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Keeping up appearances  My life at sea  Why study the polar mesosphere?
...a covenant 'twill be between us; but, whatever fate befal thee, I shall love thee to the last...

From Michael by William Wordsworth, poet, 1800

His oath, His covenant, His blood support me in the whelming flood; When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

From the English hymn Solid Rock by Edward Mote, cabinetmaker, 1836

Come, agree, the law's costly.

From Polite Conversation by Jonathan Swift, author, 1738

Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth."
But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

Deuteronomy 8:17,18

We must indeed all hang together, or, most assuredly, we shall all hang separately.

Remark, July 4, 1776, at the signing of the Declaration of Independence by Benjamin Franklin, U.S. statesman
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Outside of our class, beyond our majors, there were some pretty big life lessons we learned at Taylor. Some people seemed to figure out things pretty easily. As for the rest of us . . . well, let’s just say we caught on eventually. And in the end, maybe, we’re a little better off for

the lessons we learned while at college.

Occasionally take a chance to learn something different, to take on something outside of your interest. I took a class on Russian civilization and as a result developed a lifelong interest in Russian art and Russian life.

Robert Gilkison ’57, Williamsburg, Va.

Avoid summer make-up classes.

Ralph Wolford ’49, Cincinnati, Ohio

I learned how to study at Taylor, though not until my junior year. I’m lucky I survived. And now I’m working on my doctorate.

James Fereira ’81, Circle Pines, Minn.

I took too many courses that I thought I had to take and not enough that would have been more enjoyable.

Jay Riggle ’78, Erie, Pa.

One hundred pennies, inserted between the door and the frame, provide a lot more than a dollar’s worth of entertainment.

Anonymous ’84
I learned how much my parents loved and cared for me. They couldn’t afford the cost of Taylor, but they sacrificed to give me a great education.

Anne Lee Boyer ’94, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Work to hear the voice of the Lord, and listen for the direction He wants you to go.

Alicyn Jacobus Amann ’86, Castle Rock, Colo.

There was so much going on, you have to know what your priorities are.

Elaine Warner Handschu ’60, Marion, Ind.

That my God will supply all my needs as it says in Philippians 4:19.

Ellen Smith Culp ’31, Gaithersburg, Md.

I learned spiritual lessons, to spend more time in God’s word and prayer.

Svend Abrahamsen ’66, Crossville, Tenn.

I learned not to go driving on the county roads in a snowstorm when the county declared the roads “closed.”

Anonymous ’74

I learned that college was definitely worthwhile for me - I met my husband.

June Pugh Bergwall ’44, Waterman Village, Fla.

You never know how a friendship will turn out. Freshman year, first day at Taylor, my square dance partner is now my wife.

Andy Albert ’01, Fishers, Ind.

Try to get along with your roommates; they could end up being your lifelong friends.

Lucette DeKruyter Bamford ’73, Oak Brook, Ill.

Never take calculus at 8 a.m. first semester of your freshman year.

Michael McGee ’92, Greenwood, Ind.
At the newsstand

The January 2004 issue of Kiplinger’s Personal Finance listed Taylor University as one of the top 100 best values in private colleges in the United States. Taylor was also ranked as one of America’s best colleges in the 2004 US News & World Report survey.

Kiplinger’s evaluated more than 1,300 private schools “to determine which combine academic excellence with generous aid packages and lower total costs.” Taylor ranked 64th. In the U.S. News survey Taylor ranked number two overall against the more 150 other schools in the Midwestern Comprehensive Colleges - Bachelors category and ranked as the highest among the top 10 colleges in the same group in areas like selectivity and alumni giving rate.
A few words about this issue, the answer to some questions we’ve been getting, and a word about spring…

While the University has been in the publications business for much of her 158-year history, this issue stands out from its predecessors in that it is on larger paper. But the essence has not changed. It is still basically an oversized version of the update letter your family sends out each Christmas.

If the last magazine you have received is summer 2003, you haven’t missed anything. We replaced our fall/winter edition with an enhanced, expanded President’s Annual Report. Consequently the alumni notes this spring issue are jam-packed.

Ah, spring. The flowers that pop up around the bell tower on campus remind me that life is unbelievably beautiful – and short. This spring issue of the magazine is dedicated to the countless alumni who receive little of the spotlight now but in the end will get the sort of recognition that matters most. Keep the faith, keep at it, and keep going.

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They have class

It takes more than just a friendly smile to be a great teacher. The 72 graduates from last year’s class who work as full-time teachers in 20 different states and three foreign countries are finding that out first hand.

"I go in an hour early and stay late whenever I need to," explains Ashley Weaver '03, a high school U.S. and world history teacher at Eagle Valley High School, Gypsum, Colo.

Eighty-eight percent of those who graduated in 2003 with a major in elementary or secondary education are now employed using their degree.

Yet success in the classroom requires a lot more than just getting hired. Statistics show that the dropout rate for new teachers nationwide remains high.

Weaver credits her successful start to, among other things, strong support from her principal and fellow teachers.

"I can't imagine having a different profession," remarks Weaver. "It's hard work ... but I love it."
The space within

Not many people set out to build a chair. Adam Becker '04 did. "My grandfather built homes, so I'm especially interested in art that can also serve a very functional purpose."

Becker unveiled the chair to the public at his senior show entitled The Space Within, which opened on September 28, 2003, and ran through October 18.

"It took so long," Becker said. "But it was a great learning process. I especially enjoyed the actual design phase."

-Gina Pudita '04

A healthier, stronger community

How do you build a better leader? The CEOs of more than 30 Fort Wayne, Ind., area non-profit organizations are finding out.

For the past three years Allen County non-profit leaders have been attending monthly workshops on leadership development – and iOE, the Institute for Organizational Effectiveness, is spending $3 million making sure they have the best learning experience possible. The Institute uses the funds, provided by a grant from the Fort Wayne-based Foellinger Foundation, for training, servicing and supporting the participating organizations.

The executive leaders have the opportunity to learn from nationally known speakers, apply for a planning grant of up to $45,000 for their organization, and participate in a "coaching" relationship with a CEO of another area non-profit group. "The most important individual benefit from my involvement with the iOE has been the fellowship and support from the other cohort members," explains Stan Veit, executive director of Lutheran Social Services of Indiana.

With the successes of the initial years of the program being recognized by Fort Wayne Mayor Graham Richard and others, the Foellinger Foundation recently provided an additional half million dollars to fund the Institute through December 2005.

The Institute believes it can help those groups achieve world-class nonprofit performance. And the iOE does not seem to be alone in that belief. Already, people from several states from across the country have contacted Garrett Cooper, executive director of the iOE, and asked how they can replicate the program's success with nonprofit groups in their area.

Taylor University, which serves as the fiscal sponsor and provides project oversight, is also pleased with the Institute's success. "The iOE," explains Cooper, "provides the University with a means to contribute directly to strengthening the fabric of the community."

For more information about the Institute for Organizational Effectiveness, contact Garrett Cooper at grcooper@taylor.edu or 260-426-9446.
Faculty accolades

Professors are far too familiar with the tension of being both an accomplished scholar in their field and an excellent teacher in the classroom. To truly challenge students, professors must master their subject and develop a passion for pedagogy. Scholarly research presented in a timely, engaging manner can ignite the creative spark for undergraduates.

Dr. Thomas Jones, director of the University’s newly-funded Center for Teaching Excellence, speaks with enthusiasm about “dynamic classrooms where students are nurtured and challenged and pushed.” The Center will function on about $150,000 annually thanks to the interest being generated by a $3.5 million grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc.

While the Center begins its work, faculty members continue to study, write and pursue research. The items to the right are a sampling of their recent undertakings:

Dr. Matt DeLong, mathematics, with Dale Winter and Carolyn Yackel, published “Management, Motivation and Student-Centered Instruction I: Analytical Framework,” in the June 2003 issue of PRIMUS, a quarterly journal devoted to all aspects of teaching undergraduate mathematics. They also published “Management, Motivation and Student-Centered Instruction II: Applications,” in the September 2003 issue of PRIMUS.


Dr. Ken Kiers, physics, received a research grant, “RUI: Theoretical Investigation of CP Violation in Non-Standard Models,” from the National Science Foundation. The start date was July 1, 2003.

Dr. Joe Ricke, English/honors program, presented the paper “Cleanliness and Chaucer’s Parson: the Influence of Wycliffite Images of Ministry on Chaucer’s Portrait of the Ideal Parson” at the “Revisiting Chaucer and Christianity” Conference held at Canterbury Cathedral, Canterbury UK, July 21-23. He also played the role of King Herod in a Middle-English performance of the mystery play Herod and the Slaughter of the Innocents, part of an evening of readings and performances in the Cathedral Crypt.


Dr. Edwin Welch, coordinator of academic support services, presented “Equal Access: the Harmony and Dissonance,” at a pre-conference workshop at the National Association for Developmental Education in Austin, Texas, in February 2003. He also published “Serving Students with Disabilities: A process model for establishing and evaluating services and programs” in The Learning Assistance Review.

Meanwhile, in other University news...

As spring returns so do the regular close encounters with wildlife on campus. Deer wander by, dogs trot through, and geese glide overhead. No big deal. Yet one group of little creatures consistently gets second glances from visitors and locals alike – the black squirrels.

Possibly migrants from Canada where their heat-absorbing dark coats helped protect them from the harsh cold, the black squirrels seem to have made themselves right at home in Upland. Their high wire, tree top antics keep people grinning – and ducking when the occasional nut comes flying in their direction. No one can say exactly how long the black squirrels have been a part of the campus landscape, though some old men in the barbershop downtown will tell you they escaped from traveling carnivals in the 1920s. Others in town claim that the owner of a local business thought that black squirrels would be a nice attraction for the community, so he imported some from Michigan.

While most are entirely black, others have melanistic features such as lighter bellies and/or tails. A few even sport a midnight coat and a red tail. “Black squirrels are actually the same species, Scalurus carolinensis, as gray squirrels,” explains Biology Professor Jan Reber. “They are just a different color morph,” she notes.

