. Their address is 5529 Stone Run Dr., Fairview, PA 16415. E-mail is jclmurphy@juno.com.

1957
Grace Larson died Sept. 9, 2002. She and classmates Janis (Smith ’59) Bateman, Rosanne (Shippy ’59) Wolfe, Sue (Gorrell ’59) Smith, Sue (Robinson ’59) Brown and Mary (Maynard ’59) Theaker enjoyed sharing a round-robin letter now in its 44th year.

1958
— 45-year class reunion, Oct. 10-12, 2003

1962

1963
— 40-year class reunion, Oct. 10-12, 2003

1966
Joe & Elaine (Shugart x’65) Vandegriff have moved to Valencia, Calif. Joe is an electrical engineer working for Medical Research Products. Elaine is a hospice nurse. They have two children and five grandchildren.

1967
Jeff & Roza Dye have moved to Burgwalden Strasse #4, Herrieden-Neuemstetten, Deutschland. Jeff teaches U.S. history, earth and space science, and geography at Ansbach Middle/High School in Katterbach, Germany. E-mail is rozajeff@yahoo.com.

1968
— 35-year class reunion, Oct. 10-12, 2003

1972
Frank & Jean (Peterson) Galica reside at 658 Meadow Creek Dr., San Jose, CA 95136. E-mail is galica2@aol.com.

1973
— 30-year class reunion, Oct. 10-12, 2003

1974
Michael & Shirley Dominick reside at 1707 Candy Ct. S., Kokomo, IN 46902, where Michael is the senior pastor at St. Luke’s United Methodist Church. E-mail is mike@stlukesumc.net.

1975
Betsy (Clark) Tomblin is the assistant principal at Reese Road Elementary School in Columbus, Ga.

1976
Jim Barnum received his Doctor of Ministry in spirituality from Columbia Seminary in May 2002. His dissertation is in the field of helping churches reach out to families with an individual with autism. Jim & wife Linda have two teenage children, Matthew and Melissa. Matthew was diagnosed with autism when he was 18 months old, Jim is the pastor of Bellmore Presbyterian Church on Long Island and is doing three units of clinical pastoral education at St. John’s Episcopal Hospital in Far Rockaway, Brooklyn. E-mail is revjbpc@aol.com.

1977
Jay & Paige (Comstock) Cunningham continue to live in Mount Zion, Ill., where Jay is the branch manager/VP of investments for AG Edwards. Their children are Kelsey (18), Jameson (16) and Joel (11). E-mail is jay@852@insightbb.com.

1978
— 25-year class reunion, Oct. 10-12, 2003

1979
Jim & Karen (Rohde ’79) Bowman reside at 2622 Roma Ct., Schererville, IN 46375, with their children Brandyn (20), Christopher (16), Casey (14) and Geoffrey (12). They have been actively involved in a church plant in St. John, Ind. Jim continues as school psychologist in Hammond City Schools and Karen is a middle school counselor for Lake Central Schools. They would love to hear from ‘79 classmates. E-mail is jkbcegkw@megsinet.com. • Robert Conlon is a professor of design at Edinboro Univ. His address is 334B Meadville St. Edinboro, PA 16412. E-mail is bob.conlon@verizon.net.

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1985

Lisa (Donnell) Badger has been promoted to senior engagement coordinator in the tax operations practice for Ernst & Young. • Mark Bowell is president of DMB Marketing & Management, Inc., and is actively involved in the Indianapolis community serving as an elected member and VP of the Franklin Township School Board. He also serves as VP of the Indianapolis/Marion County Public Library Board. LeDania (Wallace '86) is home with children Blake (10) and Lakin (8). • Andy & Shery (Flesner) Dishman are thrilled to announce the birth of Sophie Camille on Sept. 29, 2002. Shery teaches part time and Andy is a licensed professional counselor.

