Upland’s underground railroad

Finding Samuel Plato

The logic of al-Qaeda
A good neighbor is a very desirable thing.
From a letter to James Monroe from Thomas Jefferson, 1790

Religion and art spring from the same root and are close kin.
From an article published in Commonweal by Willa Cather, 1936

The community which has neither poverty nor riches will always have the noblest principles.
Plato

Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?
Matthew 7:3

Beautiful or not, it is my native land; kin or not, he is a fellow countryman.
A Chinese proverb
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Some people had their careers in mind, others just needed to make some good money, and a few got to do what they love - but regardless of what we did, we all can recall the strange, wonderful, interesting

summer jobs we had during our college years.

Working with my parents on the farm in Indiana, I did every task possible.
   Ruth Coby Vining ’35, Winter Haven, Fla.

I worked nearby as a nurse in Marion General Hospital in charge of a floor with 40 patients. It was hard work but it helped pay my way through Taylor.
   Lois Weed Stoker ’58, Richmond, Ind.

I was a lifeguard. I enjoyed being outside instead of sitting behind a desk.
   Cheryl Nill ’89, Jacksonville, Fla.

I worked as a telephone switchboard operator - we had the switchboard in our house.
   Gwendolyn Somerville Gerig ’47, Woodburn, Ind.

I painted a Charles Chips factory – I sat in a huge vat of potatoes painting the conveyer belts and hoping no one turned the switch on.
   Kristin Kroehler Newman ’95, Hendersonville, N.C.
I worked part time in the post office as a substitute. The best part of the job was the peaceful time I had to myself while delivering mail.

Jual Evans ’48, Monroe, Ind.

I pastored a church in Portland, Ind. It gave me an opportunity to prepare my sermons and meet and get to know people.

William Hoke ’39, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

I didn’t make much money, but I worked at Word of Life Camp in Schroon Lake, N.Y. I also met my husband there.


I was working in housekeeping in a retirement community. Doing hard work reminds you of why you’re in school.

Jeremiah Dys ’01, Morgantown, W.Va.

While working on a farm and using a mower I pulled with a tractor, bees started chasing after me. I jumped off the tractor but had to jump back on because I’d forgotten to turn it off and it was still moving.

Donna Colbert ’54, Fort Wayne, Ind.

My first night at summer camp, I was with junior highers who wouldn’t fall asleep. We made them read Leviticus till they nodded off.

Brooke Swanson Tower ’99, Des Plaines, Ill.

At my painting job, there was one time when we used the wrong kind of paint on a house. We had to repaint it.

David Wayne ’92, Warsaw, Ind.

I enjoyed working with my dad at the lumberyard. He taught me to make a difference where you are.

Stephen Allen ’73, Mission Viejo, Calif.
A strong finish

The 403 graduates of the class of 2004 came from 32 states and 12 foreign countries. At the top of the senior class, Kevin Sparks and Eric Spaulding were recognized for their 4.0 GPAs. William Winner became the first master of environmental science graduate.

Faculty and staff receiving year-end honors included history professor Dr. Thomas Jones, who was honored with the Distinguished Professor Award. Alberta Miller and Carol Owen were recognized as distinguished staff.
A little explanation...

We have included a Letters to the Editor section for the first time in about 10 years. We received such a great response from the spring issue that we wanted to let you get a sense of what people were saying. Readers may recall the name "Exchange" is the same one that previous editors, like Kurt Bullock '81, have used for this section.

Getting kind remarks is just one of the little perks you get working behind the scenes at TU. Another is watching the dedication of the people around you. It is inspiring.

Like the local farmers, Taylor people are up early and work late. I have yet to beat Ron Sutherland, vice president for business and finance, in to work. Regardless of how early I get here, his green pickup is already parked out front.

And when I drive through campus after an evening concert or late-night run to Ivanhoe, the light in the office of Dwight Jessup, our retiring vice president of academic affairs, is invariably on. As for the extra hours that professors put in attending events, working on grading, or talking with students - where would I even begin?

This issue is dedicated to the thousands of Taylor alumni who likewise pour themselves into their families, their jobs, and their communities.

May you keep the faith, keep at it, and keep going.

D. Ritchie
Editor
dvritchie@taylor.edu
Summertime is melon time. Around here, we love letters to the editor like we love watermelon – we eat up the juicy stuff and spit out the seeds. And although nobody likes them, we’re glad to get the “seeds” because we know they are the key for new growth. So keep sending in your comments, sweet or otherwise. We look forward to hearing from you.

The human body

After reading “Keeping up appearances,” I was troubled. I am a ’89 Taylor grad who was surprised to read the paragraph stating that “Surveys done five to ten years ago showed almost no concern about body image or students struggling with eating disorders at Taylor.”

Who are you kidding? I was a student 15 years ago struggling with an eating disorder at Taylor and huge body image issues. I know other women my age who also struggled with eating disorders in their college years. I applaud the Task Force for addressing the issue. If college students don’t conquer these problems now, they will grow up and be wives, moms and women still struggling, hurting their bodies and families all just for a certain look.

I would prefer to stay anonymous because many of my Taylor friends still don’t know about this sickness I had and still struggle with to a degree today.

A ’89 Taylor grad from Illinois.

Thank you for reminding us that just because an issue does not show up in a survey, it does not mean that people are not struggling with it. While problems with body image are not new, the openness among students and staff to discuss and deal with the issue certainly is.

I was delighted to see the article entitled “Keeping up appearances” in your Spring 2004 magazine edition. The topic of healthy body awareness is often overlooked. The Lord has helped me overcome my own body issues. My focus changed and thru Him I now walk in a much healthier and more effective place than before. May you continue to tackle relevant topics in your magazine.

Cindi (Sheats) Whitman ’79
Franklin, Tenn.

New magazine

The professionalism displayed in the spring Taylor magazine is amazing. If there would be a contest among schools for the best magazine issued, I feel Taylor would be in the top category!

Wilma Augsburger Wischmeier ’53
Grandview, Mo.

I am always disappointed when Taylor magazine arrives encased in plastic. It appears like TU is not taking a very environmentally friendly approach to marketing.

Carol (Hitchcock) Chenot ’72
Valencia, Calif.
We reevaluate this almost every issue as we try to balance cost effectiveness with environmental stewardship. The polybags are a compromise — but they are our current first choice based on the available options. The bags are made from 100 percent recycled material and are completely recyclable.

Congratulations on the superb new look of Taylor magazine. Clean. Modern. Upbeat. I particularly enjoyed the "lessons we learned while at college." Keep up the humor. As a four-year veteran of the Taylathon spring bicycle race I would love to see an article with photos on this at some point. A great tradition!

James Ebert '91
New York, N.Y.

Our entire team appreciates your kindness. See the sidebar on page 38 in the alumni notes section.

Just received my Taylor magazine and like the new layout. I especially liked the "Back to Nature" piece regarding the new Master of Environmental Science. Can alumni submit unsolicited pieces for consideration? I so, could you please let me know to whom I should send my piece and if there are any particulars regarding format.

Sarah (Cleveland '98) French
Toledo, Ohio

Yes, drafts or summaries can be sent to editor@tayloru.edu or to the address at the end of this page.

When is the next issue going to be sent out to alumni?

Jonathan '01 and Sandra (Hubley '00) Duncan
South Hamilton, Mass.

Other alumni are asking the same question. While the schedule does vary, we set the plan for each fiscal year (June 1 — May 31) in early spring. We have recently switched to publishing three magazines a year. An increased page count per issue helps us cover as much news as possible.

Engaging journalism

I am writing on behalf of my mother, Lorraine (Matthews '65) Ebright. She enjoyed the article about the engagement ring tradition; I liked it too. My mother's story of her ring down experience is one of my favorites.

Kristin (Ebright) Pattison
Queen Creek, Ariz.

I may be the only woman in the history of Taylor to have two ring downs. My freshman year I was seriously dating a young man attending college in Colorado. When I went home for spring break, my roommate jokingly said to me, "Now don't come back engaged!" Well, it was too good to pass up. When I returned, I asked our RA if I could play an April Fool's joke on my roommate and stage a fake ring down. She agreed. I borrowed a ring from a friend and went through the whole thing, even inventing a bogus proposal story. Not until the end did I let everyone in on the fact that this was a big April Fool's joke. Two years later, however, as I was telling my story at my real ring down, someone called out, "Is this true this time or should I go back to my studying?"

Aimee (Marshall) Fuhrman '94
Fort Collins, Colo.

Upland's famous squirrels

Ah yes, the mysterious black squirrels. Nuts to the old men at the barbershop as well as the wild imported theory. The author has the logical explanation or theory for the black squirrels—they are migrants! The black squirrels first appeared in Detroit, Mich. Some people claim they were brought to Detroit from France. My sister lived in Detroit (Grosse Point Woods) in the late '70s and when we visited she always called our attention to the unusual black squirrels in their neighborhood. We moved to Upland in 1966 and there were no black squirrels on the campus of Taylor University. During the late '60s we purchased some wooded acreage near Ausable Institute which is located geographically in the upper part of Lower Michigan. At that time there were no black squirrels on this property. A few years later the black squirrels started appearing on campus and, I think not coincidentally, on our Michigan property. Keep in mind that it is approximately the same distance by the way the squirrel jumps from tree to tree from Detroit to Upland as it is to Ausable Institute from Detroit.

Based on this evidence I support your migration theory (think coyotes) that the black squirrels migrated from Lower Michigan over a lengthy period of time.

Dr. Ray Bullock, Upland, Ind.

Towels?

In the Summer 2003 issue of Taylor magazine, I was inspired by President Gyertson's article on servant leadership at Taylor. I graduated when Dr. Milo Rediger was president, and I am heartened to see that the core values we had back then are still embraced at Taylor.

Since my graduation at Taylor, I served in many different ministry capacities. It touched my heart to learn that at graduation the students now receive along with their diploma a towel, symbolizing commitment to service in Christ's stead. As a Taylor alumna, would I be able to get one of the towels?

Linda (Filbrun '71) Coulter
New Knoxville, Ohio

University policy has been for some time not to distribute the towels retroactively to grads prior to 1983 when the practice was started. Your question has been raised on occasion by others and is one that the president's office is currently reviewing.

Online world expands

As a computing and system sciences (CSS) major, I noticed a glaring omission from the Taylor Terms in the online magazine: "Dungeon — Basement level of Nussbaum Science Center, populated by pale, sleepless CSS majors and lit with the glow of dozens of computer monitors."

Kurtis Miller '96
Carmel, Ind.

We had the "vax" and the "scope book," but somehow forgot the Dungeon. Other missing terms can be mailed to editor@tayloru.edu. And yes, even members of the Brotherhood, Third West Wengatz and West Village can submit ideas for possible inclusion...

Send your comments to editor@tayloru.edu or Taylor magazine editors, 226 West Reade Avenue, Upland, IN 46989 or call us at 1-800-882-3456, ext. 4588. Due to space, not all letters are printed. Letters may be edited for clarity.
Clearly better

When Austin Beer '07, Lizzy Moore '06 and Brian Getz '06 left for Mexico on spring break, they didn't pack bathing suits and tanning lotion, they packed eyeglasses; about 27,000 pairs of them.

The three, along with Taylor physical plant director Bill Stoops, accompanied 30 Central Indiana Lions Club members on an eyeglass distribution outreach to the town of Silao in Guanajuato State, northwest of Mexico City. The team gave eye examinations and fitted over 4,500 people with glasses.

The Taylor Lions Club is one of only three collegiate Lions Clubs in the state. The students didn't actually take the eyeglasses with them; they were shipped from the regional collection center in Upland, the largest such center in the United States.

“My eyes are 300-300; I can hardly see across the room,” explains Getz, a freshman from Valparaiso, Ind. “Some of those people were 400-300 or 500-500,” he said. “I've had glasses since I was eight and to see people who were wearing glasses for the first time, it was great.”

Jim Garringer
The chaos box

For David Simons ’04, total chaos isn’t such a bad thing. In fact, he has been working to produce it for almost a year. While on campus last summer, Simons, a physics major, began working on a “chaos box” for associate physics professor Dr. Kenneth Kiers. For the past five years, Kiers has wanted to focus his physics senior capstone course on studying the theory of chaos, but the equipment for experiments is extremely costly. Convinced a better option had to exist, Kiers looked into the possibility of students building their own system for use in teaching.

According to Simons, the system models a mathematical equation that demonstrates chaos. He notes that weather, the stock market and even the game “Plinko” on the Price Is Right demonstrate chaos.

Simons developed his current system from early versions of the box. Using software that translates the analog signal from the chaos box into a digital signal, Simons improved its usefulness by speeding up the data collection “by a factor of ten.”

Seeing success in the classroom and the lab, Kiers now has plans for commercial production of the box. Thanks to some investment from the Center for Research and Innovation, 50 units are being factory produced, and PASCO, a scientific instrumentation company, will market the box in its catalog this year.

Simons won the Outstanding Physics Senior Award for his work on the chaos box and other projects. After graduation, Simons will be completing research in biophysics at the National Institute of Health in Washington D.C.

Summer travel

A Taylor skyscraper? It turns out that Taylor University is not Bishop William Taylor’s only namesake. Built in 1929, the William Taylor Hotel was one of San Francisco’s tallest buildings and still unofficially ranks 77th on the city’s highrise list.