Whether scampering across the light green lawns in their contrasting coats or traversing the tree tops, black squirrels have found a place in the hearts of students and professors. Now if they would just stay out of the bird feeders.

—Serena (Thrush) Duke ’04
2004 spring sports preview

Have you ever seen someone running with a grin on their face in single digit weather? January and February again provided campus with a reminder of why the members of the men's cross country team are nicknamed the Jar Heads and the women are called the MadDawgs. At least they wear wool hats. Even with a good deal of construction still to go, the new indoor track in the Kesler Student Activities Center has students and athletes alike excited.

The fall sports season ended well. Highlighted among the team records was the 5 and 1 conference finish for the women's volleyball team. They came out 31 and 11 overall. Also noteworthy was the men's basketball team's home victory to clinch the MCC championship. It's now time for the spring teams to take their shot at producing a season for the record books.

**Golf:** As new head coach Jon Ochs prepares for his first season, he should be excited about having five returning players for the 2004 season. The group played exceptionally strong in fall tournaments, winning the Huntington Invitational. Seniors Joe Zimmerman and Bryan Simmon lead the squad as they chase the MCC title.

**Baseball:** Four seniors will lead the Trojans in the 2004 season. Kenny Miller, Cory Neuenschwander; Ryan Rupp and Matt Alspaugh will head the Trojans' effort on the diamond. Greater pitching depth should give TU its best shot at advancing to NAIA Regionals in several years.

**Softball:** Seniors Brandy Thornburgh and Brooke Kanitz will spearhead Coach Stephanie Smith's 2004 club. Four freshmen will add to the mix as the Lady Trojans look to move up to the upper half of the challenging MCC.

**Women's Track:** With only three seniors, one might think the Lady Trojans are in a rebuilding year, but a strong group of underclassmen will keep the team very competitive. Jennifer Kamps, Rachel Stuckey and Katie Spencer will lead the TU effort. Spencer and Carolyn Betteridge return as NAIA National qualifiers.

**Men's Track:** The Trojans seek their tenth straight MCC crown this spring, and have the depth needed to pull it off. Seniors Andrew Burgess, Matt Docter and Matt Abernathy, along with junior All-Americans Richie Gibbs and Bryan Jackson, head a talented squad ready to meet all challengers.

**Women's Tennis:** Coach Dara Syswerda will be depending upon senior Kristel Bailin and her MCC Champions in #1 doubles, Holly May and Kathy Clark, to lead her squad into the NAIA Regional meet in April. This is the second year in a row the Lady Trojans have reached the Regionals, and hopefully the experience will be the difference as the club attempts to reach NAIA Nationals for the first time.
Dr. Tim Burkholder, biology, along with Taylor pre-med students Gabrielle DePlanty and Rachel Holt, spent the summer of 2003 doing cardiovascular research. They studied the anatomic innervation of the rat heart, and were especially interested in the parasympathetic pathway of the Autonomic Nervous System. Over 50 rats were operated on. The two senior biology majors made presentations at the Indiana Academy of Science meeting Nov. 17, 2003, at Anderson University. DePlanty presented “Effect of Extraseptal Fat Pad Ablation on Vagal Control of Cardiac Response in Male Sprague Dawley Rats” and Holt presented “Physiological Response to Systemic Injection of Acetylcholine, Nicotine, and Muscarine after the Surgical Removal of Various Fat Pads Located on the Rat Heart.”

You must have pretty strong stomachs.
Brie: I’ve always been able to handle the sight of blood.
Rachel: My dad was accident prone so I enjoyed watching my dad in the emergency room getting his gashes and cuts sutured.

What exactly is Extraseptal Fat Pad Ablation?
Brie: It’s fat located on top of the heart on top of the muscle.
Rachel: We would remove those areas in order to do our research.

How did the presentation go with the Indiana Academy of Science?
Rachel: It went well. Afterward we answered some questions from various physiologists from across the state of Indiana.

What about all those rats?
Brie: We euthanize them.

You spent the whole summer in Upland?
Brie: We worked from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. so we did not really have time to be bored. We were very busy.

Ever think about being an English major instead?
Brie: Ever since I was in junior high I wanted to be a doctor after going to Ghana, Africa, on a mission trip.
Rachel: Medicine has always been what I wanted to do since I was a little girl. My passion for studying the human body motivated me to become a biology major.

What’s next?
Brie: Med school. I’m ready to go on.
Rachel: I would also like to attend medical school and pursue a career in medicine. I will have four more years of medical training and then complete a residency. I’m really excited for the years to come.
Back to the drawing board

With lots of ideas floating around about where possible future buildings should be located and what campus improvements should take top priority, the University is in the process of creating an overarching campus master plan. The last time one was designed for Taylor was in 1981. After an extensive interview process with 12 different firms, the contract was awarded to the same firm that devised the plan in ’81.

Before the consultants recommend where to place potential future buildings, they will undertake an extensive interview and comment collecting process. During 2004, input from many members of the Taylor community will be solicited. In addition to locating structures, the consultants will be trying to determine how to place everything from roadways to landscaping to signage. For more information contact the office of administration and planning at 765-998-5200.

Ring downs or wing downs?

While the guys in Morris Hall are figuring out how best to prank their friends in Wengatz, the women in residence halls across campus are trying to decide whether a new twist on a quaint old tradition is for better or for worse.

The “ring down” ritual that celebrates a recent marriage proposal has become, over the decades, a hall-wide affair that sometimes includes hundreds of women. In Olson Hall, for example, late in the evening shortly after someone has become engaged, a bell is rung and all the residents are invited to the main lounge. The name of the bride-to-be is not immediately announced. Instead the engagement ring is tied to the end of a lit candle and a group of about 10 girls are called to the front and asked to pass the candle around their circle. On the second time around, the engaged student blows out the candle, the room erupts with cheers, and then the story of the proposal is told to everyone.

“It was wonderful,” recalls Lorraine (Matthews ’65) Ebright of her ring down. The traditions she experienced over 40 years ago mirror the ring downs that still take place on campus today. Ebright noted that every time a ring down was announced by a long constant ring on the dorm buzzer system, everyone would “drop what they were doing and flood down the stairs” to the main lounge for the ceremony.

Starting this past fall, the female PAs and the residence life staff began asking campus women to keep the celebrations limited to just the wing mates and close friends of the engaged. Now closer to 40 women, rather than 200, will be participating in the new “wing downs.” Student leaders want to place the focus on “celebrating the lifelong commitment to marriage” and hope the smaller setting will be even more intimate and meaningful.

How far back does this campus tradition go? Send your memories or comments to editor@taylor.edu.
An intentional community

I am more convinced than ever that we honor Jesus Christ by doing the right things, in the right ways for the right reasons. The ancient Hebrews often made the mistake of allowing the means to become the end—believing that if they perfected the system and followed it fully, God’s pleasure and blessing were guaranteed. My anchor verses for this academic year, Micah 6:6-8, reminds me that the precision of the system, and our adherence and commitment to it will be ineffective in strengthening Taylor’s covenant community in ways that please Him if it is not a means for changing and equipping the lives of those we serve.

What can we bring to the Lord to make up for what we've done? Should we bow before God with offerings of yearling calves? Should we offer him thousands of rams and tens of thousands of rivers of olive oil? Would that please the Lord? Should we sacrifice our firstborn children to pay for the sins of our souls? Would that make him glad? No, O people, the Lord has already told you what is good, and this is what he requires: to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.

To do justly requires doing the right things. Over the past three years at Taylor University we affirmed core values, focused mission, fine-tuned administrative systems, developed mechanisms for data enriched decision-making and identified strategic priorities. We have internal and external validations that our systems work both effectively and efficiently. All of this helps us to do better what we do best—to be a covenant community on a journey of Christ-centered discipleship.

To love mercy challenges us to do the right things in the right way so that we deliver the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to one another and a hurting world. Efficient systems and refined processes are not ends in themselves. I am in awe of how quickly and willingly the Taylor family responds to those in need. Whether it is a member of the campus facing a life threatening illness or an alumnus in need of an extended faith community to support them in a time of crisis, compassion abounds. Mercy is the spiritual marrow that strengthens and nurtures our resolve to inform minds, transform hearts and equip hands for competent, compassionate service.

And to walk humbly reminds us to do the right things in the right ways for the right reasons. What we do, and the way we do it, must be motivated by the desire to bring glory to the Father. Taylor is a Christ-centered covenant community. We know that when it is all said and done only what has been said about and done for Jesus will have eternal value. Equipping men and women through living, learning and serving experiences to glorify God is the reason our covenant community exists. The fruit of that commitment bears witness to the life and work of our Savior in many places throughout the world.

This three-fold exhortation provides us with clarity, conviction and courage in these times when what Taylor University delivers is needed more than ever. Our 158-year legacy is a life changing and culture influencing force. We can be confident of God’s direction and provision as we embrace the call to be a covenant community doing the right things in the right ways for the right reasons. What a blessing to know that thousands of you join with us in this challenge to do justly, love mercy and walk humbly with our God.

—Dr. David J. Gyertson, president

New marketing efforts underway

When Georgia based Crane MetaMarketing, Ltd. arrived in Upland in 2002, they came to undertake the first extensive institution-wide marketing study of the University since 1987. Crane conducted thousands of student, faculty, administration, staff, board, parent and alumni surveys and interviews. Their findings, presented to the University last fall, contained volumes of useful information such as:

- Some of the leading descriptors included “academically rigorous,” “worth the cost,” “ministry oriented,” “clear about mission” and “transforms lives.”
- 77% of students surveyed admired their professors and found them accessible.
- 85% of alumni said they would choose Taylor if they had it all to do again.

“That’s a huge number,” said Patti Crane, president of Crane MetaMarketing, of the alumni percentage. “We are always happy when we see percentages in the 60s. Taylor is in the 80s and that is amazing.”