1983

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

Dave Calderhead is an attorney who opened his own law office in Milford, Ohio, in January 2000. Dave & Barb (Hauter) have three children: David (15), Meg (12) and Tori (9). • Jon & Susan Stocksdale continue their work at Rift Valley Academy in Kenya, where Jon is in teaching/curriculum development. Their address is RVA, Box 80, Kijabe, Kenya, 00220. E-mail is jon_stocksdale@aimint.org.

1984

Michael Daugherty was elected president of Akron Lyric Opera Theatre, a musicalopera production company based in Summit County that serves to educate school children and adults in opera and musical theater by performing well-known operas and musicals in English. He & wife Marcia (Harnes '85) have three children, Diana (11), Reed (9) and Ryan (6). The family resides at 3245 Debra Ct, Medina, OH 44256. E-mail is mmdaugherty@zoominternet.net. • Steven Fowler works at Indiana Wesleyan Univ as a systems analyst/programmer. He & wife Julie have two children, Kathlyn (15) and Samuel (12). Their address is 5352 Bechtel Ct, Marion, IN 46952. E-mail is steve.fowler@indwes.edu. • Dan & Sherry Waller and children Danielle (11) and Savannah (9) reside in Hayward, Calif., where Dan continues as president for Energy Management Technologies, Inc. E-mail is enrgymgmt@aol.com.

1986

Charles & Kristen Bauer joyfully announce the birth of Annalee Faith on Oct. 11, 2002; she joins siblings Chloe (7), Isaiah (5) and Ian (3). Along with being the associate director of the Christian Resource Center in Giltnern, Neb., Charles also pastors the Evangelical Free Church in York. The family resides at 515 Florida Ave, York, NE 68467. E-mail is arboracres@hamilton.net. • Faith (Champoux) O'Leary teaches high school math part time at Franklin Road Christian School in Novi, Mich., where her children attend. E-mail is faith_oleary@yahoo.com. • Jeffrey Schaffner moved to the Boston area where he works for the Transportation Security Administration at Boston Logan Airport. He enjoys the colonial history in the area. E-mail is deadtw@msn.com.

1987

Wilfred & Veronica (Jennings) Ferguson
live in Freeport, Grand Bahama, where Wilfred is a pediatrician and Veronica is a lecturer at College of the Bahamas. Children are Wilfred (10) and David (5). E-mails are veronica@coralwave.com and willfred@coralwave.com. • Troy & Lynn Funte continue to live in Spartansburg, Pa. Troy is the pastor at Titusville Branch Fellowship and he works part time as a database administrator at Liberty Electronics. Lynn is a certified professional midwife. Children are Joe (9), Jael (7), Mike (4) and Luke (1). • David & Kris (Sampley) Kubal are pleased to announce the birth of Chelsea on June 26, 2002; she joins Mackenzie (3). Kris is a stay-at-home mom and David is the training director for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. They live in Overland Park, Kan. • Jay & Michelle Millikan welcomed Anthony on Nov. 5, 2002. Big brother Andy (3) is excited about his new brother. • David & Karen (Muselman) Thomas joyfully announce the birth of John Paul on Feb. 21, 2002; he joins Luke (2). The family lives in Lexington, Ky.


Steve & Donna Connet are the proud parents of Aaron Benjamin born June 29, 2002. Brother Tyler is 13. The family resides at 1506 Kingsbridge, Garland, TX 75044. • Doug & Joy Gradin, along with children Carli (9), Aerin (6) and Rylee (4), live at 30889 Eleven Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI 48336. Doug is the lighting manager at Chas. Rogers Electric Supply Co. He would love to catch up with his TU friends. E-mail is doug@rogerselectric.com.

1989

Jay & Kelly Hubbard and son Drake (4) reside at 531 Wakenam, Wheaton, IL 60187. Jay is the director of marketing for Tour Edge Golf. E-mail is jhubbard@touredge.com.