Renamed the Empire Hotel and now often referred to as “100 McAllister Tower,” the 28-story building is owned by the University of California’s Hastings College of the Law. It is used for student housing, law organizations, the O’Brien Center for Scholarly Publications and the Civil Justice Clinic. The Bishop would approve.
Faculty accolades

The faculty has been offering best wishes to three retiring colleagues. Dr. Dwight Jessup, the person responsible for hiring about half of TU’s current faculty, retires after 11 years. Walt Campbell, the man who helped craft much of Taylor’s well-loved and nationally-recognized student life program, retires after 35 years. Pat Kirkpatrick finishes her time at TU with 22 years of much-appreciated service.

The faculty and staff continue in their scholarly pursuits as noted at right:

Dr. Beulah Baker, professor of English, presented the paper, “Embracing the Other: Reading Bessie Head’s The Prisoner Who Wore Glasses Through the Hermeneutics of Love” at the Conference on Christianity and Literature held at Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, Calif., March 25-28, 2004.

Dr. Faye Chechowich, associate professor of BSCER, taught two courses at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary during January: Educational Ministry with Adults and Educational Ministry with Mature Adults.


Dr. Lorne Mook, English, completed his dissertation, All Our Exploring: Time, Progression, and Affect in The Prelude and Four Quarters. He also presented his paper “Disjunction Between Belief and Affect in Four Quartets” at the Midwest Christianity and Literature Conference.

Dr. Joseph Ricke, professor of English, presented a paper on “Gender: Comedy in Shakespeare’s The Winter’s Tale” at International Congress on Medieval Studies.


Meanwhile, in other University news...

“All — my — friends — drive a lowrider.” Business professors Marvin Tapp and Scott Adams are a hard act to follow.

Along with three students playing drums, percussion, trumpet and bass guitar, Adams played trombone and Tapp growled out the lyrics to “Lowrider” at Nostalgia Night in the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium on April 15, 2004.

“When the cowbell started playing, the place went nuts before we had even gotten on the stage,” said Tapp.

Nostalgia Night is an annual event produced by the Student Activities Council that provides an opportunity for students and faculty to perform musical hits from days gone by to a packed-out auditorium. Tapp and Adams chose “Lowrider” for its low, easy range and the fact that students would recognize it. “It’s not a difficult song ... it’s low and I’m a bass voice,” Tapp said.

Last year the two performed Barry White’s “Can’t Get Enough of Your Love.” Plans are already in the works for next spring. "Rachel Elwood '04
Spring sports wrap up

Alumni who remember 11:30 p.m. intramural basketball games and a crowded fitness center will understand current students’ excitement at the news that the Kesler Student Activities Center will be finished early next fall. While crews lay the tile around the bathroom sinks and put down the hardwood floor on the basketball court, students are heading off for summer break and are reflecting on a good spring semester sports season.

**Men’s Track:** The men’s track and field squad won their tenth consecutive MCC Championship this spring. Six members of the team earned All-MCC honors, Coach Ted Bowers was named Co-Coach of the Year, and seven student-athletes qualified for the NAIA National Championships.

**Women’s Track:** The Lady Trojan track and field team placed third at the MCC Championships this season. Two members of the team earned All-MCC honors, while one team member qualified for the NAIA National Championships.

**Golf:** The Trojans golf team finished their season by placing fourth in the MCC race. Joe Zimmerman earned All-Conference honors.

**Women’s Tennis:** The women’s tennis team competed in the NAIA Region VIII Championships and placed third. The Lady Trojans fell to WHAC top seed Aquinas 5-4.

**Baseball:** The baseball team has compiled an 18-28 record during the 2004 season, including an 11-16 mark in the MCC for sixth place.

**Softball:** The Lady Trojan softball team concluded their season with a 15-19 record. Their mark of 8-6 in the MCC was good enough for a tie for third place, their best finish in six years. Coach Stephanie Smith was honored as MCC Coach of the Year.
On your marks . . . get set . . . go!

Dr. Matt DeLong, mathematics professor and math team faculty sponsor, took three teams to the Indiana College Mathematics Competition on April 2, 2004, at Indiana State University. The competition, held in conjunction with the spring Mathematical Association of America section meeting, featured 42 teams from colleges and universities around the state. The team of Michael Anderson ’05, Mike Assis ’05, Shawn Burford ’05, and Nathan Clark ’06 came in second place over all with 47 points out of 60, one point behind the winning team from Rose-Hulman and several points ahead of the next several teams, including the squad from Indiana University. The second Taylor team placed fifth and the third TU team tied for seventh place.

While the competition included top engineering schools, large state universities, and several nationally-acclaimed liberal arts colleges, no other university had three teams in the top 10. The teams worked as a unit on a total of six problems over a two-hour period.

How do you practice for a math competition?
Michael Anderson: We met on Tuesday mornings as a group to do some practice problems.

Do you ever admit to your friends that you’re on the math team?
Shawn Burford: Sure, math is going to be my profession. A math major on the math team is like an English major writing for a poetry competition.

Michael Anderson: For me, it’s about creativity, pushing your mind to always think more clearly.

What are your majors?
Michael Anderson: Math/philosophy majors, psychology minor.

Mike Assis: And I am a physics and math double major.

Shawn Burford: My major is mathematics education.

Nathan Clark: I am a music composition major, with a math minor.

How does it feel to place so well?
Shawn Burford: Two years ago, as a freshman, I participated with a sophomore and junior on my team and three seniors on the other. The senior team placed second out of thirty-two teams. Placing second this year almost feels like I’ve taken the place they left behind.
Basketball Camp and beyond

Over the years, thousands of people have been introduced to Upland, Ind., through Taylor's summer basketball camp – a program recognized and respected around the state. Nearly 1,500 young men and women will participate in one of seven week-long basketball camps at the University this summer.

Over 7,000 other guests will join them during June, July and August to participate in the numerous other camp and conference programs. High school bands will be on campus for summer rehearsal. Nearly 800 students will be at Taylor in early August for an intensive youth conference. Football camps, lacrosse camp, Elderhostel, and a conference for university library directors are all included in the list of more than 50 groups scheduled to be here.

As long as they keep the ice cream well stocked, it looks like another busy summer for Ivanhoe's.

Where the wind comes sweepin' down the plain

Walk, don't run. One person throws at a time at the beginning of each hole. Try to remember to yell "Disc!" or "Fore!" before throwing if there are people nearby.

The rules of Frisbee golf, or "frizgolf," are pretty simple.

The University disc courses make misshapen loops around campus and have been mapped out for years. Seasoned players know pars by heart.

Targets include: the doors of several buildings, the pillars of Olson and Wengatz Halls, a couple of light posts, the cornerstone on the Rupp Communication Arts building, the back stairs of Helena Memorial Hall and the Student Union, the baseball field bleachers, "the Hurl" and the Samuel Morris statues. Why those places and objects? It is tradition.

The seemingly ad hoc manner of play occasionally takes on some structure, like for the Morris Masters Tournament. Matt Braham '04 of Sammy II walked away in the gold jacket this year.

Usually, informality is king. "The idea is for frizgolf to be a relaxing activity, a good stress reliever," said Brent Gerig '02. Other than a proper golf disc, since the flimsy, light ones won't stand up to Indiana winds, there aren't too many requirements – just a few basic courtesies and one cardinal rule for bystanders: if a Frisbee lands near you, don't pick it up and throw it back.

Rachel Elwood '04
When it is all said and done

I developed a passion for history the year we studied the British Empire in high school. There is something about the accounts of battles won and lost and the human spirit’s response to triumph and tragedy in the face of great opportunities and insurmountable difficulties that inspires me. My view of life’s ultimate meaning is shaped by the exploration of this important field of study.

After I became a Christian, exposure to the Old and New Testaments, as well as the maturing Church, provided new motivation to examine the great cloud of witnesses whose legacy each succeeding generation shares and must protect. This interest turned from a focus on the facts of the people and events to the Author of mankind’s unfolding story. As I read the accounts of the past I want to discover God’s purposes – as someone said “His-story” – behind the record. As I embrace the reality that our Heavenly Father is at work both to will and do His good pleasure, I am discovering a rich resource. In understanding the past I am better equipped to serve the present. The hymn writer summed up my motivations for the disciplined study of history, “To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill; O may it all my powers engage to do my Master’s will.”

Although my formal academic training is in other fields, some of my most fulfilling experiences as a faculty member came while teaching church history at the Asian Theological Center for Evangelism and World Missions in Singapore. This unique educational entity, dedicated to equipping house church pastors to extend the mission of Jesus throughout the Far East, provided an intensive seminary-level education. Individual courses were taken one at a time in three- to four-week blocks. I taught the history of the Christian movement to dynamic, deeply dedicated, well-educated men and women. Seeing the progress of the Church through non-western eyes opened mine to the complexity of God’s work across multiple generations and within divergent, often hostile, cultures.

Through history I am learning many life-shaping lessons. First, the Church often is most effective in times of challenge, difficulty and uncertainty. The much-quoted adage that “power corrupts and absolute power corrupts absolutely” is visible in the ebb and flow of the Church’s historical currents. It seems that God did not intend for His people to have a King. Since He was to be their Sovereign, the words of the prophet and the work of the priest were to be the primary ways His plans and purposes would be achieved. However, longing to be like the other tribes and nations, they insisted on a human monarchy.

From the time of King Saul forward, Israel was distracted by affairs of State and deflected from the higher callings intended for God’s chosen people. Over the centuries, the Church experienced similar challenges. It appears, at least to date, that all efforts to set up the Kingdom of God before the King of Kings takes up residence eventually fail and compromise the redemption message. The Church, according to record and precedent, transforms lives and cultures best when it stands as a conduit of God’s mercy and providence (particularly to the least, the left and the lost), speaks with the wisdom, discernment and compassion of a Spirit-filled counselor, kneels as an empowered, persistent intercessor and, when required, serves as a martyred living sacrifice.

Second, whether prospering or persecuted, God always has a people – a remnant equipped to preserve the faith and present the Gospel with life-changing impact. It is in the times of profound persecution that spatter many of the pages of history where one finds the most celebrated heroes of the Christian faith. Early in my study of the Church I was exposed to Foxe’s Book of Martyrs. In that simple but powerful recounting I learned that no matter how dark the age, the Spirit of God preserves the message of redeeming love through those willing to pay the ultimate price to protect and promote it.

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Democrat or Republican?

Never has it been so un-cool and so unusual to be "undecided." This probably is not the best time in recent history to be taking a close look at the nuances of party politics. No one seems to have time to talk about questions like, "Is there room for social conservatives in the Democratic Party?" Unless, of course, you are talking to someone like Dr. Philip Loy.

In the midst of the overheated national debate about who is least unsuited to be the next President of the United States, Taylor professors like Loy are working to get students to take an overall broader approach toward party politics and voting. "I would like to see Taylor students become more serious, thoughtful citizens. They need to become more aware of the world around them," says Loy, a professor of political science.

"You have to get past labels like liberal, conservative, republican, democrat and think through the issues that are really important," adds Dr. Jessica Rousselow-Winquist, professor of communications.

Getting a college education and becoming a mature thinker is supposed to mean that one moves beyond knee-jerk reactions and stereotypes. The Taylor community provides a great place to wrestle with the subtleties of politics and engage in the sort of thoughtful discussions that democracy depends on. For example, while the majority of the students and faculty voted for President George W. Bush in the last election, a significant number of people here are registered democrats. This kind of diversity helps to cause some lively campus debates, and it has certainly led many staff and students to work for a better understanding of their own political convictions.

"I grew up in a home where F.D.R. and Harry S. Truman were revered," explains Rousselow-Winquist. "I grew up in a very democratic environment. I didn't come from a privileged home. My father was a farmer, and it was democrats who were more responsive to people in our socio-economic status."

Likewise, Loy, a democrat, grew up "in the world of politics." His father was a Union organizer.

Many Taylor students come from a different background - middle and upper-middle class families who are financially secure. These groups traditionally have supported economic policies of the Republican Party.

Professor of political science Dr. Stephen Hoffmann grew up in that kind of environment. "My family was republican. Not partisan, but basically conservative."

It was during his college experience in the 1960s that Hoffmann began to explore political differences. "What got me interested in political science was a concern about how to deal with Communism."

For both Rousselow-Winquist and Hoffmann, watching the Vietnam War unfold and seeing the struggles of the civil rights movement were very influential in solidifying their political views.

"The first things I ever thought about politically were war and race," said Rousselow-Winquist.

"I became aware of legitimate concerns of the civil rights movement and the war in Vietnam," said Hoffmann. "There was increasing concern about implications of my faith in regard to social justice and war." Women's rights, the environment and tax policies are also key issues for these professors.

These types of issues also seem to be relevant across the spectrum. Even in the current highly politicized environment, religious affiliation does not mean one is totally dedicated to a particular political party. According to the May 3, 2004, issue of U.S. News & World Report, 58 percent of white evangelical Christians describe themselves as conservatives politically, 29 percent call themselves moderate, and six percent consider themselves politically liberal. It is a recognition of this that helps foster honest dialogue and open-minded discussions in campus classrooms.