The data is still being analyzed, but according to President David Gyertson there is confidence among stakeholders in the methodology, findings and general conclusions of the Crane Metamarketing study.

Even with the new look and feel that comes with a branding campaign, some familiar items at the University will remain unchanged. The athletic colors will continue to be purple and gold. The current TU or “cross and crucible” design will still be used as the official logo of the Upland campus. In addition, the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses will have their own distinct marketing studies and branding. —Jim Garringer
Keeping up appearances

She worked out at the fitness center for two hours every night and went back to her dorm exhausted. Unsatisfied with her body still, she went out later and ran another six miles. This routine went on for a year until her close friend confronted her and told her the truth: she was anorexic.

Her story is not unique on Taylor’s campus. Seventy percent of the students last spring chose the phrase, ‘concerned about body image,’ as the most chosen descriptor when asked on a survey to describe their fellow peers.

While being overly concerned about how you look is a long leap from having a medical condition like anorexia, the two issues point to one reality - women at Taylor struggle with the same body issues as women on college campuses across the nation.

“When I started at Taylor, I was overwhelmed,” said a Taylor female grad. “I felt like I didn’t fit in and while I compared myself to others, I began to control my eating in order to look better. It eventually began to consume my every thought.”

“I continued going downhill and was hospitalized for a few days because my heart rate had dropped to 30 beats per minute,” explains another current student as she recounts a near death battle with her eating disorder.

“Each day was another struggle as I fought my mind, my heart, and my body,” she admitted.

While this is a deeply personal and often awkward topic to discuss, the Taylor community seems set on tackling the issue directly through two methods: Eating Disorder Task Force and the counseling center.

“Our desire is to be proactive about these issues and not solely reactive,” said chairman of the task force Julianna Hutchins. “We want to educate students and have people talk about body image issues and discuss how faith in Christ integrates with these issues.”

The Task Force was started by Lori Holtmann, former associate dean of students, three years ago.

“As I began to do more research on the issue and learned that eating disorders have reached epidemic proportions especially among college age women, I felt a responsibility to develop a plan of action for Taylor,” said Holtmann.

The Task Force is responsible for a week of campus-wide programming which coincides with the National Eating Disorders Awareness Week during the last week of February every year. During this week, chapel speakers focus on these issues, and the counselors and Task Force hold floor-based and campus-wide panel discussions and forums about body image.

“It is the goal of the task force to raise campus awareness and also promote, through comprehensive educational programming, healthy thinking about identity formation and the integration of our faith and who we are in Christ with that process,” said Holtmann.

Another available resource to help students cope with both body image issues and eating disorders is the University counseling center.

“Taylor embraces the problem and we put our energy into developing our student leaders on how they can make the initial level of assistance to those suffering from this,” said Counselor Kay Keller.

“We had about 272 students seek counseling last year and while 25 came specifically for eating disorder treatment, almost 70 percent of the students indicated that struggling with overly critical thoughts about their body image and appearance was one of their primary issues,” said Director of the Counseling Center Bob Neideck ’82.

The counseling center sends a yearly survey to those who have sought counseling at the center and the feedback remains positive.

“From our survey, we’ve had favorable ratings,” said Neideck. “Ninety-five to ninety-eight percent say the counseling center helped them and would recommend people go there.”

Surveys done five to ten years ago showed almost no concern about body image or students struggling with eating disorders at Taylor. This issue is a relatively new phenomenon on campus, and it may be attributed to the shift in the youth culture in America.

Although body image problems still continue at Taylor, the counselors and task force members are assisting students to overcome this problem and make the campus aware of this problem.

“I recovered with the help of a counselor I met with every week,” said one Taylor alumna. “I also had a lot of indirect support from my small group, girls from my floor and chapel.”

“It was good to hear other women share their struggles with body image and self-esteem,” says a current student. “I felt somewhat alone in that struggle before I heard from these women.”

-Gloria Pudate ’04
Back to nature

After a 60 year absence, the University decided to offer a masters level program again in Upland. Three reasons why environmental science was the natural choice.

Like a runner who goes for her first jog of the season after spending the winter months indoors, there are some kinks to work out when one begins something again after a long hiatus. Steering a University back into offering graduate degrees has come with a fair bit of stretching and strain. But with science alumni already making news nationally and regionally and with local efforts making their mark around the globe, the new masters program seems to be off to a good start.
Dr. John Moore and students utilize the year-round growing environment in the Nausetum Science Center greenhouse.
Back to nature

A steady hand at the helm
Why the EPA counts on Steve Johnson's balanced management

Before he had to deal with issues like acid rain and Senate hearings, Stephen Johnson '73 cut his teeth on Taylor University's horizontal rain and finals week.

"Sometimes I still think of myself as a Taylor student at Ivanhoe's or eating sausage barbecue pizza," Johnson quipped during a recent campus visit. These days, he's been known to eat in the White House Mess.

Johnson is now the acting deputy administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, a position he was appointed to following the resignations of former EPA head Christine Todd Whitman and deputy administrator Linda Fisher. Johnson's appointment as acting EPA DA came from President George W. Bush this past July. He will continue in that role until he is appointed permanently or another successor is found.

While there can be a great deal of pressure managing 18,000 employees and a $7.7 billion budget, there are also the perks - one of which included an unexpected West Wing hallway encounter with White House Chief of Staff Andy Card. A moment later, President Bush, who was following Card, greeted him saying, "Steve, I think you are doing a great job."

"It is exciting to be in Washington and be a part of that team," said Johnson, who has watched national news stories that included the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the anthrax scare and the DC sniper attacks unfold from a front-row seat.

"There were F-18 [fighter jets] overhead, and smoke pouring from the Pentagon," he said. "They are days and times I'll never forget. "[The response to 9/11] took team work; there were over 50 agencies and departments involved."

Before this presidential appointment as acting deputy, Johnson was appointed by President Bush and confirmed by the U.S. Senate as assistant administrator of the Office of Prevention, Pesticides and Toxic Substances (OPPTS). Prior to this job he served as principal deputy assistant administrator of OPPTS.

Looking back on his college days, Johnson confessed that while he felt he was getting a good college education at Taylor, he wondered how he would stack up against fellow graduates of the state universities. He now says the concern was unfounded. "I found out I was prepared as well as or better
"There can be a great deal of pressure managing 18,000 employees and a $7.7 billion budget ..."

equipped than those students," he stated, adding Taylor was not only the place where he began his career but also where he met his wife Deborah (Jones) '72.

"[We learned the] value of community. Thirty years later, our lifelong friends are from Taylor," Johnson said. "It is exciting to see our kids experiencing the same thing we did in academics, values and friendships."

The Johnsons sent their three children Carrie '99, Matthew '02 and Allison, a current student, to Taylor, and also served on the Taylor Parents' Cabinet. Johnson is on the advisory panel for the new master of environmental science program. -Jim Garnier
Drew Daily has battled fires in forests, fields and just about anywhere else a fire can burn in the wildlands and he says that every one of them has one thing in common. They were started by people.

"Many of the fires in Indiana are less than an acre [in size]. In Indiana, 20 acres is a big fire; out west, 20 acres is small," Daily said. "The major cause is trash fires, debris, camp fires and warming fires; a lot of times it is [caused by] a lack of awareness."

Daily, a 1996 Taylor University graduate, was recently named assistant state wildland fire coordinator for the State of Indiana. At one end of his job with the state’s Department of Natural Resources, Daily works to prevent forest and wildland fires, while at the other he manages a program that prescribes the careful implementation of fire for forest health. From his office in the Morgan Monroe State Forest near Martinsville, Ind., he is currently developing a prescribed fire management course to be taught at Ball State University later this year. There are numerous other aspects of his job that include firefighter training, disaster assistance and fire prevention programs.

And Daily has traveled to other states to assist in forest firefighting. "You work 16-hour days in dangerous conditions and on rugged terrain and throw fire in on top of that and you’ve got a whole lot of excitement," Daily said. "I hate to see it happen, but when it does, I want to be there."

His dream was almost derailed in college when he struggled initially with his academic pursuits. After taking a couple years off before returning to complete his degree, he pursued his studies with a newfound sense of urgency. "I turned my love of the outdoors into a career," Daily said. "I’ve been really fortunate to be surrounded by professionals who pushed me to be my best. It started at Taylor with Dr. Squiers and Dr. Rothrock." Squiers said he was humbled by Daily's compliment. "He in large measure is what he is today because of himself; he made the connection of, ‘What I do today at school is in fact the determining factor for what I do in my career and in my life,’” he said.

Daily said the goal of any forest and wildlands firefighter is containment and survival. "We don’t have the option of putting a (forest) fire out. It has to put itself out," he said. While the tools for forest firefighting include leaf blowers, chainsaws, torches for backfires and pickaxes, Daily says teamwork is the key to defeating a forest fire and to living to fight another day. "We rely on others to help us with escape routes, safety zones and watching the weather,” he stated.

"There are a lot of constants, but a lot of things can change. A fire with moderate behavior and flames of only one foot can change to a fire with aggressive behavior with flames of twenty feet in a matter of seconds. Fire moves exponentially.”

The teamwork Daily said he experiences with his colleagues at the DNR is gaining a national reputation. "Indiana is becoming well known nationally for having top notch firefighters,” he said. "If you see a forest fire being reported on television, you can almost be guaranteed there are people from Indiana there.” Even with a big title, Daily still loves to get his hands dirty. “All you can get done with the staff we have is unbelievable,” he said. "I am one of the fortunate people who get to live out their dreams. I always wanted to be a park ranger and a firefighter.” –Jim Garringer
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This past September, for the first time in over six decades, graduate students again were a part of the community at Taylor University. The Upland campus welcomed nine students pursuing a master of environmental science (MES) degree.