• Jeffrey Leichty is director of information technology at Indiana Institute of Technology. He, wife Jennifer and children Josh (11), Emilee (9), Andrew (7) and Mallory (2), reside at 1531 Colebrook Ct, Fort Wayne, IN 46845. E-mail is jleichty@indtech.edu. • Rodney & Dana Ochs continue to live in North Vernon, Ind., where Rodney is the regional transportation manager for Lowes Home Improvement Centers. Their children are Olivia (9) and Riley (6). E-mail is ochsfamily@msn.com.

1990

Brian & Marcia (Diller) Motter joyfully announce the birth of Abigail Jeanne on July 25, 2002. Brothers Paul (8) and Marcas (3) love their little sister!

1991

Timothy & Lana (Hunteman) Augustine were blessed with daughter Lara, born May 7, 2002. She joins sisters Leah (4) and Lindsay (2). Tim is an account analyst for Cooper Tire & Rubber Co. The family lives at 7183 Marion Township Rd #243, Findlay, Ohi
1992
David & Monica (Henry ’91) Wayne are happy to announce the birth of Kendall Elizabeth on April 17, 2002. The family resides in Warsaw, Ind. E-mail is dwayne@leonline.com.

1993
—10-year class reunion, Oct. 10-12, 2003
Paul & Anjanette (Edwards) Anderson are proud to announce the birth of twins, Micah Nathaniel and Sydney Nicole, on Aug. 2, 2002; they join Brooke (2). • Bill & Heidi Clark-Smitley welcomed their first child Alexander Clark into the world on Aug. 13, 2002. Heidi is pleased to be home with Andrew and to be working as an independent educational consultant in the West Michigan area. • Amy Dear-dorff is office administrator for Structural Design, Inc. Her address is 2624 White-wood, Ann Arbor, MI 48104. E-mail is amy@strudesign.com. • James & Robin (Fulbright ’94) Dickman have moved to 505 S Preston Dr, Richland Center, WI 53581. E-mails are robid@charter.net and jamesd@richlandmedctr.com. • Matthew

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For more information contact:
Jerry Cramer, director of parent programs,
1-800-882-3456, ext. 5112.

1994
Mike & Anne (Whitecotton) Carpenter are happy to announce the birth of Gwenyth Anne on Oct. 16, 2002. Sister Eve is 2. The family resides at 3671 Myrtle, Irvine, CA 92606. E-mail is mikeandanne@the-carpenters.com. • Scott Ellis died Dec. 3, 2002. He worked for the Park Center as a network administrator. Surviving is wife April who lives at 7612 Tipperary Trl, Fort Wayne, IN 46815. • Liz Ferris continues her work with Greater Richmond Young Life as a field staff intern. Her address is 15228 Wagner Rd, Cambridge City, IN 47327. E-mail is ramauffin13@yahoo.com. • Clark & Robin (Niedermeyer) Holland would like Minnes married Lisa Deppen on Oct. 5, 2002, in Arlington Heights, Ill. John Lugauer and Kristin Anderson ’98 were TU participants. The couple lives at 2513 Honeysuckle Ln, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. E-mail is matthew@minnes.net. • Michelle (Mays) Shattuck has started her own consulting business doing marketing and strategic planning. She completed a master’s degree in counseling and works in part-time private practice. Her new address is 3837 Aurora Ave N #2, Seattle, WA 98103. E-mail is shattuck@seanet.com.