"Christians don't have to be one (party) or the other," said Hoffmann. "You can find Christians in both ranks. What all Christians have to be is reformers. We have a mandate from God to do good to all people, as much as possible."

Rachel Elwood '04
The Israel Jenkins house

A HISTORIC GREEK REVIVAL BRICK HOME WITH A STORY TO TELL
"You follow this creek all the way until it dwindles out, and any home you see from its banks will be safe to you."
Rural central Indiana, 1893. Taylor University constructs her first building in Upland and names it after an African American man, Samuel Morris. How do the town's people react? With nods of approval.

A trip to the beautifully restored Israel Jenkins house is a great way to understand how that sort of welcoming climate existed in Grant County in the 1890s. The home tells the story of a family who, like many families in the area, had strong abolitionist roots and actively participated in the Underground Railroad movement.

Built about five miles from where Taylor University is now located, the home was constructed around 1840 by Israel and Lydia Jenkins. The Jenkinses came to the area from Clinton County, Ohio, along with approximately 40 other Quaker families. The group had split off from their churches in Ohio over the issue of slavery and wanted to help “Freedom Seekers” find their way north.

Eventually the Grant County Quakers did even more than just move Freedom Seekers along the Underground Railroad. They helped establish a town called Weaver, located just a few miles from Upland. In Weaver slaves could live and farm on land quietly purchased for them by white farm owners, since the law did not allow African-Americans to own land. The former slaves along with free African Americans worked there to establish homes and farms and a new life.

Now, more than 150 years later, the Israel Jenkins house is in the hands of Randy and Sara Ballinger, distant relatives to the Jenkins family. The home has been entirely renovated and is currently used as a clubhouse for the Walnut Creek and Club Run golf courses. The home is filled with period furniture and family antiques and is a strong reminder of an age when people pushed hard for a better society. “It’s an important time in history when people moved to this part of Grant County, a complete wilderness, to do something for others,” explains Sara.

Seven years after Israel died, Lydia sold the farm to David Ballinger, who was current owner Randy Ballinger’s great-grandfather. Randy and Sara purchased the home and surrounding land in 1989, a little over one hundred years after it entered the family, initially with no intention of building another golf course. “We always liked the house, but we had no idea of its history,” said Sara.

The Ballingers, with help from an architect and preservationist, determined that the house was salvageable and one-of-a-kind. The renovation process took two years to complete and made every effort to retain and restore the original features of the home. Its authentic status has earned it listings in the National Register of Historic Places and the Indiana Registry of Historic Sites and Structures.

The eight-room, 1,800-square-foot structure is a fine (continued on page 22)
THROUGH A HOLE IN THE FLOOR IN A CLOSET TUCKED BENEATH THE STAIRCASE LIES A BRICKED AREA THAT CAN HOLD 12 TO 15 PEOPLE.
State of Vermont; on the 1st day of September, A.D. 1848, in the County of Grand, in the presence of several respectable persons of said County, and before me, the undersigned, a Notary Public, in and for the said County, personally appeared before me, the said Lemuel Mitchell, and on being duly sworn to this effect, did sign, publish, and acknowledge this instrument to be his act and deed, and that he was fully satisfied therewith, and did acknowledge the same.

Given under my hand and seal, this 1st day of September, A.D. 1848

Robert Marshall, Notary Public.
The original 1840s fireplace features bricks made on the property and hand-hewn lumber. A downstairs door showcases a painted wood-grain finish – this specialized grained painting gives an indication of the wealth of the Jenkins family. The family china is more than 100 years old. Randy Ballinger’s great grandmother Amelia Fisherbuck Ballinger, who came to the U.S. from Prussia and lived in the home from the 1880s until the early 1900s, first used the set. A view from the second floor center window shows a landscape and a road little changed after more than a century and a half. Old stools and the original deed are included in the Ballingers’ collection of antiques that fill the home.

THE ISRAEL JENKINS HOUSE WAS ALSO KNOWN AS “THE ELMS STATION OF FARMINGTON.”

Farmington was the name given to a small community established just north of Upland and was complete with three doctors, a mercantile, a blacksmith, a wagon maker and a coffin maker. Israel Jenkins, in addition to being a farmer, owned the town sash sawmill. The families likely selected the name Farmington in honor of the town by the same name in Connecticut. Following the now famous 1839 mutiny on board the ship La Amistad, the slaves who gained their freedom in that event all settled in Farmington, Connecticut, an abolitionist community, before returning to Africa.

The name, “The Elms,” was in keeping with a tradition in the community to name safe houses after trees. Hence neighbors owned homes named “Scarlet Oaks,” “Golden Oaks,” etc. The neighbors included Charles Atkinson, who was the “chief conductor” in the area and lived on a farm that neighbored the Jenkins house. His assistants included Lydia Jenkins’ brother, Daniel Dwiggins, and brother-in-law, David Wall.

Opening quotation on page 17 from The Economy - Cabin Creek Short Branch and Some of its Operatives by C.E. Charles, Society of Indiana Pioneers, 1971. Additional details from Israel Jenkins House by Sara Ballinger.
example of the Greek revival style of architecture. The bricks used in construction were fired on site, just as the lumber was cut from the Jenkins sawmill. In the renovation process, all the wood had to be stripped and refurbished, with the exception of a few pieces of damaged wood that had to be replaced.

A discreet closet under the stairs is one of the most interesting features of the home. Underneath a stove board at the bottom of the closet is a two-foot hole large enough for a man to fit through. Underneath lies a bricked-off area that can hold 12 to 15 people. The exterior brick walls of the home extend into the ground. If any people were hiding in the secret room beneath the house, the double walls would not allow dogs searching the area to detect the runaways. The home was designed with freeing slaves in mind.

The rest of the house is interesting for its simple beauty. All of the six-over-six windows in the home are the original, hand-blown glass. Each individual room in the home displays different trim around the windows. It has been speculated that the Jenkins home served as a model, where other people could view the various types of trim available.

The Jenkins home is also unique in its chimney design. Normally in homes of the era, multiple chimneys would come together with one common chimney protruding from the roof, forming an upside down Y shape. The Jenkins home displays four distinct chimneys, located around the edges of the home.

The home also has a full floor attic, creating a third floor, which was probably used as sleeping areas for the Jenkins' eight children.

Each bedroom except one has closets built into the wall, which were rarities. Closets were considered extra rooms, so they were taxed accordingly. It is speculated that the Jenkins family was very wealthy to build such an elaborate home.

Some of the treasures on display in the house include: a spinning wheel found in the attic, an iron drill for barn pegs, school slates, the original deeds for the property, a wagon wheel wrench, a family quilting rack, some authentic clothes, and an old book found within a hollow wall of the home that helped date the home to 1840.

Open to the public, the Jenkins home and museum holds receptions and tours for the community, while also serving as the clubhouse for the golf course. Walnut Creek hosts the Odle Golf Classic annually and is the home course of the Taylor Golf Team.

Down to the authentic hinges and doorknobs, square nails and wood ceilings, the house stands as a tribute to the early residents of Grant County and their strong views on equality and human dignity.

Serena (Thrash) Duke '04
Finding Plato

Why three old documents are causing a stir among architectural enthusiasts, historians and the local community.
Taylor nearly flattened Swallow-Robin Hall in 1986. The cost to bring it up to code seemed unfeasible and the 70-year-old dorm seemed doomed for the wrecking ball. That's when former president Jay Kesler stepped in to save the smallest and oldest operational residence hall on campus. Four years and more than one million dollars later, the building where Kesler lived as a student and served as hall director after he graduated was reopened for use.

It seems now that Kesler's move to save the structure was a better idea than anyone realized. Three documents just noticed in the files of the Marion, Ind., public library indicate that Samuel Plato, a prominent, pioneering African-American architect of the early 1900s, built Swallow-Robin.

Over the course of his career, Plato designed numerous churches, government buildings, and other structures that now are listed on the National Registry of Historic Places. Born in 1882 in Waugh, Ala., Plato completed his education at the State University of Louisville. He then came to Marion, Ind., in 1902 during the height of the gas boom, and lived there until 1921.

When he first arrived in Marion, no contractor would hire him because he was an African-American. He struggled for several years to gain a reputation, and was repeatedly discriminated against. When he did get a commission to build a new public high school in Marion, he was fired when the white construction workers refused to work for him. Yet, he was talented and successful and his reputation grew. When Plato got the commission in 1912 to build the elegant Wilson-Vaughn Hostess House, one of the most famous buildings in Marion, he required that all black contractors be allowed into the workers' union before white contractors would be allowed to work on the mansion.

While it is well documented that Plato went on to construct numerous other buildings in the area, the link with Swallow-Robin is a new development. The first clue is a recently found bill made out to Taylor University dated Nov. 28, 1916, listing the cost for building materials, plans, revisions, etc. While no specific building name is listed, the University archives show that Swallow-Robin was constructed in 1916.

Two other documents, letters from Plato and from Fred Ayres, the assistant treasurer of Taylor at the time, help explain Plato's connection to the University as well as relate the story of the uncertain financial status of Taylor in the early 1900s. The letters, also sent in late Nov. 1916, discuss billing details and include Plato's remarks about his experience of slow payments "during the construction of the entire building."

Taylor was eventually able to cover all the bills for the residence hall, thanks in part to a gift from Rev. and Mrs. Silas C. Swallow of Harrisburg, Pa. that totaled nearly half of the $10,000 cost of construction. The name Swallow-Robin was selected as a tribute to the mothers of the benefactors, Mrs. Swallow and Mrs. Robin.

Plato went on to work in Marion for several years before returning to Kentucky where he lived until his death in 1957. While based there he became the first African-American to receive commissions to build federal post offices, and over his career constructed nearly 40 from New York to Alabama. Other notable structures he built include the Broadway Temple AME Zion Church in Louisville, Ky., and the William H. Seward Hall at his alma mater. He designed the Second Baptist Church in Bloomington, Ind. The Pythian Temple in Columbus, Ohio, built by Plato in 1926, is now known as the Martin Luther King Performing and Cultural Arts Complex and is recognized as the only historic building in that city designed by an African-American architect.

Plato's contributions to the world of architecture are well recognized. His contribution to the Taylor campus landscape is shedding new light on the architectural heritage of the University.

-written with assistance from Serena (Thrush) Duke '04, Rachel Ehwood '04 and David Kaspar '04
"The minute I saw it, I said, 'that's a Samuel Plato building.'"

Jon C. Smith, director of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology.

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They think they are right

Understanding and challenging the logic of al-Qaeda

Dr. James S. Spiegel

Bombs in Spain. Atrocities in Iraq. Since the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, nearly every angle of the ongoing acts of terrorism has been explored in print. Yet few writers have seriously analyzed the actual arguments that Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda might use to defend their actions. If the 9-11 attacks were so obviously morally wrong, then why do al-Qaeda and their sympathizers believe so strongly otherwise?

Al-Qaeda’s Case Against the United States

The al-Qaeda case against the United States can be spelled out as follows. First, there is the matter of U.S. military presence in the Muslim holy land, Saudi Arabia. This defiles the holy site of Mecca, the birthplace of Islam’s prophet Mohammed, and it also defiles Medina, where the tomb of Mohammed is located. The Qur’an, the holy book of Islam, speaks plainly to such matters: infidels must be killed. The 9-11 attacks were simply a partial fulfillment of this mandate.

Secondly, there is the matter of U.S.-led sanctions against Iraq, which resulted in the deaths of tens of thousands of innocent civilians, including many children. This quiet atrocity was an act of war against Islam, so Muslims are justified in making an aggressive response, according to the Qur’an.

Thirdly, the U.S. has been a strong supporter of Israel and opponent of the creation of a Palestinian nation. From the creation of Israel in 1948 to this day, the U.S. position has constituted an attack on the Muslim people, as Palestinians have been repeatedly persecuted, displaced, and murdered.

Finally, for decades the United States has led an attack on Islamic culture and values through its economic power and entertainment industry. American music, film, television programs and commercials persistently promote all kinds of sexual promiscuity, materialism and blasphemy. This has been especially oppressive in Arab countries where such values are considered offensive to many Muslims.

In sum, then, al-Qaeda accuses the United States of desecration of the Muslim holy sites, the murder of tens of thousands of Iraqi Muslims, the persecution and displacement of Palestinian Muslims, and continuous subversion of Islamic culture and values. Taken individually, any one of these attacks on the Muslim world constitutes sufficient grounds for a counter-attack on the United States. Jointly considered, they constitute overwhelming grounds. Thus, the 9-11 attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon were morally justified. So goes al-Qaeda’s case against the U.S.

Problematic Responses

Several objections immediately come to mind. Here are some of the most common lines of reasoning, along with the likely responses from supporters of al-Qaeda. First, one might grant the validity of the above arguments in favor of attacking the U.S. but reject the legitimacy of the means by which this was carried out. The 9-11 attacks targeted innocent civilians rather than military personnel and installations, and this is always unjust. However, in reply, it may be noted that U.S. civilians working in the WTC and Pentagon were in fact working for the U.S. economic machine and military,
respectively. Thus, these were not innocent people but conspirators in the ongoing attack on Islamic culture and values and the oppression of Muslim people. The use of this objection by Americans is somewhat ironic, given the military history of the U.S., which has occasionally featured the targeting of civilians, including Sherman's rampage through Georgia during the Civil War and U.S. nuclear attacks on Japanese civilian populations at the end of World War II.