In January 2003 Taylor received official notification from North Central Association (NCA) that the graduate program in environmental science was approved at the meeting of their Institutions Actions Council. The NCA is a private organization involved with public and private school accreditation in 19 states. NCA accreditation is voluntary, but makes a strong statement to prospective students and to other institutions about the University’s commitment to strong academics. “The bestowal of accreditation on our new graduate programs marks another stage in Taylor’s development as a full-service, Christ-centered liberal arts university,” said Dr. Dwight Jessup, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the University.

The Taylor University MES program plans to grow to 15-18 students a year. An anonymous gift to the University has paid tuition costs for each student for the program’s first 15 years. “Thanks to the hard work of our Taylor faculty and the generosity of our friends, the new MES degree program will provide our students with a nearly one-to-one faculty involvement and tie them more closely to the environmental scientific community,” said Dr. Steve Bedi, Taylor’s provost.

The MES program is the latest step in a process that began 23 years ago when the first environmental science courses were offered at Taylor. “Our program is unique in that a school like Taylor has been able to assemble an array of scientists who are specialists in environmental science,” said Dr. Edwin R. Squiers, chairman of the earth and environmental sciences division. “We will be tailoring the program to link each student’s individual skills and interests to their career goals.”

The Four Plus One option, open to students entering Taylor’s environmental science program, will allow them to complete their bachelor’s and MES degrees within five years, with the fifth year’s tuition paid by the school.
Forty years of technical titles

When students sign up to attend the “Annual Science Seminar Series” they know what they’re in for – presentations full of words like “genetic algorithms” and “pharmaceutics.”

This year will mark the 40th year for the series at Taylor. The 14 lecturers in the 2003 line-up included Dr. Jeffrey Patrick of Indianapolis-based Eli Lilly and Company. True to form, his lecture was entitled, “Biotechnology, Mass Spectrometry, and Characterization - The New and the Tried and True.”
A global reach

Work by two faculty members in Taylor’s earth and environmental sciences departments is making an impact, not just beyond the village border, but well beyond America’s borders.

Dr. Mike Guebert, professor of geology, led a team of students to Guatemala to drill a well for drinking water during the January Interterm. The students worked in two groups drilling a well in the village of El Triumfo. While they were there, they also gave hygienic lessons to children and adults in the village while teaching 75 students at the local grade school how Jesus is the only source for Living Water. “The entire team worked together with encouragement and teamwork,” Guebert said.

Fulbright Scholar Dr. Richard Squiers was the lead author of the newsletter of the Russian Academy of Science. “I think it speaks to the global reach of Taylor University,” Squiers said, adding that he has been invited to read a paper that compares theistic and atheistic views of creation at a poetry conference in Roanoke, Va. in March.

All in the family

After a dozen years in the making, “Flora of North America” issued volume 23 which covers the sedge family. Paul Rothrock (TUU biology/environmental science) contributed to the treatments of Carex section Ovales and Carex section Paniceae. The volume, published by Oxford University Press, represents the first comprehensive review of flora for our part of the world. Rothrock notes, “We now have over 840 species of sedges and are still counting.”
A life together
Even the most ordinary activities have doxological overtones.

A smile from someone you don't know.
When people visit the campus, they talk about “the good feeling” they get from folks around here. They are sensing our community. They are sensing a unique bonding that exists between students and faculty members who have come from across the country and around the world. This reality of strong community life has been associated with Taylor for decades, and in that time there has been lots of good opportunity to think about what it all means.

How should community be practiced?
Taylor defines itself as a “Christian” institution. In the New Testament, one of the characteristics of the new Christians was that they “continued in fellowship.” This fellowship was not just one grand party time, but rather one where people stuck with each other – even through the difficulties of life.

We are to look for ways to encourage one another. “Bearing one another’s burdens” gives a positive focus to how community is practiced as opposed to the confraternity of a legalistic lifestyle. It expresses and is motivated by a love for God and for others as opposed to being a self-righteous “Thou shalt not ...”

Community also is practiced in not offending one another. Love for God and for one’s brother shows care for the attitudes, needs and even foibles of others.

Can community be legislated?
Perhaps, for Taylor University, it is appropriate to re-examine the Life Together Covenant (LTC) to avoid any legalistic emphasis of issues not adequately based on Scripture (Colossians 2:28ff). The problem of legalism is that it causes people to focus on their works and their efforts at righteousness rather than upon the mercy of God.

The church, throughout its history, has often oscillated either towards antinomianism or neo-nomianism. The danger of antinomianism is that one more easily devolves into a self-indulgent lifestyle devoid of glorifying God. The apostle Paul strongly rebuked those who believed that “I enjoy sinning and God enjoys forgiving, so we can both be happy” (Romans 6:1f). Neo-nomianism, on the other hand, diminishes the finished work of Christ and a salvation that is by faith alone. Both extremes attack the Reformational sola fide.

While antinomianism defangs the law which Christ necessarily has completely fulfilled to satisfy all righteousness, neo-nomianism makes our salvation, or at least our sanctification, a matter of works. The spirit of a life lived out to the glory of God does not swing to either of these extremes. The LTC ought proactively to be more clear in its emphasis of this via media.

A life of love
Our actions are to be guided by two loves: a love for Christ and a love for each other. In light of the Reformational sola scriptura, we must look to Scripture alone to define how a life motivated by love ought to be lived. And with a heritage of strong community life to build on, we must work diligently to preserve this important aspect of the Taylor ethos.

— Hadley T. Mitchell, associate professor, business, accounting and economics department

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“A Life Together” is excerpted from a longer essay, “The Covenant Community,” which is available as an exclusive Online Extra in the current issue of the online magazine. The essay provides an in-depth examination of how a broadly evangelical institution incorporates the idea and ideals of covenant community. Read more at: www.taylor.edu/magazine/
My life at sea

How one grad is making a smooth transition from scholarship to service

Tony Van Alstine ’03 spends some afternoons scrubbing decks and other afternoons at the helm of a 522-foot converted cruise liner. His free time sometimes entails Ultimate Frisbee with up to 30 other crew, and is sometimes just him and a piece of rope – hour after hour spent trying to master 20 different sailor knots. At nights, Tony retires to his cabin, about a 10-by-8 foot space he shares with a Canadian and a Ghanaian.

Tony is a volunteer onboard the Anastasis, the flagship of Mercy Ships.

“This is one of the best things Christianity has to show the world,” Tony says.

He’s here, in part, because of some advice he heard as a student at Taylor University. Tony remembers Bart Campolo saying during one chapel service: Commit to giving God your first year out of college. It could be in the form of a 9 to 5 job or it could be in full-time missions. But give that year to God.

The words echoed in Tony’s mind as he prepared to graduate, and eventually guided him up the gangway of the world’s largest non-governmental hospital ship.

Medicine?

While Tony majored in philosophy, he also took all the required pre-med classes. He felt drawn to medicine but wasn’t sure if he wanted to attend medical school straight out of college. During his senior year, Tony and several other students drove to Kentucky for a medical missions conference. Tony grabbed a brochure for Mercy Ships as he passed its booth. “It struck me as really innovative,” he says, “a hospital ship versus mobile teams on the ground.” Mercy Ships currently has two ships – and a third one undergoing its conversion from ferry to hospital ship – that dock in Europe and North America for several months each year to procure supplies and give tours. The bulk of the year, though, the Anastasis and the Caribbean Mercy provide free medical care in developing countries, in West Africa and the Caribbean, respectively.

Tony tucked the brochure away. Several months later, he lay in bed one night and thought, “Mercy Ships! That’s what I need to do next year.”
He applied the next morning. Tony was told that although he would not be able to work in the medical department, he could sign up to watch surgeries. He hoped he would learn if medicine was for him. His dad supported the decision. “Yeah,” his dad told him, “That’s the thing for you.”

Other family and friends also backed him and helped pay (along with Taylor professors, his church and a Lion’s Club from his hometown) the $428 a month in crew fees for Tony to volunteer with Mercy Ships.

The community

Tony was disappointed at first when he learned he would work in the ship’s reception. He worked odd shifts and some weekends for two months, fielding questions, orienting newcomers and directing calls. It wasn’t a job or a schedule he would have chosen. “I was serving in a way that wouldn’t be my first choice. But I learned patience,” he says. “It was a humbling experience and it changed my heart in some ways.”

He was told that once the deck department had an opening, he could transfer.

Until then, he began to find redemptive aspects of his job. Working weekends had meant wishing other crew well as they left for weekend trips around Europe. It meant forced solitude. Tony spent much of this time with God — something he hadn’t had as much time for in the busy months since graduation.

His attitude shifted. “Time with God,” he says, “is more precious than any weekend travel.”

And despite the initial frustrations with his job, Tony felt Mercy Ships was providing a smooth transition from college life to life beyond. “Here,” Tony says, “there are so many Christians from all over the world. It’s the next step, seeing the global church interact. There’s no way it could work without God being behind it.”

The Anastasis carries volunteers from about 35 countries. A woman from Ghana told Tony she imagined working and living with other Christians would be just about on par with heaven. After boarding the ship, she told Tony, she found it wasn’t at all like that. “It’s the real world,” Tony says.

During the frustrating times, Tony tries to keep perspective by thinking about why he’s here. “I think about the people we’re going to serve,” he says. “Their entire infrastructure of economy has been bombed out. They struggle daily for food and water and medical attention. They’re in desperate need. My not wanting what they’re serving for dinner, or issues with my cabin being too small and the guys next door being noisy, or not getting the schedule I would want seems pretty insignificant.”

Ship life

For his seven months onboard the Anastasis, Tony packed some Frisbees, photos of friends and family, and books — loads of books. He brought All Quiet on the Western Front, Les Miserables, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, Confessions of St. Augustine and Shadow of the Almighty.

Tony did not bring his guitar. He thought his cabin would be too small. Not bringing it, he says, was one of the top 10 stupidest things he’s done. Although the cabins are small, he would have had ample space for a guitar.