1995
Perry & Theresa (Conner) Board have moved to 214 W Roosevelt St Apt 307C, Phoenix, AZ 85003. E-mail is orange55@yahoo.com. • Eric & Shelly (Battles ’96) Deichert reside at 278 K St, South Boston, MA 02127. Eric is product manager for Pegasystems, Inc. E-mail is edeichert@yahoo.com. • Scott & Wendy (Weber) Helmkamp joyfully announce the birth of Megan Grace on Oct. 7, 2002; she joins Trevor (2). Wendy teaches math at Canterbury Middle School in Fort Wayne, Ind., where the family resides. • Amy Humbert married David Allen on April 6, 2002, at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort in St. Petersburg, Fla. Amy is a copy editor for the St. Petersburg Times and David works for Devine Communications as an advertising copywriter. E-mail is idenspark@peoplepc.com. • Mark & Amy (Boothe) Mays thankfully announce the birth of Abigail Joy on Dec. 4, 2002. The family lives at 1110 McKinney Ave, Fort Wayne, IN 46806. E-mail is amy@markm@yahoo.com. • Katrina McCowen married Jerry Lea, Jr., on Nov. 30, 2002. The couple resides at 3148 Heritage Ln, Fort Worth, TX 76140. E-mail is...
E-mail andy.peterson@wbr.edu. • Clay & Rebecca Rassi are thankful for the birth of Evan William on Sept. 24, 2002; he joins Micah (2). • Steve & Carmen (Waldrop ’98) Stringfellow welcomed Andrew David into their home on Aug. 8, 2002; he joins sister Areli (2). The family lives in Nenana, Alaska. • Troy & Michele (Schoonmaker) West received their master’s degrees from Portland State University in August 2002, and are now living and teaching English in South Korea. E-mail is itsallabout@hotmail.com.

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Aaron x & Michele (Beers) Anderson are the proud parents of Mary Ellen born Nov. 11, 2002; she joins Madeline (2). Aaron works for Northrop Grumman, while Michele is at home with the girls. The family lives in Buckersville, Va. E-mail is amanderson@hotmail.com. • Mark & Rachel Davis, along with children Mark and Emma, reside at 8065 Hearthway Dr., Jenison, MI 49428. Mark is AVP/senior investment executive at Independent Bank. E-mail is dager10299@aol.com. • Kristopher Dorn married Jennifer Pahl on July 6, 2002, in California. The couple resides in Birmingham,
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Walter Hooper, who worked as the private secretary to Lewis, is scheduled to be the featured speaker at the Colloquium.

More information on both events is available at www.tayloru.edu/upland/programs/lewis or by contacting Dr. David Neuhouser at 765. 998.5245 or dvneuhous@tayloru.edu

Jennifer & Kristopher Dorn '96

Aja, where Kris, assisted by Jennifer, coaches the women's volleyball team at Samford Univ. Jennifer is an All-American volleyball player from Univ of Southern California. E-mail is kwdorn@samford.edu. • Heidi Durkovic married Merit Tully on Aug. 19, 2001, in Fullerton, Calif. TU participants included Trudy (Henriques '97) Reinhold and Manda (Unger) Jones. Heidi teaches middle school Spanish at St. John's Lutheran School. Merit works in media relations for the Mighty Ducks of Anaheim hockey team. The couple resides at 134 S Birchwood St, Anaheim Hills, CA 92808. E-mail is heidi_tully@yahoo.com. • Laura Gilbert married Blake Fite on May 19, 2001, in Norfolk, Va. TU participants included Daria (Arnold) & Gabriel Chacon, Rebekka (Dieterich) & Matt Hartwell, and Angela (Angelovska) & Don Wilson. Laura met Blake at Regent Univ after earning her master's degree in counseling. Laura works as a counselor for the city of Chesapeake. Blake finished his Master of Business Administration at Regent and is working in career and alumni relations for the School of Communications at Regent University. The couple resides at 1008 Bougie Ct, Virginia Beach, VA 23456. E-mail is firegirl@hotmail.com. • Dave & Tricia (Hopp '98) Morgan proudly announce the birth of Carter James on Aug. 5, 2002. He joins Benjamin (2). Dave is an account VP for Paine Webber and Tricia stays at home with the boys. The family lives at 9425 S Lark Sparrow Dr, Highlands Ranch, CO 80126. E-mail is davetriciabien@msn.com. • Kristin Short married Bob Bragg '89 on Aug. 10, 2002. TU participants were John Bragg '52, Brian Trout '86, Rob Church '87, John Ely '88, Renee (Litz '95) Johansson, Clay Rassi '95, Tom & Rachael (Williams) Hughes, Jeff Amstutz and Lance Ferguson. The couple resides at 795 S Harbour Dr, Noblesville, IN 46060. • Scott & Rebecca (Kraft) Touzel joyfully announce the birth of Hannah Michelle on Sept. 1, 2002. Brother Daniel is 12. Their address is 145 N Greenback St, Hesperia, MI 49421. E-mail is braineramtouzel@hotmail.com.

