Societies Disbanded

By action of the Student Organization Committee, the literary societies, Philo, Thalo and Chi Kappa, have been discontinued. The decision, well-backed by student opinion, was made with the agreement of the three societies.

A prevailing lack of interest was the obvious major factor in the disbanning of the societies, which had been a part of Taylor student life for more than 100 years. Former functions of the societies, however, have been assumed by other campus organizations such as divisional clubs, classes and department programs.

Student opinion was determined by a questionnaire sent to all members of the societies. Regular monthly meetings were poorly attended and little planning was being done for the programs. Social events made up most of the activity in recent years.

First society founded at Taylor was the Thalolian organization, formed in 1850. The Philalethians were organized in 1878, and the most recent society, Pi Eta Chi Kappa, in 1948. Miriam Clup, Echo reporter, summarized the move with these words, "All that these organizations have contributed to the student's life is not written in historical records but in the pleasant memories of Taylor alumni all over the world."

Choral Festival Held

Taylor University was host to the choirs of Huntington College and Ft. Wayne Bible College in a Choral Festival in Maytag Gymnasium Sunday, March 20. Each College choir presented three numbers on the program. The Taylor Oratorio Chorus made up of students in the A Capella Choir and other campus music organizations, was featured in a Bach cantata. The combined choirs of the three colleges joined to present the Easter portion of Handel's "Messian." 

Director of the Huntington College Choir is Chester B. Smith, a graduate of Taylor, and Betty Stanley is conductor of the Ft. Wayne Choir. Accompaniment for the festival was provided by a chamber orchestra of select instruments from the Marion Civic Orchestra.

Commencement Schedule Announced

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, professor of theology and Christian philosophy at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., will be the speaker for the 109th Commencement of Taylor University on Saturday, June 4. The 9:30 a.m. exercises in Maytag Gymnasium have formerly been held on the Tuesday following Baccalaureate, but college officials have shortened the schedule to make it possible for more parents and students to attend.

Baccalaureate services this year will be held Sunday evening, May 29, with Rev. Thurman Morris, Superintendent of the Warsaw District of the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church, as the guest speaker.

Alumni Day has been set for Friday, June 3, and will feature reunions and the annual banquet for alumni, seniors and their parents, and other friends of the college. Thursday evening, June 2, the music department will present a commencement concert in co-operation with the Marion Civic Orchestra, and Friday evening will be the Alumni Program in Maytag Gymnasium.

"Christianity and a Dying Culture" will be the topic for the address by Dr. Henry. A graduate of Wheaton College, Northern Baptist Seminary and Boston University, Henry has spoken in some of America's best-known pulpits and is an author of a number of recent books. As a Long Island newspaperman he edited the Smithtown Star and the Port Jefferson Times-Echo. He has also been a correspondent for the New York Herald-Tribune, New York Times and Chicago Tribune. In 1950 Henry spearheaded the Mid Century Rose Bowl Rally in Pasadena, the largest Christian rally in the West. He has served as chairman of the annual Rose Bowl Easter Sunrise Service. From 1945-1952 he was literary editor of United Evangelical Action, organ of the National Association of Evangelicals, and is chairman of the NAE Commission on Evangelical Social Action and former member of an NAE committee for forming a Christian philosophy of education.
THE OTHER HALF

Editor's Note: This article by Pres. Evan Bergwall appeared in the February issue of The Indiana Teacher, publication of the Indiana State Teacher's Association.

A recent issue of The Indiana Teacher announced the fact that slightly more than half of the teachers in Indiana received their training in tax-supported schools. But what of the other half?

Apparently, if it were not for the private liberal arts college, such as Taylor University, Indiana would either have only half enough teachers or the taxpayer would be required to accept the added burden of training more teachers for his children.

College administrators are no less aware of the problems of securing competent teachers than are public school officials. Even with private colleges meeting part of the demand for teachers, each year there is a shortage of trained personnel.

Twenty-five per cent of the graduates of Taylor University during the last five years have entered the teaching profession. At the present time 240 of our 510 students are enrolled in courses in the teacher training department. This figure has doubled during the past three years. Increasingly the private liberal arts colleges are training men and women for their professions in the classroom.

Noblest of Professions

Taylor University feels it a high privilege to have this responsibility of providing teachers for the youth of our generation. For teaching is among the noblest of professions; it is service to fellow men, and to that concept the successful teacher must be wholeheartedly devoted.

Part of the genius of Taylor University and the other private colleges that have been established through the various churches has been the desire to instill in the individual a sense of devotion to the things held sacred at this and other schools, among which is the ideal of service to others. Dedication to serve others can never be secured by the size of a pay check, important as financial security may be to a teacher; it is linked with an individual's beliefs about the dignity and meaning of life.

Oliver Carmichael, president of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching, has illustrated this truth in this manner: "... the inscription frequently found engraved in stone over the doorways to halls of learning, 'Know the truth and the truth will make you free'... is seriously misleading. The Master Teacher said 'If ye be my disciples, ye shall know the truth and the truth will make you free.' It is but another way of saying that facts have meaning only when there is a frame of reference, that truth is revealed only to those whose lives are properly oriented."