Sometimes, in the middle of the night, Tony wakes up and sees his roommate Ebenezer from Ghana lying in bed, reading his Bible. “The beauty and sincerity of his faith just really impresses me,” Tony says. “These people who have come from Africa and have seen violence and destruction — in Liberia and Sierra Leone — they still praise God and they still work with all their energy to make a difference. Instead of falling into despair, they jump into action.”

Tony has not only been encouraged in his faith, he has found himself doing the same for others. Although sometimes at Taylor he felt he wasn’t making much of a difference in Upland, he is now grateful for those years when he had time to think through various theological questions — such as the existence of God and whether or not Christian faith is compatible with evolution — and come to conclusions on some issues and rest in the mystery with others.

“God used that time to shape my mind and to shape my heart,” Tony says. And he has had answers for fellow crew’s questions. When a friend on the ship was questioning whether or not the devil exists, Tony thought back to the ontological nature of evil. “I just received so much truth at Taylor,” he says.

Working the deck

Oct. 13, Tony transferred from reception to the deck department. “Being from Indiana,” Tony says, “and not having seen the ocean until I was 18, it’s amazing to be out on the sea, being a sailor.”

Just after joining deck, Tony was asked to train and become a “waterman.” Shortly after that, he received a care package from his mother. She had made a blue T-shirt with the words “Water Boy.” As a waterman, Tony is in charge of pumping, purifying and testing water onboard the ship. In his first week as a waterman, he helped pump 400 tons of water onto the ship over the course of 12 hours.

“I’ve never been in charge of 400 tons of anything before,” Tony says, smiling. The ship and its crew consume between 40 to 50 tons of water each day, and more than that in Africa, where the surgeries will occur and where the sterilizers will require heated water. Tony checks each of the ship’s seven tanks, where the water is stored, to be sure the water evens out and doesn’t make the ship list (tilt). This is especially important during a sail because the stability of the ship, Tony says, depends on the hundreds of tons of water being dispersed evenly.

Although Tony is not working toward becoming an able-bodied seaman, he is learning 20 sailors’ knots, the minimum number that seamen need to know. He has a piece of rope in his cabin to practice with, and experienced sailors to look up to. “These salty old sailors are just magicians with rope,” Tony says. One sailor, a man named Dusty Ray, can tie 60 different kinds of knots — all behind his back.

Volunteers in the deck department come from the United States, Canada, England, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, the Faroe Islands, Holland, Norway and Australia. “In this group there’s so much diversity, but there’s such a unity of purpose,” Tony says.

In Emden, Germany, the deck hands helped load hundreds of tons of supplies onto the ship. One pallet, Tony says, was formula for malnourished babies. The next was building supplies. Then a pallet of Bibles. Then ICU units. Then prosthetic limbs for amputee victims. And then a pallet of water pump equipment.

“We were just so overwhelmed,” Tony says.

Citing the founder’s mission for Mercy Ships, Tony says the organization seeks to live out a two-handed Gospel, to care for the whole person, not only for people’s spiritual needs, but also their physical needs. “Jesus went and healed people and forgave their sins at the same time.... One without the other is incomplete,” Tony says. “I think this is the work Jesus wanted us to do.”
The April 3-4, 2004, President's Weekend will be a wonderful celebration. The festivities will include an induction ceremony for new members of the Council of 100, alumni and friends who have given more than $100,000 lifetime to Taylor. The Friday chapel and the Saturday evening President's Dinner for friends and alumni who have given $1,000 or more to the University in the past year will provide an opportunity to publicly celebrate the completion of the Taylor Tomorrow Capital Campaign. The $75 million goal announced in 1996 was more than four times than Taylor had ever raised in a campaign. With the final total at $79,667,000, University officials and the Taylor family will take the opportunity to say, "To God be the glory."

Give the Taylor Experience.

Justin and Veronica Norman '98 found their time at Taylor to be life changing. "We give to Taylor University because we believe in what the school stands for," state the Normans. "We believe in an institution that strives for excellence in education while providing for Christian learning."

They are committed to giving back to the University so that the students today can have the same kind of opportunities they had. Join them in providing the Taylor experience today for the leaders of tomorrow.

http://www.taylor.edu/giving/index.htm

GIFT initiative

The Get Involved For Taylor (GIFT) initiative has been extremely successful thanks to a generous matching grant from The Lilly Endowment, Inc. Taylor met and exceeded the $3.5 million match within the 18 month goal and alumni participation jumped to 40 percent.
1933  
Naomi (McKibben x) Shumaker stepped peacefully into her heavenly home on Sept. 8, 2003. Naomi was the mother of Dawn (Shumaker x’58) Kinzer; mother-in-law to Lee Kinzer ’59; grandmother of Mark ’78, Michael ’79, Lea (Kinzer ’84) Bergman, Laurel (Kinzer ’90) Dean and Lynne (Kinzer ’92) Steiner; as well as the great-grandmother of TU students Erika Kinzer ’05, Erin Kinzer ’07 and Sarah Kinzer ’09.

1934  
Rev. Donald J. Kenyon died Feb. 3, 2003. During his career Rev. Kenyon taught at the following colleges: Hebrew Christian Synagogue, St. Paul Bible College, Nyack College, Detroit Bible Institute, Simpson College, Cathedral at the Crossroads, Asbury Seminary, Toccoa Falls College and Canberra College of Theology. He was a church planter, conference speaker, musician, artist and writer. He is survived by wife Marie who resides at 530 Dawson Dr, Duncanville, TX 75116.

1939  
Francis Johannides passed away June 3, 2003. Starting his ministry in 1936 as a circuit rider in western Canada, he served the Lord as a pastor from 1940 to 1981. After “retirement” he continued as an associate pastor in Holiday, Fla., until 1996. He is survived by wife Mildred Mae who can be reached at PO Box 22, Penney Farms, FL 32079.

1944  
Warren Bergwall went to be with the Lord suddenly on Feb. 21, 2003. Dr. Bergwall practiced medicine in Indianapolis and Wisconsin before practicing in Muncie, Ind., for more than 43 years. He was the former director of Family Practice Clinic at Ball Memorial Hospital, founder and medical director of Hospice at Ball Memorial Hospital, and former medical director of Gateway Clinic of Muncie. The Indiana Academy of Family Practice awarded him the “Outstanding Family Practitioner in Indiana” in 1985. Surviving is wife June (Pugh x) who resides at 2890 York Ln, Mount Dora, FL 32757. • Mary Green, wife of Bill Green, passed away Sept. 8, 2003. Mary was an exceptional math teacher who went on to receive the state TOTOM award for college math teachers, the first private college teacher to be so honored. Teachers of Teachers of Mathematics is an organization that meets yearly to discuss issues around teaching mathematics to future teachers. Mary’s contributions to her church in Oregon included her devotional writings and her years of service in finances at the local and yearly meeting levels. Bill resides at 1015 E Cherry St Apt 9, Newberg, OR 97132. • Martha (Huffer x) McDonald died May 12, 2003. She taught piano lessons from 1948 to 1982, and was active at Forest United Methodist Church. Her husband Gordon ’42 preceded her in death in 2000. She is survived by her daughter Ruth Ann (McDonald x’66) Fouse and son-in-law Danny Fouse.

1949  
Betty Kinstler received the Distinguished Service Award at the Annual Convention of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel on June 5, 2003. From 1989 to 1993, she served as VP for the Shiawassee County chapter of the MARSP and president from 1994 to 2003. • John Strahl passed away Aug. 31, 2003, due to cancer. His entire professional career was at Greenville College, retiring as associate VP for alumni affairs in 1990. In 1976, John was inducted into the NAIA Hall of Fame for meritorious service; and in 1977, he was national president of the National Assoc. of Intercollegiate Athletics. He later served for six years on the US Olympic committee. Surviving is wife June who lives at 505 Kilarney Rd, Greenville, IL 62246.

1951  
Norm & Muriel (Culver x’53) Cook were honored for their work with Multnomah Bible College by the renaming of the Multnomah Overseas Endowment to the Norm & Muriel Cook Missions Endowment. Norm has taught at the college for 22½ years retiring in the spring of 2003. • David x & Margaret Jansen reside in Laurieton, Australia, where David is a psychologist specializing in couple therapy. He is also the co-director of Jansen Newman Institute in Sydney, Australia. E-mail is davidjansen@fasternet.com.au. • Dave & Kay Rathjen celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June 2003. Dave spent 30 of his 34 years in the Air Force as chaplain. Their address is 10202 Ironwood Dr, Sun City, AZ 85351. • Valetta (Short x) Werder passed away July 20, 2003, in Archbold, Ohio. She had been a school teacher in Pettisville, Ohio, for 30 years.

1952  
Dr. Paul Gentile was selected as Indiana Family Physician of the Year 2003, by the Indiana Family Physician Association.

1956  
Margaret Bash is retiring from her active ministry in Hungary for Child Evangelism Fellowship and is returning to the US. Her address is 711 Robert E Lee Dr, Wilmington, NC 28412. E-mail is cefmab@aol.com.

1957  
Joanie (Selleck x) Yoder has entered her 47th year of missionary work in Europe. During the next year or two, Joanie’s “active retirement” will allow her to continue in ministry mainly in England as an ambassador-at-large for Youth for Christ. E-mail is joanie.yoder@virgin.net.

1958  
Rev. W. David Richards retired in 2002 after 43 years of service in the Methodist Church including parish ministry, hospital chaplaincy and seminary professor. Peggy, his wife of 45 years, passed
away in February 2003, after an extended illness. His address is 802 Fairway Dr, Pine Bluff, AR 71603.

1960
Skip & Joan (Haaland) Britton moved to 148 Dovenshire Dr, Fairfield Glade, TN 38558. E-mail is skip@britton@earthlink.net. • Nancy Laberdy has retired after 34 years as God’s worker in Kenya’s secondary schools. She returned to the US and resides at Rt 1, 8451 Laberdy Rd, Eau Claire, MI 49111. • Jan (Gushiken) Terui retired in July 2003, from her director/teacher position at the Kapaa Missionary Church Nursery School. She founded the school 32 years ago. Her husband Ed (TUFW ’60) retired at the end of the year after serving as pastor at Kapaa for 39½ years.