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Jonathan Atkins x is a software engineer at Raytheon. His address is 2012 River Run Tri, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. E-mail is jcatki@jcatki.no-ip.org. • Nicholas & Stacy (Miles) Christian have moved to 546 S Walnut St, Urbana, OH 43078, where Nicholas is coordinator of career services for Urbana Univ. Daughter is Elizabeth (3). E-mail is nickstacy@hotmail.com. • Craig & Roni Goodwin are pleased to announce the birth of Isaac Dean on Nov. 16, 2002; he joins Hunter (2). The family resides at 136 Citrus Dr, Winter Haven, FL 33884, where Craig is a claims specialist for State Farm Insurance. E-mail is cgoodwin94@juno.com. • Kevin & Sarah (Kutschke) Sikes welcomed Lydia Faith into their family on Oct. 12, 2002; she joins Anna (3).

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

Darin & Kristin (Maggard '99) Anderson are the proud parents of Seth (2) and Caleb (1). Both Darin & Kristin have recently enrolled in the Master of Divinity program at Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and are exploring the possibility of planting a church. E-mail is daka_anderson@juno.com. • Jeremiah &
Sandy (Buehler ’00) Fyffe have been blessed with Elijah Joseph born June 18, 2002. Their address is 294 7th St Apt 2B, Wheeling, IL. 60090. E-mails are sandy_fyffe@hotmail.com and bigbluejr@mac.com. • David & Christina Grubaugh reside at 30861 Crest Forest, Farmington Hills, MI 48331. David teaches middle school world history at Detroit Country Day School. E-mail is papas@covirtue.com. • Colleen Kendrick married Andrew Kraft ’96 on June 8, 2002, in Muskegon, Mich. TU participants were Jeff Penn, Jeremy Byrd ’95, Mark Dickens, Sarah (Cleveland ’98) French and Troy ’74 & Liz (Hinkle ’81) Shockey. Andy is working in human resources for Kimberly-Clark.

Sandy (Buehler ’00) & Jeremiah Fyffe ’98 with Elijah

Veronica (Loss ’00) & Jonathan Coombs ’99
time developing software. E-mail is jonathan-veronica_coombs@sil.org. • Rebecca Crithfield married Brian Lambert Aug. 3, 2002, in Matthews, N.C. TU participants were Sarah (Holt) Lehman and Becky (Bollinger) Kimble. Rebecca & Brian work together in the high school youth ministry at Forest Hill Church; Brian began seminary at Gordon-Conwell last fall. The couple resides at 16673 Commons Creek Dr, Charlotte, NC 28277. E-mail is rl@foresthill.org. • Karla Dallaire married Matthew Bell on June 1, 2002, in Northville, Mich. TU participants included Shelley Peters, Sarah (Bell ’97) Gibula, Beth Beres, Robert Landau and Mike Gibula ’97. Not knowing each other at Taylor, the couple met at an alumni gathering in Michigan. They now reside at 31260 Olson, Livonia, MI 48150. E-mail is mattsandkarla@att.net. • Lauri DiDonato is teaching eighth grade math at Northern Burlington Regional Middle School. Her address is 2106 Woodhollow Dr, Marlton, NJ 08053. E-mail is drookie99@aol.com. • Sarah Holt