The increasing emphasis being placed on teacher training at Taylor and other private colleges stems in part, I think, from the desire of the small school to offer a liberal arts education rather than specialized studies in highly technical fields for which our great universities are noted. Some years ago the Saturday Evening Post in an editorial put it this way: "It should never be forgotten that the small college rather than the great university is the backbone of higher education in the United States.

"In graduate, professional and highly specialized studies, the small college cannot compete with the great university; but in laying the foundation of a liberal education, in forming character, ben...
BLIZZARD FAILS TO HAMPER ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

A steady snowstorm failed to deter young people from more than a dozen states who made their way to Taylor University March 25-27 for the 22nd annual Youth Conference. More than 1350 of the 1450 who preregistered signed up for the three day event.

In spite of the blizzard that closed all Indiana highways making it necessary for many to miss Sunday services at their homes, the 1955 Youth Conference was termed by many as one of the best. Attendance by people in the local area was limited by the condition of the roads, but Maytag Gym was well filled for most of the services.

ENGSTROM IN NEW ENTERPRISE

Ted Engstrom, executive director of Youth for Christ International and chairman of the Taylor Board of Directors has recently joined with Bob Cook and Al Smith in the purchase of Van Kampen Press, Wheaton, Illinois. Engstrom will be secretary-treasurer and general manager of the concern which will continue under the Van Kampen name. Plans of the new corporation call for promoting Christian literature, publishing Bible study books. Christian fiction, children’s material and fighting juvenile delinquency. Robert Van Kampen, who established the Press ten years ago, will sell out to the new management as of August 15, 1955.

HONAKER HONORED

Carl Honaker, speedy Taylor forward, was named to the Little All-American Third team in Basketball by the coaches of the N.A.I.A. Honaker, a senior, scored over 25 points per game this season to lead the state in per game average and rank second in total points.

Clip and Mail Now to the Taylor Bookstore, Upland, Indiana
Youth Conference Record Album Order Blank

Please send me . albums of three records of 1955 Youth Conference music at $2.00 each. Enclosed is $ .

Name
Address
City State
From the President's Desk

Our Influence Lives On

We are all very aware of the transiency of life. Our brief sojourn on earth certainly is but a small fragment of time in comparison to eternity. We are often prone, therefore, to ask what our influence might be on future generations. "Does our influence live on?"

As we look at the heritage of the Christian church, we are made very much aware of the fact that the influence of the Christian church and our ethic is living on and does bless many succeeding generations. The church had its beginning with just a few men who proved faithful; surely their influence has lived on. Men like the apostle Paul wrote and taught so that each one of us today feels the influence of that great life.

Every Christian who is used of God to win others to allegiance to Jesus Christ has his influence to live on in the life of that person—an endless chain can result. Someone has indicated that if there were only one Christian in the world, and if he would lead someone to Christ in the first year, then each one in turn would win another one the next year, that in the unbelievable short time of 32 years the world could be Christianized.

When we think of Taylor University and look back at its heritage, we know that we are the benefactors today of men who were consecrated to Christ and the cause of Christian higher education. Their influence is living on in lives of succeeding generations of youth. We at Taylor have discovered the influence of people living on through bequests in the wills of those who loved Taylor, prayed for our college and were willing to support Taylor University as an institution of Christian higher training. Well over a year ago, Mr. O. W. Storer of Muncie, Indiana, passed away and left to our school $50,000. Quite obviously, his influence has lived on, and that gift has made a tremendous difference in Taylor University.

THEIR INFLUENCE LIVES ON

A short time ago, a gentleman of our state passed away who had made Taylor the major beneficiary of his will. Someone in the past who has known and loved Taylor had influenced the life of this man. In turn, he left some of his earthly possessions, that Taylor might be stronger.

There have been others who have done that. Recently we received another bequest which probably will not come to us for several years, but when the conditions of this will are finally fulfilled, funds will be available to help worthy girls who desire to receive training at our college. This woman in her will acknowledged the fact that someone's life had blessed hers. In turn, she wanted this money to come to Taylor in the name of her benefactor.

When you consider the blessings that God has bestowed upon you, have you wondered how you might make life live on and have its influence continued effectively? When you make your will, won't you consider Taylor in that will? Our institution can give you further counsel as to the proper procedures in this matter and we will be delighted to help you.

Each one of us receives a challenge as a steward to make our influence live on in the lives of others. If Taylor can be the instrument through which you can work to this end, we would be happy to share with you in the fulfillment of that desire.

Student Opera
Outstanding Success

Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro" was presented by the Division of Fine Arts at Taylor University on Friday, March 11, in Maytag Gymnasium. Music of the 18th century opera was directed by Howard Skinner, and Mrs. Elsa Buckner of the Taylor speech department and Jack Patton, instructor in art assisted in staging.

Jim Thomas, senior psychology student from Greenfield, Indiana, portrayed Figaro and the female lead, Susanna, was played by Rosemary Hayes, Marion, Ind., freshman. The opera attacks the 18th century aristocracy and the claim of a nobleman on his maidservant over that of her fiancé.

Participate in Mock UN

Six students from Taylor University participated in a Little United Nations Assembly at Indiana University March 4-6. Students from 35 midwestern colleges and universities attended the sessions which were patterned after meetings in the international organization. Taylor's delegation represented Greece in the mock sessions.

The Taylor Student Council paid the expenses of Taylor delegates.