1961
Bruce & Kathleen Brenneman live in Houghton, N.Y. Bruce is an assistant professor of theatre at Houghton College. E-mail is brenneman@houghton.edu.

1962
Nelson & Sarah (Owens ’63) Gould can be reached at PO Box 4707, Eagle, CO 81631. Nelson is the principal at Eagle Valley High School. E-mail is njgould@centurytel.net.

1963
Sterling & Bonnie Davis reside at 5460 E Idlewood Ln NW, Atlanta, GA 30327. Sterling continues as VA for engineering at Cox Broadcasting. E-mail is sterling.davis@cox.com. • Terri (Soerheide) Nieto has semi-retired after teaching for 30-plus years at Green Valley Christian School in Watsonville, Calif. She now periodically substitutes and is active at her church as a Sunday school teacher and greeter.

1964
Robert & Rebecca (Thompson x) Brunton recorded their 13th album. The couple has been involved in church music since they were very young. They can be reached at PO Box 218, Eaton Rapids, MI 48827.

1965
David & Karen (Plueddemann ’66) Horsey have moved to 9797 Poplar Pl, Orlando, FL 32827, where David will begin as associate director of global operations for Campus Crusade for Christ. E-mails are dave.horsey@cci.org and karen.horsey@cci.org.

1966
Barbara (Durnbaugh) Bickel was one of 120 Indiana educators to receive a Lilly Endowment Teacher Creativity Fellowship for 2003. In June/July 2003, she and husband Dan traveled to Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, to visit friends whose daughter was an exchange student in Barbara’s high school English class. During this trip, Dan & Barbara shot video footage and still pictures to be edited into a 30-minute film that she will use in the teaching of Cry, The Beloved Country and other South African literature at the Canterbury School in Fort Wayne. E-mail is dib@corkline.com. • Joseph & Cynthia Corey live at 24342 McCloud Ct, Laguna Niguel, CA 92677. E-mail is joecorey@cox.net.

1967
Douglas Briggs x and Barbara Burch were married April 5, 2003. Attending the wedding were the groom’s mother Margaret (Shuter ’39) Briggs and his sisters Cynthia Briggs ’73 and Barbara Briggs ’76 Guenther. The bride is a staff attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County and the groom is on the staff of Florida Atlantic Univ in Boca Raton as coordinator for research programs, Department of Ocean Engineering. The couple makes their home at 925 NW 6th Ave, Boca Raton, FL 33432.

1968
David & Ann Bleivik reside at 112 E Country Barn Rd, Houston, PA 15342. David continues as executive presbyter for the Washington Presbytery. E-mail is bleivik@comcast.net. • Liisa (Greenstein) Kaminski has retired from teaching middle school and has been privileged to serve on two short-term missions trips to Haiti within the last year.

1972
Kathy Kitzmann still loves teaching high school chemistry after 29 years. Her new address is 16273 Pomona Dr, Redford, MI 48240. E-mail is kathyk@sfirma.org.

1974
Curt x & Mary Kovener recently celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. They alternate their time between work responsibilities (he as editor/publisher of the Crothersville Times and she in county government) and managing Heartland Oaks Woodland Farm, a remote retreat near Brown County, Ind., that they are developing into a bed and breakfast. They can be reached at PO Box 141, Crothersville, IN 47229. E-mail is ctimes@sonline.net. • Bruce & Karen (Palmer) McCracken live in Lancaster, Pa., where Bruce is dean of undergraduate studies at Lancaster Bible College and Karen teaches elementary physical education. They have two boys — Ryan (20) and Ross (17).

1975
Steve & Lisa Morris reside at 1631 W 76th Pl, Indianapolis, IN 46260, where Steve is the controller for Repro Graphics Digital Imaging. E-mail is esgm@comcast.net. • Michael & Karen Pierce live at 2197 Tallavana Trl, Havana, FL 32333. Michael is ESOL Curriculum Specialist/Elementary Generalist at Flagler College. E-mail is piercems@fccfl.edu.

1976
Timothy x & Connie Welty live at 2206 Circle View Ln, Hoover, AL 35244. Timothy is associate professor at McWhorter School of Pharmacy, Samford Univ. Children are Elisabeth (22), Nathan (18) and Luke (16). E-mail is timwelty@earthlink.net.

1977
Don & Peg Faimon continue to live in Cincinnati, where Don is an optometrist at MidWest Eye Center. Their children are Anna (6) and Noah (5). E-mail is dfaimon@inci.rr.com. • Ron & Karen (Adreani x) Solyst live in Northfield, Ill. Their daughter Rachel is a TU freshman. E-mail is ksolyst@hotmail.com.

1978
David & Vicki Frens have moved to 3919 Gelding Ln, Olney, MD 20832, where David works as senior systems engineer at Axcels Technologies. Children are Leigh (15) and John (12). • Gregory Johnson married Anna Tokash on Sept. 8, 2003. The couple lives in Keller, Texas, where Gregory is materials manager at Sara Lee Foods. E-mail is gjohn4317@hotmail.com. • Walter & Margaret (Hitchcock) Knight reside in Salem, Va., with children Kyle (17), Victoria (15), Ryan (14) and Justin (9). Their oldest son Brandon is a TU freshman. Walter is a Wesleyan pastor while Margaret is the church musician. E-mail is knight@rovannet.net. • Ted & Teresa (Andrews ’77) Smucker reside in Granger, Ind., where Teresa is employed by Notre Dame Univ. E-mail is smucker.1@nd.edu. • Jim &
Claudia (Hendee) Whitfield are settling into their new home in Zambia, Africa, where they will be assisting with the work at Chitokoloki Mission Station and UN refugee camps in Zambia. Sons Jacob (11) and Nate (6) are with them while their three daughters remain in the US. E-mail is jcwhit@uuplus.com.

1979

Judy Frey completed her doctorate of psychology and is currently working at the Pain & Rehabilitation Clinic of Chicago. E-mail is jnfrej@aol.com. • Doug Haines is the CEO of InterComm, Inc., in Warsaw, Ind. Children are Keegan (10) and Kathleen (8). E-mail is doug@intercommmedia.org.

1980

Brian Baker died June 20, 2003, due to cancer. He is survived by wife Susan, two daughters and three grandsons. Susan continues to reside at 2152 Whispering Dunes Dr, Holland, MI 49424. • Brent & Susan Dawes continue to live in Wabash, Ind., where Brent is the managing director at American Express Tax & Business Services, Inc. Daughter Jenny is a TU freshman and Amy is 17. E-mail is bdawes@myvine.com. • Don x & Cheryl (Sisson x '77) Emery live in Crown Point, Ind., with their twins Chase and Kelsey (10). Don is an attorney with Emery & Schmidt, P.C. E-mail is emerys@ameritech.net.

1981

Jeannie (Brewer) Elliott received her APICS professional certification in production and inventory mgmt. She works for DePuy, a Johnson & Johnson Co., as a planner in the orthopedics industry. She enjoys working in the yard, quilting, traveling and singing. She and husband James live in Larwill, Ind. E-mail is jelliot2@dpuvys.inj.com. • Matthew & Debbie (Burnham) Green reside in Boca Raton, Fl., with children Katherine (14), Jaclynn (12) and Andrew (6). Matthew is president/owner of LifeCare of Florida. E-mail is greenrun@bellsouth.net. • Karen Waggoner lives in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, where she is a chartered psychologist, director of program standards at A New Day Begins. E-mail is krwag@shaw.ca.

1982

Ken & Lori (Weber) Armstrong are happy to announce the adoption of son Ethan (1). He joins brothers Adam (8), Caleb (6) and Jonah (2). The family resides in Houston, Pa. They would love to hear from their TU classmates! E-mail is 4arms@comcast.net. • Jim Johnson was recently promoted to vice president of branch sales at Three Rivers Federal Credit Union. • John & Eileen Moser welcomed Lydia, their ninth child, into their family on Feb. 27, 2003. She joins siblings Miriam, John Paul, Mark, Hannah, Peter, Hosea, Seth and Hadassah. Their family can be seen on Larry Boy and the Yodelhopper presenting a game in the “Family Fun” section of the DVD. E-mail is jpmoser@aol.com. • Craig & Peggy (Gorman) Silvis live in Erie, Pa., where Craig works for Hamot Hospital as a database analyst/computer programmer; Peggy is home with children Patrick, Zachary, Michael and Cameron. E-mail is casilvis@hotmail.com. • Penny (James) Stone continues her

Bequests and the William Taylor Foundation

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With a residuary bequest, you direct that Taylor University receive all or part of your estate remaining after other specific bequests and expenses related to settlement of your estate have been made. With a testamentary bequest, you set up a trust that, upon your death, provides income to your spouse and/or other beneficiaries during their lifetimes, after which the assets of the trust are given to Taylor. With a contingent bequest, you name Taylor University as the recipient of your estate, only if others named in your estate plan are not living at the time of your death.

You may also designate Taylor as the beneficiary of the remainder of your IRA, Keogh Plan, tax-sheltered annuity or qualified pension, profit-sharing plan or life insurance plan.

For more information about these and other giving opportunities (including suggested language to ensure your gift is ultimately received by Taylor), contact Ken Smith at the William Taylor Foundation at (765) 998-5239.

Jim Johnson
'53 makes history

Class breaks reunion giving record

The Taylor University Class Reunion Cup shines brightly in the corner of a room in Sickler Hall, William Taylor Foundation headquarters. The cup will go to the class of 1953 which has raised the most funds for Taylor.

Five years ago, '53 class member Ernest Cobbs suggested a class goal of $500,000 be raised in order to create a permanent Venture for Victory historic display. Don Odle had been their class sponsor and founder of Venture for Victory. It was decided that some of the class funds would be added to the Class of '52 funds in order to support this project.