Sarah (Holt ’99) & Jared Lehman

married Jared Lehman on June 29, 2002, in Bluffton, Ohio. TU participants included Rachel Holt ’94, Rebecca (Crithfield) Lambert, Kelli (Gerber ’91) Foster and Kara Gratz ’02. Jared is the administrator at a retirement community and Sarah teaches science at Findlay. The couple resides at 592 Harmon Rd, Bluffton, OH 45817. • Lynnette Miller and Mark Johnson were married Sept. 21, 2002. Taylor participants included Robert & Janice (Spaulding ’72) Miller, Susan (Kramer) Smith, Wendy Weeks, Jerome Flewelling ’97 and Scott Nelson ’96. The couple resides at 328 Cantera Pass, Fort Wayne, IN 46845. E-mail is lynnettem@hotmail.com.

In memory

Lois Weed ’51, TU emeritus librarian and faculty member, passed away Aug. 26, 2002. She served TU from 1953 to 1995. The University is deeply grateful for her life and her dedicated service to students, staff and faculty. Read more on her life at www.tayloru.edu/upland/magazine in the Extras of the spring 2003 magazine.
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Joe & Jessica (Cook) Brown reside at 480 Wygant Rd, Horsesheads, NY 14845, where Jessica is teaching general and choral music. E-mail is jessicabrown21@juno.com.

Danielle Leas married David Brown on Aug. 3, 2001. TU participants included Kristi (Kemp '99) Wood, Tami McDonald '99 and Trina Helderman. The couple's address is 79 McDowell Dr, Wake Forest, NC 27587. E-mail is ddbrown83@msn.com. 

Aaron & Mindy (Benteman '99) Lerch have moved to 6014 Linton Ln, Indianapolis, IN 46220.

Jonathan Meneely is the sports information director at Indiana Univ Southeast. His address is 206 Evergreen Ct, Clarksville, IN 47129. 

Zeki Turner is president of Main Street Capital Partners in Indianapolis. He resides at 1369 Beachway Ct, Cicero, IN 46034. E-mail is zeke@hot.com.

2001
Ed Cyzewski married Julie Ludlam on Sept. 7, 2002, after meeting in Israel during the Fall of 2000. TU participants were Chris Fennig, Abram Bicksler '02 and Bethany Bray. Ed works at a local church office while attending seminary full time. Julie works at a junior high school. They reside at 137 Iron Hill Rd, New Britain, PA 18901. E-mail is edandjulie02@hotmail.com. 

Darrin Hess married Heidi Geiser on April 6, 2002. Darrin continues as assistant personnel director at Camp of the Woods in Speculator, N.Y. E-mail is dhess@capital.net. 

Natissa Kultan is a residence hall director at St. Mary's College. Her address is 1558 Holy Cross, Notre Dame, IN 46556. E-mail is natissa.kultan@cheerful.com.

Thomas X & Kristin Robers reside at 5050 Fairways Cir 302, Vero Beach, FL 32967. E-mail is tom_roberds@hotmail.com.

2002
Aaron Beadner has accepted a position with Disney Cruise Line as a youth counselor. 
E-mail is abeadner@yahoo.com. 

Sarah Eskey is program assistant at Five Pines Ministries in Berrien Center, Mich. Her address is 214 7th St, Apt 2, Niles, MI 49120. E-mail is angi1979@yahoo.com. 

Lori Jackson and Justin O’Rourke ’01 were married Aug. 3, 2002, in Wyckoff, N.J. TU participants were Steven Bickley x 74, John Paasonen ’01, Rob Albanese ’01, Andrew Bierlein ’01, Lisa Andreasen, Rebekah Doerkens, Michelle Toy and Alicia Lehman ’03. Justin is in the master’s program at Wheaton College and Lori is a case manager for developmentally disabled adults. The couple resides in Wheaton, Ill. E-mail is jlorourke@hotmail.com.