A second objection appeals to the notion that the use of terrorist tactics is inconsistent with true Islam. The very name of this religion is derived from Salam, which means “peace.” Moreover, the Qur’an explicitly teaches kindness to neighbors and advocates non-violence. In reply, however, the Muslim may appeal to the doctrine of jihad or “holy war.” While non-violence is generally normative for Muslims, there are exceptions to this rule, such as when the Islamic religion itself is attacked. In such cases, infidels may be killed. The United States is for the most part a nation of infidels, citizens who blithely participate in the persistent attacks on the Muslim way of life and the desecration of Islamic holy sites, so attacks on U.S. citizens are appropriate exceptions to the rule of peace taught in the Qur’an.

It seems that the al-Qaeda position yields a more subtle logic than we might have suspected. Indeed, while we might have thought there was no respectable argument to be made in defense of the 9-11 attacks, we now might find ourselves squirming in search of some rational armament to justify our outrage. Fortunately, there are some further arguments that carry the day for critics of al-Qaeda, but they demand a deeper level of philosophical and theological reasoning than most are prepared to admit. We must analyze the situation in light of just war theory and engage in critical analysis of Islamic doctrinal positions.

Appealing to Just War Theory

So let us consider the principles of just war theory. According to this perspective, war is morally legitimate in the case of self-defense and to protect the innocent. The war may be waged only by a legitimate autonomous nation state; there must be sufficient cause such as real or imminent attack; there must be a reasonable chance of success in achieving the stated aim of the war; and war must be a last resort.

So how does al-Qaeda’s case for the 9-11 attacks fare according to these basic requirements of just war theory? Not too well, it seems. First, there was no legitimate political authority behind the attacks, only a clandestine network of terrorists, united under the al-Qaeda banner.

With regard to the second condition, it is questionable, to say the least, that the economic and cultural attack by the West, principally the U.S., on Muslim culture has been severe enough to justify military action against the U.S. Thirdly, as regards achieving the stated aims of al-Qaeda, they do not seem even to have any clear constructive aims. They certainly have not publicly articulated their demands. And assuming that their aim is to overthrow the West or to bring an end to U.S. foreign policy as it now stands, is it reasonable to think that the 9-11 attacks and other terrorist activities could really change things for the better? Surely not.

So from the standpoint of just war theory, the case against al-Qaeda is conclusive.

Yet there is the more difficult matter of addressing the Islamic doctrine of jihad. What are we to say to those Muslims who justify their militancy by appealing to the Qur’an’s directive to defend their religion and even to kill the infidels? It seems this perspective
can be met on one of two fronts, from a perspective that is internally or externally critical.

According to the first approach, one may counter such thinking by arguing that this is an improper interpretation or application of the Qur'an's actual teaching, that those militants who favor the use of violence to advance the cause of Islam are being unfaithful to true Islam. According to this approach, then, the militants are the true infidels, for they misrepresent Allah and his teachings. Such an approach seems to be the more popular one in public discussions these days, notwithstanding the fact that it presupposes some fairly deep acquaintance with Islamic theology and Qur'anic textual hermeneutics. One wonders how many of those who glibly declare that true Islam is a peaceful religion are able to support their assertion with references to the Qur'an, other sacred Islamic writings, or at least a scholarly authority. Such passages as these are especially problematic: "Fight for the sake of Allah those that fight against you, but do not attack them first. Allah does not love the aggressors. Kill them wherever you find them. Drive them out of the places from which they drove you... Fight against them until idolatry is no more and Allah's religion reigns supreme" (The Koran: 2:190-93). Such passages as these (see also 2:216, 8:60, and 9:29) are interpreted by many Muslims as justifying nothing more than protection of the community, but it is easy to see why others disagree. Such directives are understandably the source of serious Islamic theological debate, and to casually take a side without actually exploring the issue is imprudent, not to mention insulting to Islamic scholars. And yet that is what many of us have done.

An externally critical approach to Islamic militancy avoids these difficulties by simply rejecting the Qur'an as a special divine revelation. Yet even rigorous efforts to make a strong defense of one's rejection of a religion will be cumbersome at best. Such debates often don't get past the procedural phase, much less alter people's beliefs about a religion. So the externally critical approach to Islamic militancy devolves into a foreclosure on public dialogue about the matter. But what's worse is that it is a barrier to any productive public dialogue with Muslims, including those who are non-militant. And surely that is not what we want.

So it seems that whichever route we choose, the internally or externally critical approach, we face serious difficulty. Yet we must choose, for arguments from just war theory will not convince militants to abandon their commitment to jihad. Al-Qaeda sympathizers cannot be engaged at that level. But they must be engaged somewhere.

Conclusion

We cannot avoid doing careful political philosophy and theological analysis even when it comes to discussion of the worst atrocities. Of course, in a culture that prizes superficial thinking and which is guided by broadcast media resistant to thoughtful examination of moral foundations, such care is usually avoided. It can be uncomfortable, even frightening. What 9-11 and its ongoing aftermath have shown us is that the defense of truth in the public square is sometimes both.

Works Cited


HEADED TO ORCHESTRA HALL

For starters Jeff Tsui will spend part of his summer at the Aspen Music Festival
Jeff Tsai '04 will be the first to tell you that his goals in life are different from those of his friends. An accomplished trumpeter, Tsai's professional aspirations have never been to play with an orchestra but rather to manage one. So whether he has landed his dream job or simply accomplished a feat reserved for graduate school alumni, Tsai has taken a big first step toward that career as one of only three people nationwide to land a prestigious 2005 Orchestra Management Fellowship with the American Symphony Orchestra League (ASOL).

Tsai, who graduated from Taylor in May with a degree in music, will begin his work at the Aspen Music Festival this summer. From there, he will go on to three other orchestral residency programs throughout the United States. "I really could end up anywhere. I've asked them to diversify my assignments as much as possible," he said.

The purpose of the ASOL fellowship program is to give comprehensive training to the world's most promising talent, according to its Web site www.symphony.org. Tsai was the only bachelor's degree holder in this class. "In the past five years, only two winners came from undergraduate institutions," said Tsai, adding the average winner's age was 25 and that many came from schools like The Juilliard School, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Northwestern University. "Coming from this relatively unknown school, I look at this as a true calling from God," he said. "This is quite an honor for the Taylor music department."

The process involved an online application submission, followed by intensive interviews by a panel in New York City. It was from that process Tsai emerged as one of the organization's three fellows.

"He is not intimidated by people who are older," said Taylor music department chairperson Dr. Albert Harrison. "He can share his views and he is not uncomfortable in a situation where people have divergent views; and it has to be that way for all of our students."

Harrison complimented Tsai as a musician and pointed to his travels, internships and work with various symphonies as aids to his appointment. "Jeff really did it himself. He did have some good foundational training," Harrison said. "The (ASOL committee) had respect for him. He is a natural leader and well spoken."

"They didn't focus on where you went to school or what you've accomplished but your potential as a leader. When they asked me questions it was a lot of what I had learned at Taylor," Tsai related. "It was about servant-minded leadership. A lot of what I learned at Taylor helped me put my best foot forward. I call it the 'Holy Grail' for an early career in the arts."

"I feel like this is what God wants me to do. You don't have to go to medical school or an Ivy League school or become a doctor and do the things the world guarantees will make you successful," Tsai continued. "If I follow God's calling He's going to make some miraculous things happen. Success is not defined by how much money you make but by following the goals God lays in front of you."  

*Jim Garringer*
Completing
Celebrating the completion of the Taylor Tomorrow campaign
Dreams

Following seven years of anticipation, the total for the Taylor Tomorrow campaign reached nearly $80 million. In addition to funding endowed chairs, strengthening scholarships and expanding academic programs like the Center for Teaching Excellence and the Master of Environmental Science, the campaign enhanced the landscape on both the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses, adding five new buildings and expanding the Hodson Dining Commons. The following charts and photos, showing the two latest projects, provide a glimpse of the scope of the University’s most recent successful campaign.
**Source of Gifts**

- **Alumni:** 23.9%
- **Trustees:** 18.3%
- **Friends:** 9.6%
- **Foundations:** 29.2%
- **Estate:** 8.8%
- **Corporations:** 7.7%
- **Employees:** 1.2%
- **Parents and Students:** 1.1%
- **Churches:** .2%

**Goal:** $75 million

**Number of donors:** 15,488

Over seven years Taylor faculty and staff gave nearly $1 million.

Percentage of donors who are alumni: 70%

Total received: $79,667,000

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**Timeline**

- **May 1995**
  - Plan for Actualization approved by the board of trustees

- **October 26, 1996**
  - Taylor Tomorrow Capital Campaign made public during the Sesquicentennial Celebration

- **April 18, 1997**
  - Ground breaking for Samuel Morris Residence Hall

- **October 30, 1998**
  - Dedication of Samuel Morris Residence Hall

- **May 21, 1999**
  - Ground breaking for Eicher Student Commons

- **May 24, 2001**
  - Dedication of Eicher Student Commons

- **October 5, 2001**
  - Ground breaking for Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center

- **September 28, 2002**
  - Ground breaking for Calvin English Library

- **April 4, 2003**
  - Dedication of Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center

- **May 9, 2003**
  - Ground breaking for Kesler Student Activities Center

- **December 31, 2003**
  - Campaign concludes
1928
Melvina (Gleason '28) Wilson died Feb. 2 in Santa Ana, Calif. Preceding her in death was husband M. Lee Wilson '29. The Wilsons served Methodist churches in Indiana and Minnesota from 1929 until Lee's death in 1959. Melvina was accepted as a missionary by the Women's Division of the Methodist Church, and served in Pakistan until her retirement in 1973. TU alumni among her survivors include daughter and son-in-law Mary Lee (Wilson '53) and Richard Turner '55; granddaughter Kathleen (Turner '79) Jimenez; and nephew Jural Evans '48.

1930
A memorial service was held for Rev. Elsie (Fuller) Gibson on Nov. 21, 2003. Rev. Gibson is remembered as a person of strong character and steadfast faith. She wrote articles for both Protestant and Catholic periodicals and was known for her interfaith dialogue groups. She was honored to be a Protestant observer at Vatican II.

1931
Bishop R. Marvin Stuart died Nov. 11, 2003. His 1978 election to president of the Council of Bishops capped a distinguished career in which he served almost 30 years as a minister in the Bay Area and 16 years as a bishop in Denver and San Francisco. He was preceded in death by wife Mary Ella (Rose x'30).

1937

1940
Ruth (Prosser) Keizer died Oct. 28, 2003. A lifetime teacher, she was honored as Outstanding Science Teacher of the Year in 1977 by the New Mexico State Science Teachers Association; she served as president of this organization at one time. She was preceded in death by husband Clifford. Her sister is Esther (Prosser '42) Webb.

1941
Hugo "Art" Muller, husband of Elizabeth (Carpenter), died Dec. 9, 2003. Elizabeth can be reached c/o Jean Stace, 32008 Wallington Ct, Westlake Village, CA 91361.

1946
Dr. G. Linwood Barney went to be with the Lord on March 1. He was one of the founders of Youth Conference at Taylor, which is still held annually. His wife Marian (Matthew x'38) survives; her address is United Methodist Community, 1070 W Jefferson St, Franklin, IN 46131.

1950

1951
William & Mary Ann (Fleming x'53) Berry live in Colorado Springs where William is the math lab coordinator at Pikes Peak Community College. E-mail is marybill2@earthlink.net. • Rev. Harry "Buzz" Williams died at his home Oct. 28, 2003. He served United Methodist churches throughout North Dakota for 50 years, including a term as district superintendent of the North Dakota conference where he was a beloved and loving mentor and friend to countless people. He is survived by wife Lorna (Green), sisters Laura (Williams '53) Romeus and Donna (Williams '49) Schmidt. Lorna's address is 219 25th Ave N, Fargo, ND 58102.

1952
Dick Hoyer passed away Nov. 24, 2003, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. Faithfully serving the Lord for more than 40 years as a pastor and a teacher, he is survived by Frances, his wife of 56 years.

1954
Rev. Walter Meacham died Jan. 29, 2004. Wife Rebecca resides in Fort Wayne, Ind. • Noel & Ruth (Thomas x'56) Spencer are retired from the United Methodist Church and are dividing their time between Kentucky and Florida. E-mail is nspecker4@juno.com.

1955
Stan & Connie (Ross) Reed are retired from professional ministry after 54 years in the pastorate. Stan continues to coach the girls and boys junior varsity tennis teams at Temecula Valley HS in Temecula, Calif. • Betty (Lannerd) Snyder still lives on a farm in New Castle, Ind. Though life has brought many changes, Betty still loves Taylor and all it meant to her as a college student.

1956
Carol Sue Dempster '57, Marge (Wickett '55) Vida, Ginny (Motiu '55) Puroll, Phyllis (Lantz) Morrical and Arlene (Nelson x'57) Barrow went on a Caribbean cruise where they spent time reminiscing about their days at TU. "It seems impossible that 50 years have passed since we first met!" • Dr. Jack Riggs has been promoted to senior professor of Bible at Cedarville University where he has been employed since 1967. • Riley & Ruth (Unkenholz '57) Case, Bob & Joan (Lloyd '57) Gilkison, Ed Dodge '57 and Ron Woodward enjoyed a reunion in Florida; the guys have been part of a long-running circuit letter.