This decision soon led to friendly competition to see if the 1953 class could "outgive" the 1952 class goal of $600,611.

"After five years $610,684 was raised breaking the old record of $600,611, which took three years," Nelson Rediger said. "They're a class who has given more than any other class in Taylor's history."

Of the 118 current members from the class of '53, 100 percent of the classmates financially supported this class project. Twenty-three percent of the classmates gave at the Presidents' Associates $1000 level. The class of 1953 is the second class in Taylor history to have 100 percent participation during class reunion competition. The class of 1950 was the first class to achieve 100 percent class giving.

The permanent history display of Venture for Victory will be housed in the Odle Gymnasium and will be unveiled to the public in a year or so.

Venture for Victory was a sports ministry started by Odle in 1952. A group of student athletes went to Asian countries to share the gospel of Christ through playing basketball. Several members on these first trips were from the classes of 1952 and 1953.

The money raised has not only gone to the display project but also to books in the library, trees planted in memory of classmates that have passed away and a project in the Mitchell Theatre.

A class committee consisting of Don Jacobsen, Rex Gearheart, Dave LaShana and Jane Everson all helped plan and direct the Golden Reunion weekend. –Gloria Pudate '04

writing career while teaching at Ivy Tech State College. She has written over 2,000 articles that have been published nationwide as well as four cookbooks. She, husband Craig and children Loressa (18), Zachary (13) and Kiersten (10) live in Muncie, Ind. She would love to hear from her TU friends. E-mail is pennyworks@yahoo.com.

1983

James x & Lora Devine live in Jupiter, Fla. James is director of marketing at Ship Shape TV. E-mail is devi3392@bellsouth.net. He reports that any 1st West Wengatz refugees are welcome in Florida! • Douglas & Kelly (Aho '84) Granitz, along with children Brittany (13), Kevin (9) and Courtland (8), live in Brazil. Douglas is managing director for Schreiber do Brasil, a subsidiary of Schreiber Foods, Inc. Kelly teaches English. E-mail is kdgl@sercomtel.com.br. • Sara (Gordon) Herman lives in the NW suburbs of Chicago with her children Jeff (19), Andrea (16) and Leslie (13). She would love to hear from her TU friends. E-mail is sherman@coldwellbanker.com • Lt. Col. Charles (CJ) May, along with wife Kimiko and children Naomi (14) and Makoto (11), has relocated to Honolulu from Maui. CJ was called to active duty with the Marine Corp and remains stationed at US Pacific Command as the Crisis Action/Joint Operation Center Executive Officer. E-mail is ltcolmay@maui.net. • Michael x & Tonya (Milkie, along with daughter Angelica (1), live in Chicago, Ill., where Michael is the principal at Noble Street Charter High School. E-mail is noble1010@aol.com. • Scott Preissler has completed the nation's first PhD emphasizing stewardship's influence on the academic literature base of international nonprofit leadership. Scott is the president & CEO of the Christian Stewardship Assoc. Scott & Andrea (Price '84) live in Indianapolis with children Stephen (10) and Allison (9).

• Debbie (Litsey) x Scott resides in Indianapolis where she teaches fourth grade. Children are Bradley (13), Erik (12) and Carly (10). E-mail is debscott3@sbcglobal.net.

1984

Nancy Barnum x lives in Holland, Mich., where she is an assistant professor of nursing at Hope College. • Laurie (Jobes) Flynn mourns the death of her husband David on March 23, 2003. She and daughters Angela (10) and Kayla (4) live in Collierville, Tenn. Laurie is employed by Hilton Hotels as a business analyst. E-mail is mphsllynn@excite.com. • Ken x & April Sharrock reside in Clinton, Ohio, with children Alissa (12), Julia (10) and Gabriel (2). Ken is a financial planner with Foster-Sharrock & Co. E-mail is ksharrock@scompany.com • Tom & Elizabeth (Knudsen) Shevlot have returned to Indiana where Tom is director of sales for Cingular Wireless and Elizabeth is a financial analyst with Fox 59 TV. Children are Alex (15) and Emily (12). E-mail is shevrot@aol.com. • Mark Vander Veen is a financial advisor for Prudential Securities. He lives in Batavia, Ill. E-mail is mvander_veen@hotmail.com.
1985

Elizabeth (Richards) Aldridge passed away Aug. 8, 2003. She was an educator, homemaker and caring friend to many. She enjoyed singing and was an advocate for the well-being of children. She is survived by her husband Robert ’86 and sons Russell and Spencer. You may contact her family at re_aldridge@yahoo.com.

• Elisa (Jessup) Case, Lori (Gerber ’86) Burkholder, Sue (Fennig) Skiendziel, Beth (Plowman) Barclay, Donna Ault, Julie (Getz) Harris and Rhoda Gerig have kept a round robin letter going since graduation and had a 40th birthday reunion in Cincinnati to console each other. • Dr. David Guerrero x was appointed to the faculty at Florida Hospital where he serves as a professor of pathophysiology, anatomy and physiology at the hospital’s College of Health Sciences. He recently completed his master’s degree in biomechanical trauma and remains in private practice in Orlando. Children are Alexandra (14) and Grantley (9). E-mail is Jewwop@aol.com.

1986

Tawnie (Bowers) Barrera and sons Justin (14), Jonathon (14), Benjamin (13) and Zachary (10) live in Clarkston, Mich., where she works for the State of Michigan Family Independence Agency as a social services specialist. E-mail is barrera@michigan.gov.

• Dean & Kara (Stanley ’87) Hill reside with children Kayla (13), Jonathan (11), Kristina (9) and Joshua (9) in Lake Orion, Mich., where Dean is an account manager for Sentry Insurance. E-mail is dkhill45@yahoo.com.

• Wade Russell who has been the strength and conditioning coordinator at Ball State Univ for 14 years, has been named a Master Strength and Conditioning Coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Assoc. Russell becomes one of only 36 people in the world to receive this highest honor for professionalism, knowledge, experience, expertise and longevity in the field. • Wendell & Teresa Short moved to Piedmont, Okla. Wendell works for the Baptist Retirement Communities of Oklahoma. Children are Jordan (11), Risa (8) and Andrea (5). E-mail is shortstops5@juno.com.

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Jennifer (Aldridge) Bozone recently received her master’s degree in library of information sciences. She continues to work as a media specialist, living in Port St. Lucie, Fla., with husband Dan and children Chelsea (14) and Emme (11). E-mail is jabozone@yahoo.com.

• Dwanye & Amy (Lilly) Griner moved to S 39 W 27465 Brookhill Dr, Waukesha, WI 53189. • Dr. Jeff Petersen has recently received her PhD in Leadership Studies from Fuller Theol Seminary. Son Owen Masaru is 1. E-mail is setakamoto@asianaccess.org

• Keith Taylor x resides in Miami where he is a firefighter/paramedic/driver engineer. E-mail is ktaylor999@aol.com.

Watch for the mail

Alumni keep in touch via a string of letters spanning nearly 60 years

A letter that was sent 58 years ago with a three-cent stamp is continuing today, keeping Taylor alumni connected.

Shortly after graduating, Catherine Grostic ’45 and five of her friends (Sarah Burdon, Barbara Deich, Marg Arnold, Kaye Hill, Jean Holcombe) began a round robin letter to “keep track of what we’re doing,” said Grostic. “[The letter] is always such a special treat to get and we often send pictures,” she added.

The chain of letters has followed these six across the country, through moves and job changes, children and grandchildren, joys and sorrows. “It has kept us close, through the different paths we’ve taken,” Grostic said. This past year one of the group’s participants passed away, which in a sense broke the chain, but the group continues their meaningful written correspondence.

Grostic and her friends are certainly not the only group of alumni to keep in touch with the round robin writing. Examples include a group of ’85 and ’86 grads (see class notes) and more recently, a group of 1999 grads [Mindt (Benteman) Lerch, Kristen Taylor, Karen (Halter) Dextrom, Jennifer Andrews], who began the letters after their sophomore year, six years ago, even in a day and age focused on technology and e-mail.

The ’99 group also decided to include Ken and Beth Smith, who were the girls’ wing-hook ups for Second West Olson. “It’s a privilege to be included,” said Beth. “This way, I know how to specifically pray and be a prayer warrior for my girls.”

While Grostic’s group letters usually takes six months to revolve full circle, the younger group’s letters have taken as little as two months, depending on who loses it, who is on vacation, who moves, who forgets,” said Andrews, the instigator of the round robin writing. But it sometimes takes up to six months and Dextrom admitted, “Usually I am the culprit that keeps it longer!”

Despite the generation gaps between the groups, the correspondence is equally meaningful to all involved. “My husband knows that when these letters come, nothing else matters until I have read all of them,” said Dextrom.

The dedication of all of these women has proven the test of time, which shows the importance each one places on their relationships. Andrews commented, “These are women that I deeply love, and the letter allows me to be a part of their lives, even though we’re thousands of miles apart.”

—Serena (Thrush) Duke ’04
been named chair of the dept of physical education and sport studies at Loras College. He and wife Sherry (Pomeroy ‘88), along with children Jeremy (9), Joel (6) and Jadie (3) reside in Dubuque, Iowa. • Donald & Lisa Smith reside in Franklin, Tenn., with children Shae (12) and Joshua (2). Donald is a programmer/analyst at Diversicare Mgmt Services. E-mail is don.and.lisa@comcast.net

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David & Lissa (Groff ’89) Hinman reside with their children Jordan (12), Joy (10) and Joelle (6) at 319 W Loma Vista St, Gilbert, AZ 85233. David is associate minister at Word of Grace Church in Mesa, Ariz. Lissa is beginning a private counseling practice. E-mail is dlhinmani@juno.com.
• Steven Huprich married Donna McGinn on June 7, 2003, in Waco, Texas. He is assistant professor of psychology at Baylor Univ and Donna is director of cashier services at Baylor. They live in Waco, Texas. E-mail is Steven_Huprich@baylor.edu.
• Doug & Nancy Miller have returned to Indianapolis where Doug works for Carrier Air Conditioners as a regional sales manager for the Midwest. Nancy is homeschooling children Taylor (5) and Jacob (4). E-mail is doug.miller@carrier.com.
• Denis & Lynn Possing live in Sammamish, Wash., where Denis is a group program manager for Microsoft. Children are Miles (11), Mason (9), Adam (6) and Gabrielle (2). E-mail is denis@possing.com.
• Michelle Roberts recently received the Manager Leader award at Kerzner Intl Bahamas Limited. E-mail is michelle.roberts@kerzner.com.