Christina MacFadyen and Jeff Murphy were married June 29, 2002, in Houston, Texas. TU participants were Josh Hershey, Kristi Latimer ’03, Abby (Rice ’03) Brandenburger and Twila Jones ’03. The couple lives in Dallas, Texas, where Jeff is in sales at Distinctive Pools and Christina is a schedule analyst for Lockheed Martin. Their address is 1214 Hidden Ridge #2057, Irving, TX 75038. E-mail is christinass92@yahoo.com. 

Katharine MacHarg is working as an account executive at Noreen Heron & Associates, a public relations firm in Lincoln Park, Ill. E-mail is kmacharg@heronpr.com. 

Katie Pangborn married David Schubert on July 12, 2002. The couple resides at 9353 Viscount Blvd, Apt 2113, El Paso, TX, where David is a student pastor at Cielo Vista Church. E-mail is dscubert@cielovistachurch.org. 

Lucinda Robinson and Nate Hiteson were married Sept. 7, 2002. The couple lives at 14622 N 68th Dr, Peoria, AZ 85381. E-mail is lucinda_robinson@juno.com.

Dan Thompson lives at 537 Valley Ridge Dr, Petoskey, MI 49770, where he is a youth minister at Petoskey United Methodist Church. E-mail is dnt@petoskeyumc.org.

2003
Kerry Peifer married Jason Hillier ’01 on July 14, 2001, in Lyons, Colo. TU participants were Jenna Pashley, Rachel Rosenkrance, Ursula Chase, Geoff ’02 & Lisa (Sweeney ’00) Taylor, Richard Fountain, Cindy Hillier ’74, Shannon Sweeney ’04 and Rashel Cary ’06. Jason is employed as branch manager for the Muncie, Ind., Enterprise Rent-a-Car. E-mail is jdhillier@bpsinet.com.

Kerry (Peifer ’03) & Jason Hillier ’01
He shaped Taylor
The University celebrates the career and service of Daryl Yost

Daryl Yost loves Taylor students. After two decades of serving as a University administrator, he and his wife Joenita count their relationships with students as one of the greatest highlights of their TU experience. Yost states that his interaction with the staff and faculty of the University is another high point of his years at Taylor. “I love the enthusiasm and energy among those involved in education,” he remarks.

Following a 25-year career that included serving as a teacher, principal, superintendent and businessman, Yost arrived at Taylor in 1983. He worked as the vice president for development, served briefly as acting president in 1985, and served alongside President Jay Kesler as the university provost. “Except for Christian Stemen, Burt Ayres and Milo Rediger, no other employee in a non-presidential role has held as much responsibility and/or influence as has Yost,” states Dr. William Ringenberg in his book, Taylor University: The First 150 Years, page 246.

Yost was instrumental in the merger-acquisition of the Fort Wayne campus and has served as the executive vice president of the University and the chief operating officer of the Fort Wayne campus.

“Certainly a great deal of good that happened in the past decade and a half is attributed to Daryl Yost. I cannot overstate my gratitude for Daryl and for Joenita,” explains Chancellor Jay Kesler ’58.

“These past 20 years at Taylor have been very fulfilling for Joenita and me,” Yost explains. The time spent with students and employees of the University has been marvelous and rewarding.

While his official duties at the University are coming to an end, the positive influence he had on the campuses and the students will be felt for generations. “Dr. Yost has served the University with great distinction,” states President Gyertson. “His attention to detail, commitment to quality and love for both students and employees has made him a valued member of the Taylor family.”

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The world of nature

Many people dream of living on an island. Barb (Rioux '52) Novak actually does.