Ron Woodward '56 with fellow TU alum
1957
Howard Holmes x passed away Oct. 13, 2003, due to cancer. He is survived by wife Ernestine (Good '55) of Plains, Kan.; sons Roger '79, Merlin '82, Stuart. Will; and daughter Janelle Moore.

1959

1960
Peg Matthews continues to live at 1418 Camelot Dr, Winona Lake, IN 46590. E-mail is pegmatt@bni.net.

1961
Barbara (Johnson) Phillips died Feb. 29 due to liver cancer. She is the sister of Beverly (Johnson '59) Kahn.

1962
Raymond Durham went to be with the Lord on Feb. 26 after a six-month battle with lung cancer. Ray was a retired HS counselor, golf coach, Sunday school teacher, deacon and missionary. His life was a testimony to God's faithfulness; he touched many with his kindness and wisdom. He is survived by wife Adrien (Chandler x'63), children Katherine (Durham '89), Palmateer, James Durham x'93 and Raymond Durham x'91.

1963
Chris Beeson x was selected as Indiana's County Auditor of the Year on Oct. 9, 2003. Chris lives in Hagerstown, Ind.; • Douglas Wood died suddenly of heart complications while jogging on Sept. 21, 2003. He was an avid runner who had completed 12 marathons and three triathlons, and was a member of Northport Running Club. A race has been established in his memory that will benefit a local scholarship for athletes at the HS. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Ruth Ann (Walker '64). He was the brother of Theodore Wood '68 and Carol Warton-Miller '71.

1966
Ruth (Pulis) Carder died apparently while having devotions on her back porch on the morning of May 6. She and her husband lived in Kennesaw, Ga.

1967
Rev. John Robles x founder of Operation: Latin America rejoices as churches are being built by teams in villages to inside a federal penitentiary.

1968
Larry Correll continues as president of Timothy Ministries where he also serves as principal of Kum Bible College, Eastern Cape, South Africa; his wife Susan (Winey '69) has retired from teaching after 35 years.

1969
Bob & Sharon (Leach) Seeberger live in Redwood City, Calif., where Sharon leads international missions at Peninsula Covenant Church and serves as a sales consultant for a Chinese import/wholesale trade company. Together they own a video production business. E-mail is sseeberger@sbglobal.net.

1971
David & Linda (Watson '73) Guthrie live in Phoenix where David is a senior field rep for Insurance Services Office, Inc. E-mail is dnguthrie@att.net.

1972
Robert Maxwell is a senior partner in the New Orleans-based law firm of McRannie, Sistrunk, Anzelmo, Hardy, Maxwell & McDaniel. Recently, he obtained a defense verdict for Ford Motor Co., in a case that attacked the design of airbag systems used in all Ford vehicles. E-mail is oaklanderanch@aol.com. • Doug Smith works as a vocational rehab counselor for the state of Ohio. E-mail is info@combatships.com.

1974
Wade & Karen (Wallace) Thompson reside in Oceanside, Calif., where Robert is the president of Consolidated Home Loans. E-mail is wthompson@ix.netcom.com.

1975
Michael & Mariann (Russell x) Looney live in Grand Rapids, Mich. E-mail is merg45@aol.com. • Roy & Marabeth (Johannes) Ringenberg will be returning to the states for a year beginning in July. Roy is planning to work at Southwestern Medical Clinic in Michigan. E-mail is ringenb@hjb.org.cc.

1976
Rev. Dr. Jim Barnum received his clinically-trained Chaplain Certificate in 2003. The certificate was awarded by the College of Pastoral Supervision and Psychotherapy at their annual plenary. • Bill x & Becky Lamb continue to live in Louisville, Ky., where Bill is president of Independence Television Co. E-mail is billlamb@fox1.com.

1977
Carole (Adams x) Hart is assistant director at Small Business Development Center—College of Business at Florida Atlantic Univ. • Dave & Margaret (Funk x'80) Humrichouser live in Danville, Ind., with their children Jonathan (17), Andrea (15), Amy (11) and Angela (8). Dave is the manager, appdev at BeMusic. E-mail is humricho@sbglobal.net. • Retha Martin and husband Bob Van Alstine have moved to 124

My slightly different graduation

In the spring of 2000, I was a senior on the Trojan track team.

As graduation was nearing for everyone, several of us were facing a bit of a problem, we would be in Vancouver, British Columbia for the track and field nationals on the day of graduation. Fortunately, one of our members, Jody Thompson, had gone to Jay Kesler's office to ask if he would be willing to host a small ceremony for those of us who would miss our graduation. Luckily for us, he agreed.

After we finished with the track meet in Canada, Jody, Darren Youngstrom and I came back to Upland to attend our graduation ceremony. We all dressed up in our caps and gowns and went over to the president's house. When we knocked on the door we were greeted by Jay who was in blue jeans and a T-shirt. He met us with a large smile on his face and told us that he would be back in a minute after he changed into his own cap and gown. When he came back he asked us if we would like for him to give an address but then decided that we really didn't want to hear one and that we would just take pictures and he would give us our diplomas. So we all took turns receiving our diplomas from Jay and having our pictures taken by the family members that had come to see us graduate. We had a lovely time with Jay and a very personal graduation.

Mike Sandelin '80
Laurel Ridge Ln, Cataula, GA 31804. After a 20-year career as an attorney of intellectual property, Retha has switched careers and has accepted a faculty position in the dept of communication at the Univ of Columbus. E-mail is rjmartin55 @earthlink.net. • Buddy & Vicki (Norris) Young live in Coos Bay, Ore., where they are enjoying their two grandchildren. Buddy is “back on the streets” with the police force and loving it; his duties include Narcotics Team, Homicide Team, SWAT Team Sniper, Rappel Master and Deputy Medical Examiner. Vicki is in her eighteenth year as a first grade teacher at Kingsview Christian School. E-mail is snipercoosert@yahoo.com.

1978
Michael & Sandra (Fonseca ’79) Duncan reside in Long Grove, Ill., with their children Stephanie (16) and Matthew (14). E-mail is dunc5847@aol.com.

1979
Mark Ahlseen lives in Lindsborg, Kan., where he is assoc prof of economics at Bethany College. E-mail is ahlseeenn@bethanylb.edu. • Bruce Grabenkort works at Key Auto Finance and is the relationship manager. He resides in Barrington, Ill; e-mail is bruce.grabenkort@sbcglobal.net. • Douglas Haines is CEO of InterComm, Inc. in Warsaw, Ind. His children are Keegan (11) and Kathleen (8). E-mail is doug@intercommmedia.org. • Dennis x & Renee (Bianchini) Norton, along with four generations of their family, are serving the Lord at Royal Oak Farm Orchard in Hebron, Ill. Dennis is the webmaster, operations and marketing manager, while Renee operates the gift shop. Their daughter Sarah (17) will be attending TU in the fall. E-mail is dmnorton@royal oakfarmorchard.com.

1980
Scott & Colleen (Scott) Goodman have moved to 4526 Highridge Ave, Dayton, OH 45420, after spending the last 10 years in Michigan. Scott is the pastor of Spinning Road Baptist Church and Colleen is a case manager for Miami Valley Child Development Centers. Their children are Grant (15), Abbie (13) and Luke (7). • Eric Jarmon is teaching at Cornerstone Christian Academy in Philadelphia. E-mail is jdrjarmon@aol.com. • Joe & Karla (Reeder x) Leonard reside in Grosse Ile, Mich., with their children Stephen (21), Sarah (19) – a TU student, and Andrew (13). Karla is a paraprofessional for Grosse Ile Schools. E-mail is jkleonard4@comcast.com. • Eileen (Woodard) Starke is the director of business development at Orion Systems in Tulsa, Okla. Her children are Carly (18) and Bobby (13). E-mail is eileens@orionsystem.com.

1981
Dirk & Cindy Case live in Port Huron, Mich., where Dirk is executive director of St. Clair County YFC. Their son Josh is a TU sophomore and Amanda is 17. • David & Martha (Palmer) Chambers reside in Pittsburgh. Martha works for Trinity Episcopal School for Ministry where she is also pursuing an MA in religion/systematic theology. Children are Caitlin (16) and Keven (13). E-mail is rohallion@yahoo.com. • Brad & Kathy Koenig live in Denver with children Wayne (14) and Evan (10). Brad is employed by the Caleb Project, a mission’s mobilization ministry on the publication team. E-mail is bkoenig@ croproject.com. • Greg & Joy (Yonally) Pyles have moved to Puerto Rico as missionaries where they will be helping a pastor in a small Spanish church. Greg left a secular job to pursue this opportunity. Children are Sarah (16), Hayden (12) and Matthew (8). E-mail is gregioypyles@msn.com. • Karla (Wagoner) Townsend is a self-employed behavioral clinician in Muncie, Ind. E-mail is katownsend59@yahoo.com.
1982
Brent & Carmen Bloomster live in Pickerington, Ohio, with children Heather (15), Kyle (12) and Jordan (8). Brent is a psychologist at Moundbuilders Guidance Center. E-mail is bloomster@usa.com. • Douglas Kingx may be reached at dlkingma@carolina.rr.com.

1983
Paul & Ann Branks welcomed their fourth daughter, Lillian Esther, into their family on July 23, 2003. Lilly joins big sisters Lauren (18), Ellen (14) and Meredith (10). Paul works in corporate communications for Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield in Indianapolis. E-mail is pbanks@msn.com. • LtCol Charles “CJ” May has been selected for promotion to Colonel, USMCR. CJ remains on Active Duty at Headquarters, US Pacific Command, Honolulu, as the Joint Operations Command Center Executive Officer. The May family has now relocated from Maui to Honolulu and

Leaping the loop makes international news
You may have read about it in the Washington Post. Or maybe you saw it in the Seattle Times, Kansas City Star, Miami Herald, or any one of the dozens of other newspapers that ran the story. Perhaps you caught it in the Sun in the United Kingdom or the Daily Times in Pakistan.

It seems like leaping frog is big news these days.

If Guinness officials confirm the attempt, Taylor University students, faculty and staff have set a new world’s record for the number of people to play a game of leaping frog.

A total of 927 students, faculty and staff lined up after a shortened chapel service on Friday, May 14, 2004, in a line that snaked over a half mile along the campus loop from the Rediger Chapel Auditorium. It was the second attempt at the record after bad weather short-circuited the first attempt on May 1.

“The Taylor students have shown determination and a taste for the novel with this event,” said Taylor sophomore Nate Clark, a philosophy major from Woodville, Ohio, and the game’s organizer.

Jon Garriger
Taylathon 2004

Lots of scrapes and bruises but no major injuries. The annual Taylathon bike race, held again on the traditional closed course laid out on campus sidewalks, was spectacular. President and Mrs. Gyerton, the proud sponsors for the class of 2004 Taylathon teams for each of the past four years, saw both the senior men and senior women come away with a hard fought victory.

After initially being rained out, the race was rescheduled for May 6, 2004, and hundreds of students showed up to cheer on the eight-member team representing their class. The results of the women’s race: seniors in first place, followed by freshmen, sophomores and juniors. For the men: seniors took top honors, juniors placed second, followed by freshmen and sophomores.

1985
Bob & Jennifer Canfield joyfully announce the birth of Annabella Rae on March 3, 2003; she joins Brandon (5) and Stephanie (3). Bob owns The PrintHouse in Palatine, Ill. E-mail is printhouse1@excite.com. • Dan & Alisa Detrick are pleased to announce the birth of Abby Rae on Sept. 10, 2003; sister Gillian is 3. The family lives in Richmond, Va. • Richard & Jennifer (Brooks) Powell happily announce the adoption of Isabella (2) from Guatemala. Jennifer is employed at Chemistri Martin Advertising as the SE region account supervisor. E-mail is jpowell665@earthlink.net. • Jay & Maribeth (Riggs ’88) Williams have moved to Avon, Ind., where Maribeth is teaching elementary music. Jay is a database administrator at the Indiana Univ School of Medicine, Dept of Urology. Children are Grant (5) and Faith (3). E-mail is mbjwill@ccrtc.com.

1986
Dean & Alicyn (Jacobus) Amann are the proud parents of Luke Kristian born July 23, 2003; siblings are Ashlee (10), Tyler (8) and Emma (5). Dean is president of the Rocky Mountain Area for Pulte Homes; he recently received his MBA from Denver Univ. The family lives in Castle Rock, Colo. E-mail is damann@pulte.com. • Melissa (Beatty x) McGrath lives in Jensen Beach, Fla., where she is a recruiter for McDonald’s Corp. Her children are Melody (15), Veronica (8) and Robin (6). E-mail is robicalyn@aol.com. • Jeff Raymond has been named athletic director and head track & field coach at Trinity Christian College in Palos Heights, Ill. He has spent the last seven years at Westmont College. He, wife Deborah and son Elijah (4) will make the transition in July. E-mail is jeff.raymond@trnty.edu. • Rob & Carol (Meier ’88) Sisson reside in Cherryville, N.C., with their children Austin (13), Kayleigh (11), Hannah (8), Garrett (5) and Jared (1). E-mail is csisson7@aol.com.

1987
Michael & Valerie (Wilson) Boado have been living and working in Tagum City, Philippines, since 1991. They run the NEOS Fellowship Center which is a family outreach center. “We love what we do and would welcome any visitors from Taylor to come and experience the wonderful Filipino hospitality.” Their children are Esther (9), Steven (7) and DeeAnn (5). E-mail is phoster@philcom.ph. • Skip & Gayle Gianopulos joyfully announce the birth of Allison Hope on March 28; sisters are Stephanie (3) and Jessica (1½). The family resides in Barrington Hills, Ill. • James Hayes lives in Kankakee, Ill., where he is the office manager for Artisan Signs. E-mail is goldoz@directway.com.

1988
Kevin & Cheryl (Clark ’89) Nill are happy to announce the birth of Aubrey Danielle on Nov. 17, 2003; she joins sisters Peyton (7) and Cameron (3). The family moved to 845 Peppervine Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32259. Kevin is a senior VP and national accounts executive in the Bank of America Automotive Group. E-mail is peyton100@aol.com. • Matthew Ringenberg completed his PhD in social work at Washington Univ of St. Louis. He currently teaches social work policy, social systems theory, social research
methods and spirituality in the helping professions at Valparaiso Univ. • Paul & Susan (Wiles) Segsworth have moved to Idaho to be near their family. Paul has started a freelance graphic design business; daughter Ana is 4. E-mail is segsworth@direcway.com.

1989
Sue Carlile married Norbert Schärer on June 14, 2003. Sue is assistant prof at California State Univ, Long Beach. E-mail is scarlile@sculb.edu. • Steve & Katherine (Durham) Palmateer joyfully announce the birth of Zoe Adrienne on June 20, 2003; she joins Gregory (11), Lauren (9) and Sophie (3). • David & Elaine (Beavon x) Simon reside in Sandy, Utah, where Elaine is director of corporate communications at Smart Chip Technologies. Son Zachary is 15. E-mail is esimon@sctn.com.

1990
Scott & Becky (Roost) Brown have moved to the Phoenix area with sons Jacob (6), Carter (3) and Zachary (2). They are in the process of planting a PCA church. E-mail is beckybrowi1@cox.net. • Wally & Laura (Bernd '93) Campbell are the proud parents of Walter Augustus "Augie" born March 15; he joins sister Kitty. Wally is a probation officer for Monroe County in Bloomington, Ind. • Mike & Keri Hampsher are pleased to announce the birth of daughter Ainsley Rae on Sept. 10, 2003; she joins sisters Shadra (3) and Sierra (2). • A.J. & Erika (Peterson x) Mathieu welcomed Alexander Joseph into their family on Aug. 12, 2003. The family lives in Joshua, Texas. • Linda Sechrist x married Russell Bottom on April 26, 2003. The couple resides in Porter, Ind.

1991
Scott & Suzy Cooper live in Fredericksburg, Va., with children Robert (12) and David (9). E-mail is scottcooper772@aol.com. • Mark & Tracy (Mains) Gedicks serve the Lord in a pastoral ministry in Raymond, Maine. Their children are Kaitlyn (3) and Mark (1). TU friends are welcome to visit! E-mail is trixiegme@juno.com. • Melinda (Flynn) Means was awarded the American Heart Association's 2003 Media Award for Excellence in Cardiovascular Communications (hospital newsletter/magazine category). She is a part-time freelance writer who lives in Punta Gorda, Fla., with husband Mike and children Molly (7) and Micah (4).

1992
Derek & Delicie Dickinson live in Fairbanks, Alaska, where they are planting a church. Children are Joseph (8), Jackson (6), Maria (4) and Anthony (2). E-mail is derek@thecca.org. • Bryan & Kelly (Klopfenstein '93) Goosen joyfully announce the birth of Nathan Karl on March 12, 2003. Kelly loves staying home with Nathan and teaching him to shop, while Bryan works at NNC Group in

Spring break trip to Greece yields new CD

Dr. JoAnn Rediger and the chorale toured Greece during the week of March 19-28, 2004. Although the trip had been postponed one year due to the political situation in Iraq, the participants felt the experience was tremendous. The group started in Athens where they saw the Acropolis and Mars Hill. They also visited Corinth. In Macedonia, they toured Thessalonica, Philippi, and Berea.

The new Taylor Chorale and Taylor Sounds CD, From Corinth to the Sea, features the concert music from the Greece tour plus several new songs of faith.

For more information contact Lisa Royal at 765-998-5232.
Memorials

Lucille Bedi
Mr. Robert Bedi

Raymond Durham
Jim, Terry and Amy Barnhart

Richard Fearin
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hazen

Bob Garrett
Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Bedi

Bill Hill
Mrs. Julia Hill

Howard Holmes
Mr. and Mrs. David Loewen

Kimberly Irvine
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Scholtens

Dorothy Judd
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rodrock
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hopkins
Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Bedi
Dr. and Mrs. Dan Hammond
Dr. and Mrs. William Ringenberg

Sven Olof Jyrrell
Dr. Alan Winquist and Dr. Jessica Rousselow-Winquist

Doug Milholland
Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Bedi

Naomi Moore
Mr. and Mrs. James Sellers

Robert Pitts
Bishop and Mrs. Gerald Bates
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Beers
Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Bedi
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Covell
Mr. and Mrs. William Ebanks
Mr. Arthur F. Fleser
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gortner
Mr. and Mrs. Paul Harms
Mr. and Mrs. John Hayes
Dr. and Mrs. Larry Helyer
Mrs. Julia Hill
Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Jessup
Ms. Harriet A. Lillie
Mr. James J. Loyd
Mr. Michael L. Loyd
Dr. and Mrs. David Neuhouser
Mrs. Bonnie J. Odle
Old National Bancorp
Mr. and Mrs. James Orner
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Pitts

Elisabeth Poe
Marguerite Poe
Mr. and Mrs. Don Reeser
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reimus
Mrs. Rachel Ringenberg
Mr. and Mrs. Waldo Roth
Ms. Suellen Savige
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Sebestyen
Mrs. Mattie Sellers
Mr. and Mrs. Roger Sermersheim
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sprinkle
Mr. Charles Thomas
Dr. and Mrs. Glen Spence
Rev. and Mrs. Charles Robertson
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weir
Gay Weir
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Weir and family
Ms. Marie Williamson
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wolfe
Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Collins
Mrs. Jane Hodson
Dr. and Mrs. William Fry

Jen Sessler
Family of Jen Sessler

Robert Wenger
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hazen
Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Bedi

Martha Wood
Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hazen

Johnnie Wright
Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Bedi

Honorarys

Milo Nussbaum
Mr. and Mrs. Michael Pastirik
Mr. and Mrs. Gerald L. Sweeney
Mr. and Mrs. Donald Schertz

Jim Woods
Mr. Doug Dewey

Indianapolis and supports their shopping habit. Nathan’s four-legged siblings, Bongo and Rosie, are reluctantly adjusting to being chased around the house. E-mail is basenjix2@comcast.net. • Michael & Tricia McGee are the proud parents of Ethan Michael born Dec. 30, 2003; he joins Reiley (3). The family lives in Greenwood, Ind. E-mail is mjmcgee@aol.com. • Jon & Kelli (Burcham ’95) Ochs welcomed Dawson into their family on June 29, 2003; he joins brothers Braden (6) and Calvin (4). • Neil & Jill Propst joyfully announce the birth of Elise on Nov. 26, 2003; she joins siblings Kaylee (5), Samuel (3) and Caleb (2). Neil is a physician with Integrity Family Physicians in Evansville, Ind. E-mail is njpropst@svmail.net.

1994

Brent & Lana (Agness) Barnhisel are pleased to announce the birth of Erica on Feb. 1. E-mail is brentandlana@juno.com. • Brian & Christi (Deetjen) Berrier joyfully announce the birth of Ethan on July 10, 2003; he joins brother Caleb (2). Christi loves being home with the boys and they are also rejoicing that 2003 marked five years cancer free for Brian. • Robert & Jessamy Bright are the proud parents of Siena Quinn born June 20, 2003. The family resides in Gallipolis, Ohio. E-mail is robwbright@yahoo.com. • David Chamberlin is first VP of public relations for Bank One Card Services. David lives in New Castle, Del. E-mail is davidchamberlin@yahoo.com. • Todd & Louise Clark joyfully announce the birth of Callum Keith on Dec. 23, 2003; he joins sisters Kezziah (4) and Karis (3). Todd is the controller for the Battle Creek Country Club.
in Battle Creek, Mich. E-mail is todd_ouiseclark@att.net. • Jonathan & Kristin (Hoffrage) Couch announce the birth of Lauren Olivia on Feb. 23; brothers are Caleb (8), Jacob (6) and Marcus (2). E-mail is couchrew6@earthlink.net. • Joel & Amantha Eisenbraun are happy to announce the birth of Jacob on Dec. 31, 2003. Joel is in his tenth year of teaching in Houston. • David & Lisa (Oliverson ’95) Herschberger joyfully announce the birth of Jeffrey David on Dec. 29, 2003; he joins Katie (4), David
of Rohan Mortgage. E-mail is pluedded@bellsouth.net. • Mike & Kristen (Sailsbery) Sundin have moved with their children Aiden (4) and Parker (1) to Aurora, Colo. Mike is the senior high youth pastor at Denver First Church of the Nazarene and Kristen was able to transfer with KeyBank. They would love to hear from their TU friends! E-mail is sundin252@cs.com. • Travis & Amy Vanest were married July 13, 2002. Ever since his return from Syria, Travis has been teaching at White’s HS in Wabash, Ind. They plan to teach at Almaty Intl School in Almaty, Kazakhstan, beginning September 2004. E-mail is travisvanest@hotmail.com.

David ’94 & Lisa (Oliverson ’95) Herschberger with Katie and Jeffrey

is accounting manager for Polygon Co. and Lisa teaches seventh grade English at Goshen Middle School. The family resides in Goshen, Ind. E-mail is ldhersch@aol.com. • Brian & Kristin (Oakley ’95) Hoover are the proud parents of Michael born Aug. 3, 2003, in Columbia, Mo. The Hoovers are moving this summer from Connecticut to St. Louis, where Brian will lead a marketing project with GE Commercial Finance. E-mail is bkoover@yahoo.com. • Amy Phillips is a case manager for Preventative Aftercare in Lawrenceburg, Ind. Son Russell is 2. E-mail is amphillip @mindspring.com. • Danny & Tabitha Plueddemann reside in Charlotte, N.C., where Danny is the president of Plueddemann.

1995

Chad & Lindy (Teerman) Boss have returned to Michigan after living in Denver for the past six years. Lindy enjoys being home with children Emma (5) and Benjamin (3) and homeschooling Emma. E-mail is melinda_boss@yahoo.com.

- Tom (TUFW ’96) & Dana (Steckley) Broderick welcomed Brock Thomas into their home on Nov. 27, 2003; he joins sister

Sydney (2). The family lives in Williamsburg, Mich. • David & Julie (Osborn ’96) Debel joyfully announce the birth of Collin on July 12, 2003. David is teaching at Granville Christian Academy and Julie is a CPA. E-mail is rbeddy@yahoo.com. • Jason & Angela (Cox) Fortner reside in Noblesville, Ind., with their children Katherine (3) and Lucy (3). E-mail is jaftonber@insightbb.com. • Alesa Galvin married Daniel Coletta on Aug. 19, 2003. The couple lives in Hamilton, Ohio. E-mail is acgalvin@msn.com. • Greg & Manda (Unger ’96) Jones are the proud parents of Erikson Andrew on March 25, 2003. The family lives in Madison, Wis. E-mail is jonesandcompany@hotmail.com.

Travis ’94 & Amy Vanest

• Kevin & Jennifer (Bottom) Lusk reside in Ferdinand, Ind., with children David (5), Daniel (4) and Molly (1). E-mail is kjdlusk@aol.com. • Scott & Alyssa (Kirk) Miller have moved to Collingdale, Pa., where Scott is the assistant pastor at Collingdale Church of the Nazarene. Children are Rebecca (5) and Ashlynn (2). E-mail is lysmiller@msn.com. • Tony Scow is managing director at Purple Sage Pte Ltd in Singapore. E-mail is tony@pursesage.com.sg.