From time to time Novak comes across to the "mainland," as she did for the 2002 Taylor Homecoming – her 50th class reunion.
Novak’s self described “adventurous” life began long before she settled on an island in northern Wisconsin to enjoy activities such as snow skiing, canoeing, fishing, swimming and exploring. While living in Magee-Cambell-Wisconsin Hall at Taylor, she immersed herself in basketball, the literary society, oratorical contests and the Girl Scouts in Matthews, Ind. She even wrote for the school newspaper, the Echo. Although her hall director did not consider her “Taylor material” because she always seemed to be breaking the 10:45 p.m. lights out rule, she continued to never let anything hold her back. This is an attitude that directed her course throughout her very unorthodox life – a life that now has her living by herself on an island.

“My time at Taylor was really priceless,” Novak said. “I did so much in so many different areas and met incredible friends. I just never put limits on myself.”

After her time at Taylor, love came her way in a man named Jules Novak. Their mutual affection for the outdoors and sense of adventure connected them immediately. “Jules showed me the island before we were married,” Novak said. “After we got married he always teased me about falling in love with the island and animals before falling for him.”

Although Jules passed away in 1992 and Novak moved permanently to the island in the summer of 1993, she has no regrets. Not even the prodding of her sons to leave the island has made her waiver. “On the island I can do whatever I want to do,” Novak laughed. “Every day is a new adventure full of excitement.”

The latest exciting event in Novak’s life included her furnace going out on one of the coldest nights of the winter. All alone, she warmed herself by the oven and settled in until morning. Setbacks like this do not keep Novak down. “I had a cold night without the furnace, but I just thought of creative ways to stay warm,” Novak said. “When you live on an island, you get used to improvising.”

Novak enjoys feeding the animals that visit her on a regular basis, including birds, squirrels and deer. She has even seen an albino deer, a rare animal, that occasionally wanders into her yard. “Seeing nature and animals first hand is really special. It’s like we are all sharing this home together,” Novak said. “The animals become like my family, and when the winter gets long it is so nice to have them around.”

Although Novak is 70 years young, she continues to enjoy dog sledding, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling in the winter and kayaking, canoeing, swimming, fishing and exploring in the summer. She considers herself a little old-fashioned and a little new fangled at the same time because of her appreciation for cross-country skiing and kayaking but also her use of snowmobiles and motorboats. Nothing seems to stop her, not even the hip replacement that she had this past summer. “I’ve had a few setbacks this year, but I try to keep positive,” Novak said. “I have to just keep going and thinking about all the good things that are happening.”

A positive attitude is a must when falling through the frigid ice and into the lake, something that Novak has experienced more than once. With her pike pole and life jacket, the falls do not seem to faze her. “When I fell through, I was fine,” a calm Novak said. “I had what I needed to pull myself out and I was not even that cold. I think the man watching from the shore was more upset about it than I was.”

Although Novak’s life may be lacking some luxuries and include events the average person might never want to experience, she has come to rejoice in the simple pleasures of life that bring her so much joy. It has been the opportunity to experience nature first hand and the love of independence that has continued to fuel her solo life on an island for the past 10 years. “I purposely try to be on the lake at night so I can see the stars,” Novak said. “I experience the magnificence of the sun, moon, clouds and rainbow everyday, and it makes everything worth it. It all is completely priceless.”

From Upland, Ind., to an island in Wisconsin, Novak has experienced a lifetime full of excitement and adventure, a trend she does not see ending anytime soon. “I will be on this island till my health fails me,” Novak said. When that time comes, I will look back and thank God for the many treasures with which he has blessed me.”

—Brit Jensen '04
TU to receive boost for academics

Taylor has been offered a $3.5 million matching grant that President David Gyertson has earmarked for academics. Help TU get every dollar. Through Dec 31, 2003, each alumni dollar given is eligible for the match (except gifts for athletics). The Lilly Endowment matching grant provides an unprecedented opportunity to strengthen the Taylor experience by supporting faculty development, encouraging creative scholarship and enhancing the quality academic programs that have made the University a leader in Christ-centered higher education. Read more about GIFT (Get Involved For Taylor) on page 7 or call 1-800-882-3456, ext. 4956, for details.