Manda (Unger ’96) & Greg Jones ’95 with Erikson

1996

David & Kristin (Mizell) Anderson proudly announce the
arrival of Ainsley Faith on Sept. 2, 2003; sister Hailey is 3. E-mail is dkaanderson@yahoo.com.
• Stephan & Wendy (Loney) Dechert welcomed Olivia Rose (Kes) into their home on Jan. 22, 2003. • Jason & Kaitlyn Dongel joyfully announce the birth of Sophia Elizabeth on Oct. 12, 2003. Jason works for Lighthouse Insurance Group, Inc. as an account executive in Muskegon, Mich. E-mail is kjav13@aol.com. • Jason & Linda (Weisenbeck '93) Francis reside with daughter Michaela (2) in Renton, Wash., where Linda teaches piano and Jason is the community relations manager for St. Andrew’s Housing Group. E-mail is jason_linda@yahoo.com. • Chris x & Anne Frank live in Bloomington, Ind., where Chris works at Indiana Univ. E-mail is crispyfrank@hotmail.com. • Rebecca Grandi was recently accepted into the executive MBA program at the College of William and Mary; she was also elected chairperson of the Virginia Beach Democratic Committee. Currently she works as the executive assistant to the commissioner of the revenue in Virginia Beach, Va. E-mail is rgrandi@vbegov.com. • Joseph & Karen (Snow '95) Horn announce the birth of John David on Jan. 17; he joins Sara (3) and Ashley (2). Joseph is the associate pastor of evangelism and small groups at Faith Bible Church in Robins, Iowa. Karen is home with the children. E-mail is jkhorn@earthlink.net. • Jeffrey & Jenna (Latham '98) Johnson reside in Hershey, Pa., with their son Sullivan (2). Jenna is house-mother at Milton Hershey School. E-mail is jsjohn@temple.edu.

• Casey & Joanne Kolkman along with children Josie (5) and Alexander (3) live in Fort Wayne, Ind., where Casey was named head football coach at North Side HS. Casey is entering his seventh year of full-time teaching. • Beth Ockers is going to China with TEAM this fall. She will be learning Mandarin for two years, after which she hopes to teach English through a Christian ministry called Evergreen. She would love to hear from other TU alumni who are interested in China. E-mail is beth@ockers.net. • Betsey Pihl married Daniel Doebler on July 13, 2002, in Wheaton, Ill. TU participants included Mary (Kauffman) Anderson and Shelly (Heatwole) Kirkendall. Betsey is assistant director of admissions at Wheaton College. E-mail is betseypiebler@wheaton.edu. • Suzie Sheetz married Mike Dodds on Feb. 22, 2003. Suzie is working in Indianapolis as a professional liability broker and Mike is preparing for deployment to Afghanistan with the Indiana Natl Guard. E-mail is suzie_sheetz@msn.com. • Luke & Sheri Swartz joyfully announce the birth of Quinton Samuel on Jan. 8. Luke is in his third year teaching PE and coaching basketball at Whitefield Academy in Kansas City. E-mail is lsswiftz@kc.rr.com. • John & Suzie (Polsgrove) Weber are the proud parents of Trenton Fisher, born Oct. 4, 2003. The Webers live in Wheaton, Ill.

1997
• Jason & Allison (Ritter '97) Biek are happy to announce the birth of Gideon James on Sept. 24, 2003. The family resides in Bloomington, Ind. • Steve & Heather (Hansen x) DeBoer welcomed Emily Jean into their family on Dec. 30, 2003. Heather works as a collections supervisor for USP Holland in Holland, Mich. E-mail is s_hdeboer@hotmail.com. • Kacey McGowan is associate director of direct marketing and development for Paralyzed Veterans of America in Washington, D.C. E-mail is kaceypmgowan@hotmail.com. • David & Traci (Baker) Noble joyfully welcomed Bryce Matthew into their lives on Sept. 12, 2003. The family lives in Indianapolis. E-mail is noblenet@juno.com. • Dava Roth lives in Lakewood, Ohio, where she works for Urban Community School as a teacher/co-level coordinator. E-mail is davaroth@ameritech.net. • Aaron & Kathy Sprunger joyfully announce the adoption of their son Brandon Mario, born June 13, 2003, in Guatemala. The family resides in Fort Wayne, Ind. E-mail is thesprungers@verizon.net. • Edward & Heather (Sutton) Traub are the proud parents of Wyeth Michael born Sept. 22, 2003; he joins siblings Eli (4) and Eden (2). The family moved to Washington so Ed could attend Mars Hill Graduate School where he is working on his MDiv. E-mail is ed@edwardtraub.com.

1998
• Clinton Green & Jacklin Beard-Green happily announce the birth of Duncan on Jan. 1; he joins Malik (4). The family resides in Elkhart, Ind. E-mail is jabeard2000@yahoo.com. • Tyson ’99 & Leslie (Bucher) Aschliman celebrated their two-year wedding anniversary on March 2. They work and play in Indianapolis and live in nearby Fishers, Ind., where they are active in Grace Community Church. E-mail is tyson_aschliman@yahoo.com. • Jon Captain has moved to Cali, Columbia, to join a Colombian-based missionary organization with the purpose of meeting and serving the poor and disadvantaged. The foundation’s vision is to offer holistic assistance, healing and restoration by extending the two hands of evangelism and social development. This move fulfills a vision Jon has had for a number of years. He would love to hear from TU friends, professors, anyone involved in this type of ministry, fans of Over the Rhine or Dostoevsky! E-mail is jm_the_captain@hotmail.com. • Brian & Sarah (Nederveldt) Giere have been blessed with daughter Hannah Rose, born Dec. 9, 2003. Sarah enjoys staying home with Hannah. The family lives in Aurora, Ill. E-mail is brisagiere@yahoo.com. • Christopher & Rebecca (Gagnon ’01) Hager live in Lancaster, Pa., where
Christopher is a resident at Lancaster General Hospital. E-mail is chris_beckvagher@yahoo.com. • Sarah Krause has taken a Leadership & Biblical training course at All Nations Centre in Cardiff, Wales (UK). E-mail is sarahkrausell@hotmail.com. • Lindsay Naramore is working as an office gas technician for Agave Energy (subsidiary of Yates Petroleum.) E-mail is lri@post.com. • Matt & Rachael (Burtiness ’99) Piercey are the joyful parents of Jonathan Aidan born Oct. 24, 2003. E-mail is mrpcv@yahoo.com. • Ben & Kris (Wahnefried) Stichter welcomed Callia “Lia” into their family on Oct. 11, 2003; she joins sister Tali (1). The family lives in Warsaw, Ind. E-mail is bstichter@bigfoot.com. • Ryan & Nichole (Hinck) Wolland are the proud parents of Kiara, born Nov. 11, 2003. Nichole enjoys staying home with Kiara and working part time as activity center director for her church. Nichole (Hinck ’98) & Ryan Wolland with Kiara

E-mail is nwolland@ispwest.com. • Matt & Laurie Zink have moved to Bryan, Texas, where Matt is working on his MBA at Texas A&M. E-mail is matts_zink@yahoo.com.

1999
Rachel Carey married Benjamin Ellis on Nov. 22, 2003, in Toledo, Ohio. TU participants were Monica (Moss ’98) Handley and Joel Wilson ’00. The couple lives in Toledo where Rachel is teaching art at St. Ursula Academy. E-mail is carevachael@hotmail.com. • Jonathan & Veronica (Loss ’00) Coombs joyfully announce the birth of Lydia Joy on Oct. 27, 2003. The family lives in Duncannon, Texas. E-mail is jonathan_coombs@siu.org. • Lauri DiDonato lives in Marlton, N.J., where she enjoys her math teaching career. E-mail is drookie99@comcast.com. • Nick & Molly (Pangborn ’00) Pasternack are the owners of a HomeVestors “We Buy Ugly Houses” franchise in east central Florida. The couple lives in Indiatlantic, Fla. • Robert Geiger-Pergrem is the district sales manager for Chore-Time Poultry Production Systems located in Milford, Ind. • John & Elizabeth (Hall ’00) Hasenmayer reside in Anderson, Ind. John is a computer programmer at RealMed Corp. E-mail is hasenmayer@myvax.com. • Julie Holdiman married Mike “Taco” Romero on Aug. 16, 2003, in Sugar Land, Texas. TU participants were Jennifer (Stark) Lovelace, Libby Crawford, Meredith Scott and Kristine (Holdiman ’94) Mucher. The couple lives in Magnolia, Texas. E-mail is tacojulieromero@aol.com. • Maria Hoskins x married Andy Forbes on June 15, 2002. TU participants were David Forbes ’64, Tiffany (Heimbaugh ’98) Brooks, Abigail Johnson ’98, Katherine Forbes ’01, John Forbes ’96, Kevin Johnson, Caleb Moan and Michael Mehrland ’98. The couple lives in Urbana, Ill., where Andy is finishing his PhD in Chemistry at the University of Illinois. E-mail is ajforbes@uiuc.edu. • Kirk & Jennifer (Frishmuth) Logan reside in Wheaton, Ill., with children Michaela (3) and Kirk (2). E-mail is jennifer_logan@hotmail.com. • Ryan & Laurie (Dunkerton) Mitchell live in Naples, Fla., where Ryan teaches social sciences and coaches football and track at Barron Collier HS. Daughter Madeline is 2. E-mail is rmitchell6@juno.com. • John & Rachel (Goeking ’00) Rea reside in Grand Rapids, Mich. E-mail is reaj@bww.com. • Matthew Tepper married Lourdes Harkness on Nov. 20, 2003. The couple works at Bethesda Children’s Home in Meadville, Pa., as therapists with the children and their families. E-mail is goofytep@hotmail.com.

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Jacqui Cates and Jeff Huxford were married June 7, 2003. Karen Tanner participated in the ceremony. The couple lives in Bluff City, Tenn., where Jacqui works at Bristol Virginia Middle School. E-mail is jhux@earthlink.net. • Craig & Emily (Tipton) Evans reside in New Jersey, where Craig works for the Schering-Plough Research Institute at their Safety and Evaluation Center assisting in the management of safety and industrial hygiene programs. • Jason Fletcher and Amy Adams wed Jan. 10. The couple lives in Advance, N.C., where Jason is the minister of music and education at Green Meadows Baptist Church. E-mail is jason@heyfletch.com. • Allison Heiser married Justin Bremer on July 10, 2003, at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs; Sara Lemke and Kimberly (Smith) Borchard were bridesmaids. The couple lives in Kansas City where Justin is attending the Univ of Health Sciences, College of Osteopathic Medicine. • Cheryl Hoppe and Andrew Pfeiffer ’99 wed July 5, 2003. TU participants were Kim (Hoppe ’95) Dierson, Isaac Voss ’99, Matt Hoppe ’04, James Allen, Patrick Ray and Joel Siebersma ’99. Cheryl completed her third year as a sixth grade math teacher at Upland Elem School while Andrew completed his MDiv from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and is enjoying his first year as an adjunct instructor at TU Upland. E-mails are apfeiffer@taylor.edu and cpfeiffer_753@hotmail.com. • Lance & Jen Kohler live in Louisville, Ky., while Lance pursues a MDiv from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Jen works for Clinique Cosmetic Co. E-mail is lckohler@bellsouth.net. • Nathan & Leslie (Carpenter ’99) Norris have moved to Grand Rapids, Mich., and would love to hear from their Taylor friends! E-mail is lkcarpenter@prodigy.net.

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Adrienne Brooks and Jeremy Rohrs were married Oct. 19, 2002. TU participants were Matthew Rohrs ’00, Chad
Kubly, Blake Andrews, John Nussbaum, Andrea (Goben) Rietman, Sherry Hawkins, Julie (Lutkevich) Armey and Natalie Ellis. • Ryan & Ashley (Lund’02) Clough have moved to Noblesville, Ind. Ryan is the office manager at Fifth Third Bank in Carmel, Ind. E-mail is ryan_clough@insightbb.com. • Jeremiah & Jennie (Poppen) Dys live in Morgantown, W.Va., where Jeremy is in law school and Jennie is a busy choir teacher at a local Christian school as well as a piano teacher in the community. TU friends are always welcome! E-mail is jdys@juno.com. • Jennifer Lewchuk and Glenn Hawley TUF’W’00 were married March 13. The couple resides in Charlotte, N.C. E-mail is greekgeek777@hotmail.com. • Justin & Lori (Jackson ‘02) O’Rourke live in Marion, Iowa, where Justin is a therapist at Tanager Place and Lori is pursuing her master’s degree at Northern Iowa Univ. E-mail is jlorourke@hotmail.com. • Becky Plass married Ben Canida on July 14, 2003, in Madison, Ind. TU participants included Jen (Plass ’97) Powell, Liz Plass ’05, Krista Kier, Megan (Holman) Briggs, Angie (Lemke) Flanagan, Kim Martin ’03, Jeff Dekruyter, John Fellowes ’00, Marcus Malcolm ’99, J.R. Briggs and Dan Bubar. The couple lives in Indianapolis where Ben is in dental school at IU and Becky teaches seventh grade English. E-mail is bencanida@hotmail.com. • April Rediger is director of the Americorp program on Taylor’s Fort Wayne campus. She recently finished her student teaching requirements and is now a licensed high school English teacher. • Thomas x & Kristin Roberds reside in Vero Beach, Fla. Thomas has completed his education as a commercial pilot. E-mail is troberds@airpost.net. • Laura Rosenwinkel is a stylist at Great Clips for Hair and is also working with the Wecare children’s ministry at her church. She resides in Plano, Ill. E-mail is lperwinkel@aol.com. • Karin Staffin and Cesar Sancho were married Nov. 22, 2003. The couple lives in West Palm Beach, Fla., where Karin is an elementary P.E. teacher at The King’s Academy. E-mail is karin_staffin@yahoo.com.

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Shawn Alsbaugh was selected to receive the Rothrock Teaching Award for Associate Instructors at the IU Mathematics awards ceremony in April. The Rothrock Award carries a cash award and recipients are nominated by faculty and course coordinators. • Abram Bicksler is a graduate student at the Univ of Illinois. E-mail is bicksler@uiuc.edu. • Sarah Borgwardt and Jesse Joyner were married Sept. 20, 2003. TU participants included Andrea Herrig, Callie Kaphaem ’00, Christina Ostan ’03, Grace White, Ginnie Wiseheart, David Voss ’03, Sarah (Borgwardt ’02) and Jesse Joyner ’02

Abram Bicksler and Michael Kaspar ’03. Sarah is pursuing her physician’s assistant’s degree and Jesse is working on his master’s in biblical studies. The couple lives in Wilmore, Ky. • Andrew Crowe is in Switzerland with a leading role in FAME, the musical. • Jonathan & Melinda (Simpson ’03) Cruse joyfully announce the birth of Kasey Aiden on Oct. 10, 2003. The family resides in Tusin, Calif. E-mail is melinda_simpson8@yahoo.com. • Adam & Amy (Simon ’01) Hanna live in Upland, Ind., where Adam is the assistant hall director at Sammy Morris Hall. E-mail is adhanna@tayloru.edu. • Beth Keller married Justin Johnson on June 21, 2003, in Orlando, Fla. TU participants included Heidi Anderson ’01, Julia Abbot ’01, Kelly (Dickerson ’00) Manning, Erin (DeBlander ’01) Olson, Jenn (McLean ’01) McGowan, Megan Clark, Justin Kish, Andy Flanigan, Ryan Peterson, Virgil Hughes, Brandon Johnson ’04, Ryan Johnson ’07, Chris Keller ’99, Greg Yatooma, Matt Johnson, Chris Palmer, Mark DeKorne, Josh Olson ’01 and Mike McGowan ’00. Justin and Beth reside in Orlando and their e-mail is jjohnson21@msn.com. • Tamara Leatherby is moving to northern Arizona to work for Youth with a Mission on the Hopi Reservation. E-mail is tamleatherby@hotmail.com. • Brian Moriarty resides in Orange City, Iowa, where he is a resident director at Northwestern College. E-mail is bmoriart@nwcwayne.edu. • Ben & Nikki (Schulz ’03) Reed have moved to Minneapolis, Minn. Nikki is an account executive in public relations at Weber Shandwick and Ben is in his first year at Bethel Seminary. E-mail is nkschulz@hotmail.com. • Amber Rotosky and Ramon Darrow ’03 were married Aug. 9, 2003. They live in Akron, Ohio, where Amber is a social worker with the Bair Foundation, a Christian foster care program. • Abbi Rundus married Keith McDaniel on Oct. 12, 2003. TU participants included Drew Rundus’04, Rebekah (Greenhoe) Hughes, Tara Allison x and Sara (Estek) Bauer. The couple lives in Richmond, Va. E-mail is abbinkeith@hotmail.com. • Trenton Schrader is a broker with A.G. Edwards & Sons in Chesterton, Ind. E-mail is tschrader@hotmail.com. • Kristin Westerfield married Dan O’Berski on July 12, 2003. Bridesmaids included Nicole Sampley ’03, Hillary (Boss) Newton, Stacey Fuller and Angela Gordon ’03. The couple lives in Bonita Springs, Fla., where Kristin works for Y2Marketing. E-mail is kristin_oberski@hotmail.com. • Sarah Willhoite married Joey Newsom on Oct. 18, 2003. The couple lives in Indianapolis where Sarah is a biology teacher for Indianapolis Public Schools. E-mail is bionerd314@yahoo.com.
A new frame of reference

It was so close. That was how Taylor University graduate, Iraq war hero, and Army medic Josh Peters described his brush with death when the helicopter he should have been riding in was shot down, killing 17 of the 32 soldiers aboard on Nov. 2, 2003. Peters, who was flying in a second chopper, treated dead and wounded on the scene while ducking enemy fire.

As the guest of honor at a reception in April at the Gaston, Ind. church where his father Tim serves as pastor, Peters received everything from hugs and children’s books to cards and drawings. A 2002 Christian education graduate, his original plans to work with troubled youth changed after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. “He just felt that it was some sort of duty that he had to participate,” said Tim Peters.

He was preparing to board a Chinook helicopter with a group of soldiers when Peters noticed an orange piece of plastic blowing across the flight line. Thinking it would help him distinguish his backpack from those of the other soldiers, he grabbed it and tied it onto his gear. But the delay cost him and his buddy their seats on the chopper. They climbed onto the chase helicopter and were following several hundred yards away when he saw a missile arc from the ground and pass their aircraft. The missile struck the lead Chinook, sending it crashing to the ground and causing the pilot of Peters’ chopper to begin an emergency corkscrew decent. The subsequent hard landing in a field near the town of Fallujah left him with minor injuries.

When Peters saw the wreckage from the first helicopter, he instinctively followed his buddy into the field. “In the Army, you stay with your buddy no matter where he’s going,” he said, unaware that as he triaged dead and wounded soldiers he was being shot at. “I remember people running off to my left, but I just stayed low and ran to the wreckage because I had nothing to shoot back with,” he added. “You don’t think; you just do what has to be done.”

After the initial fear and uncertainty about their son’s well being, it proved to be a tearful reunion for the Peters family during a ceremony at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs. “We stood and hugged and cried for a good three minutes. We didn’t say a word; we just held on to each other and cried,” said Tim Peters. “It was a year’s worth of a culmination of emotions... It was emotionally a rough year.”

Julie Peters, while happy to have her son back, confesses to wondering why her young man came home alive while other parents’ sons did not. “Only God knows ... (Josh) knew that when he joined, we’d be going to war ... It was his decision to make; not mine,” she said. “He finds it difficult to talk about the Nov. 2 incident and doesn’t want to go into detail on that.”

Peters’ actions that day earned him a congressional commendation from U.S. Representative Mike Pence and made newspapers throughout the country. But he said his top priority during his recent 30-day leave was spending time with his Taylor friends, his girlfriend and family. “It’s a little difficult, and I don’t talk about this too much with my old friends because it’s kind of out of their frame of reference,” he said. “I don’t expect them or want them to understand everything. I would be happy if we just started doing the things we did before I left.”

“You think of coming home every day, but you never know if you’re really going to make it,” Peters said. “It wasn’t until the wheels actually touched down that I felt I had made it. So many people ... you talk to them one minute and the next they’re not alive anymore. You try not to get your hopes up. You try to think realistically and keep your head in the game all the way until you get home.”

Jim Gorminger
The value of history

The prophet is told in the sixth chapter of Isaiah that there will be times when the message is rejected and its impact seemingly ineffective.

However, God comforts His servant, “even though the tree is cut down, out of the stump shall spring a branch that will bear fruit in later days.” As Bill and Gloria Gaither’s wonderful Gospel song Let the Church Be the Church so powerfully declares it – no power in, upon or under the earth can defeat God’s plan for His people across the generations. The study of Church history planted an unshakable truth deep in my spirit – that when it is all said and done, God’s prophetic promises will have said it all and His power will have completed all that He promised.

Finally, when it is all said and done, history will reveal that its main character is Jesus Christ and its greatest story the unquenchable love of the Father God for a lost and damaged creation. As a direct result of my education in Christ-centered institutions, I now look for Jesus on every page of Scripture and in every chapter of history. The Bible declares that Jesus was there before history began. John opens his Gospel with the revelation that our Lord, as the Word that became flesh, was there “in the beginning.” The New Testament affirms that in Jesus we live, move, and have our being – that in Him all of creation exists and holds together. And The Book of Revelation trumpets the final words of recorded history - “Maranatha” - God’s people joyfully welcoming their King’s triumphant return.

As a Christ-centered institution of higher education, Taylor University must not just teach but live out these lessons of “His-story.” Since 1846 our mission remains clear - to challenge each succeeding generation of students to live in the full awareness that faithfulness to God’s plan and purposes, no matter what the cost or consequence, is their highest calling. Those who have gone before us taught and lived the belief that Jesus is the cornerstone, the building block and the capstone of the Church’s presence in every age. The value of our legacy tomorrow depends on faithfulness today to the lessons of yesterday. Our passion remains the equipping of those who hold the future of the Gospel in their hands. May we continue to serve so that when it is all said and done our students will be numbered among those about whom it is said “served the purposes of God in their generation.”

David J. Gyerton
There is no shame in being a good scholar

How Dr. C. Benton Eavey encouraged the tradition of "faithful learning"

Discussions about the integration of faith and learning continue unabated in Christian higher-educational circles these days, and with good reason. Given the life-changing nature of scientific discoveries announced almost daily, as well as the impact of contemporary hermeneutics on emergent world views, the importance of helping students clarify a Christian approach to research grows proportionately. This topic is not new to Taylor but has been at the heart of the University's teaching philosophy for a long time. A historical example of the influence of this philosophy is found in the experience and contributions of Dr. C. Benton Eavey (1889-1974), who taught at Messiah and Wheaton Colleges after graduating from Taylor University with his B.A. and M.A. degrees in 1922.

Although raised on a Kansas farm, Eavey completed his high school studies in Pennsylvania at Messiah, then a classical academy, in 1916. After graduation and a year of teaching at the Academy, he joined the medical corps in France through the end of World War I and studied French language and culture at the University of Strasbourg thereafter. Returning to the states in 1920, Eavey married Mabel Wengert and made the decision to continue his education at Taylor University. At the time the University was experiencing unprecedented growth; moreover, nationally-known speakers such as William Jennings Bryan, Paul Rader, and E. Stanley Jones were commending Taylor as an educational institution committed to stemming the tide of modernism. Academically, Eavey sought training to become an effective teacher, but he also wanted grounding in theology and hoped to study philosophy with Taylor's long-time professor, Burt Ayres.

Because of his independent studies at home and abroad, Eavey was able to meet many of the undergraduate degree requirements during his first year in Upland. Devoting a second year to the study of philosophy and theology, Eavey graduated with bachelor's and master's degrees in hand by the spring of 1922—his rapid progress aided by the practice, in those days, of the granting of master's degrees for one year of study beyond the bachelor's level, together with the successful completion of a research paper.

Following the spring 1922 commencement, the Eaveys returned to Grantham, Pennsylvania, where they purchased a large hall, formerly an orphanage and now known as Treona Hall, opening its rooms to Messiah student-border. Here Benton and Mabel became known for outstanding service to students, and Benton taught and served in various administrative roles from 1922 until 1928. Later completing his Ph.D. in education from New York University, Eavey was invited to join the faculty of Wheaton College. From 1930 to 1942 he served as chair of the department of education psychology, helping Wheaton gain accreditation while building reputable programs in both education and Christian education. Toward the end of his time at Wheaton, Eavey published his widely-read Principles of Teaching for Christian Teachers (Zondervan, 1940).

His articulation of a basic theology of Christian education in response to (then) contemporary educational theory approximates both of the advanced models of faith and learning integration described by Michael Hamilton and James Mathisen in their contribution to the study of Models of Christian Higher Education (Richard T. Hughes and William B. Adrian 1997). A “value-added model” critically appropriates secular knowledge for sacred purposes, while an “integration model” identifies Christian presuppositions as a starting point for theorizing. Eavey's studies at Taylor University occurred during a critical juncture in his life and career—prior to further graduate studies at Columbia and New York Universities, and his subsequent teaching career at two notable institutions of Christian higher education. His grounding in education, theology, and philosophy from an evangelical perspective enabled him to articulate the need to integrate the life of faith with the life of the mind—without compromising either. He stands as a pioneer in a field of studies that continues to compel scholars today.

This is an edited version of a text prepared by Dr. Robert Lay, professor of Christian educational ministries, entitled, "Faithful learning and teaching: An early twentieth-century Taylor University graduate enters the professorate."
back home again

The open door policy

They say that the only time you need to lock your front door in Upland, Ind., is during zucchini season - otherwise you're likely to get a grocery bag full of them on your kitchen counter when you're away.

During the school year students leave their room doors hanging open in the dorms while they go away for the weekend, and coats and backpacks are just piled on the floor near the main entrance during meals at the Dining Commons.

Of course all this is slowly changing. Even in a town of 1,300 with one blinking red light, time does not stand still.

Campus Safety has started to carry guns and recently traded their Chevy Lumina for a standard police-issue Crown Victoria. The newest academic building on campus has a card swipe entry system that limits access. Consultants working on the new master plan have given the University the option of building a gated front entrance.

But even with the realities that come with life in 2004, summer evenings still get pretty quiet in Upland. Here, from a bench overlooking the campus lake, you can experience an environment that most people only find at high-dollar resorts - quiet, understated calm. And while you're not likely to be offered a cucumber and walnut exfoliating foot scrub and valet parking, no one here is complaining.
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A combination of rhymed dialogue, martial arts, dancing and eight years of training are just part of the preparation to be in the Beijing Opera - a form of Chinese dramatic art. Yuan Xiaohai held a solo performance at the University on March 28, 2004. Xiaohai has been awarded the Cao Yu Performance Prize, the highest performance prize in China.

"I hope the term 'Beijing Opera' is no longer an alien phrase," Xiaohai said. "I hope this arouses interest in the Chinese arts and culture and encourages people to see Beijing Opera as one of the most refined forms of performing arts."