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Rod & Jodiene (Gamez) Anderson reside in Petoskey, Mich., with their daughter Alyvia (2). • Sonya (Shamblin) Cleveland is county commissioner for Hendricks County, Ind.; husband Scott is general counsel and lobbyist for the Mental Health Assoc in Indiana and executive director of the Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition. Children are Callie (9) and Catherine (4). E-mail is scleveland10@hotmail.com. • Alan Cunningham is thankful for his job after being unemployed for several months. He is now senior systems engineer at Lockheed Martin. E-mail is acc999@hotmail.com.
• Joel & Kelley Durkovic moved with children Aidan (4) and Hannah (3) to Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. They are each working part-time as marriage and family therapists and physicians, and enjoying life as parents as well. E-mail is jk.durkovic@shaw.ca.
• Eric & Beverly (Stoops ’88) Graham live in Bothell, Wash., where Eric is a manufacturer’s rep for Century Furniture. Children are Eli (5), Madeline (3) and Carson (2). E-mail is grahamcrackers5@verizon.net.
• Marc & Ruth (Hunter) Henn joyfully announce the birth of Miriam on Feb. 19, 2003; she joins Rachel (6), Aleigha (4), and Maris (2). They would love to hear from their friends. E-mail is ruthhenn@cinci.rr.com.
• Tim & Ashlyn (Feil ’90) Holz are the proud parents of Margaret “Gretl” born Aug. 10, 2003; she joins sisters Makenna (6) and Elizabeth (4). The family lives in St. Peter, Minn. E-mail is timash5@hickorytech.net.

1990
Scott & Susan Kay (Conley) Shrider, along with children Kyle (4) and Kara (2), have moved to 414 Two Gait Ln, Simpsonville, SC 29680. E-mail is sueshrider@charter.net. • Todd & Wendy ( Hosier) Wagoner and daughters Sydney (7) and Emma (6) live in Anderson, Ind. E-mail is twagoner@rhin.com. Todd is a medical case mgr for the Rehabilitation Hospital of Indiana.

1991
Mark & Tracy (Mains) Gedick live in Raymond, Maine, with Kaitlyn (2) and Mark (8 months). Tracy is a full-time mom. E-mail is trixiegbme@juno.com. • John & Cara (Meinert) Langford joyfully announce the birth of Nathan Edward on Sept. 16, 2002. Brother Ryan is 3. John is an engineer for Eli Lilly and...
E-mail is jb-homey@juno.com.
• Eric & Shannon (Koons) Persinger are the proud parents of Drew Carson born April 16, 2003. Brother Jack is 3. The family lives in Fort Wayne, Ind. E-mail is espersinger@msn.com.
• Scott & Missy (Nieven) Phegley joyfully welcome August Graham born April 21, 2003. Sister Molly is 3. The family lives in Cape Girardeau, Mo. E-mail is msmphegley@socket.net. • Daryl & Christine (Colthorp) Twist both work at OA Solutions. Daryl is a project mgr and Christine is an oracle developer. They live in Victoria, British Columbia, Canada. E-mail is dctwist@shaw.ca. They would love to hear from Taylor friends! • Luke (5) and Drew (3) Van Beek are excited to announce there is another boy in the house! Jakob Wesley was born July 18, 2003. Parents are Willem & Janelle (Hall) Van Beek. Willem is a principal in Global Structured Finance at Bank of America and Janelle is a part-time counselor at Meier Clinic. Their address is 708 Thornapple Dr, Naperville, IL 60540. E-mail is WJVanBeek@comcast.net.
1992
Andreas Eicher received a Master of Public Health from the Yale School of Health. He, wife Bethsheba, and children Asha (2) and Enoch (1) live in India. E-mail is andi@aya.yale.edu. • Aaron & Leslie (Ray) Ellinger are happy to announce the birth of Caleb Roger on Feb. 17, 2003. He joins big sisters Jenna (5) and Lauren (3). The family lives in Cincinnati. E-mail is eclipinger5@fuse.net. • Tony & Kaylene (Shearer) Feiger are in Russia for at least five years working with Campus Crusade for Christ. They are working with students at Ural State Univ in Ekaterinburg. They would also like to announce the birth of Joshua Caleb on Jan. 25, 2003. Big brother Andrew is 2. E-mail is tonyfeiger@uscm.org. • Stuart & Dana Hite have moved to 2300 E. 8 Square Rd, Warsaw, IN 46582. E-mail is stuart.hite@mchs.indiana.edu. • Greg & Robin Houston and daughters Samantha (6) and Sydney (4) moved to 16084 Crystal Downs E, Northville, MI 48167. E-mail is ghouston@ford.com. • Brad & Deborah (Rampona ’93) Oliver live in Suffolk, Va., with children Jacqueline (4) and Jonathan (1). Brad is a captain in the US Air Force. E-mail is droliverminder@yahoo.com. • Jonathan & Jodi (Roth ’93) Rudolph are proud to announce the birth of Caroline Elizabeth on March 21, 2003. Sisters are Elly (4) and Katherine (2). The family resides at 2723 Elmwood Dr SE, East Grand Rapids, MI 49506. • Miriam Scott is exec officer of The Bahamas Institute of Chartered Accountants. Miriam and daughters Nicolette and Nia live in Nassau, Bahamas. E-mail is mimscott321@hotmail.com. • Chad & Christina Showalter live in Naperville, Ill. Son Chase is 3. E-mail is cshowalter1@worldway.com. • Paul & Cynthia (Cox ’91) Stockdale are enjoying an integrated family and work life. They started Cedar House Group, an advertising, graphic and interactive design firm in the spring of 1999. This has been extremely challenging and rewarding, and they are continually amazed at the blessings God provides. Children are Gabriella (6) and Griffen (2). E-mail is paul@cedarhousegroup.com. • Paul Urban is the lead pastor of The Journey Community Church, a new outreach-focused church plant in Muskegon, Mich. Paul & wife Jennifer (Settlage) and sons Spencer (6),
Max (4) and Will (2) have lived in Muskegon for five years. E-mail is pastorpauli2k.com.
1993
Jordan Caleb was born Jan. 2, 2003, to Dave & Kristin (Kershaw) Edwards. Big brother Brandon is 3. The family lives in Peoria, Ill., and their e-mail is write_big6@hotmail.com.
• Jason & Lisa (Paulson) Hovingh live in Kenya, East Africa, where Jason is the purchaser for Rift Valley Academy. They are also dorm parents for fifth and sixth grade boys. Children are Laura (6), Andrew (4) and Aaron (2). E-mail is jlhovingh@kijabe.net. • Aaron & Amanda (Miser) Kleist joyfully welcome Chayila Lynn born Dec. 18, 2002. They live in sunny California where Aaron is a professor in the English dept at Biola Univ. • Craig & Kimberly Mayse live at 11031 Lake Run Dr, Fishers, IN 46038. Craig is a software engineer for Adaptive Systems. E-mail is craigmays@yahoo.com. • Glenn & Kim (Allen) Miller gratefully announce the birth of Jessica Elizabeth on June 25, 2003; she joins Samantha (3). The family resides in Port Huron, Mich. • Some of the “Bergwall Babes” met in Columbus, Ohio, for a reunion. Amy (Dye) Pamperin, Heather (Stouffer) Hunsberger, Erin (Martin '94)

Leven and Shelley Snyder '94 are pictured. Unable to attend, but there in spirit, were Mary (Michaelson) Davis and Jenny (Naylor) Upton. Amy’s husband says he was certain their laughter was heard as far away as Green Bay. The theme for the weekend was Hebrews 10:25. • Jim & Wendy (Laidig x) Walmsley are the proud parents of Tate James born Jan. 18, 2003. The family lives in Huntertown, Ind. E-mail is jw_walms@juno.com.
1994
Tracy & Heather (Hunt)

Brown family
Brown joyfully announce the birth of Foster Aaron on Jan. 27, 2003. The family’s address is PO Box 6, Hollansburg, OH 45332. • The e-mail address for Melanie (Erner) Fisher is melanie@thefishers.cjb.net. • Jon Gabrielsen is a general surgeon for Gabrielsen Surgical Associates. He & wife Tamara live in Greenfield, Ind. E-mail is gabenstein@earthlink.net. • Andy & Manya Glavach are the proud parents of Landon Kiene born March 13, 2003. Landy earned a master in accounting from Florida Int'l Univ and works for KPMG. The family resides in Miami. E-mail is vlglavach@mind spring.com. • Carrie Jourdan is working on a master in library and information science. E-mail is librarianjourdan@aol.com. • Jim & Shelly (Dudelston)

Nelson family
Neal proudly announce the birth of Valerie Rose on March 15, 2003. Big sister Emma is 2. Shelly would love to hear from “cellar dwellers” and others. E-mail is shellyneal@indy.rr.com.
1995
Gerrit & Carrie (Bauer '96) Ayers joyfully announce the birth of Audrey Taylor on April 3, 2003. Gerrit is an attorney with the law firm Burgess Fitzer, P.S. Carrie works as a physical therapist for Allenmore Hospital in Tacoma, Wash. E-mail is gncavers@comcast.net.
• David & Betsy (Kim '97) Bell welcomed John David on April 5, 2003. David is the upper school spiritual life director at Charlotte Christian School and teaches Bible to twelfth graders. In addition to being home with John David, Betsy works part time at Charlotte Christian as a NILD educational therapist. Their address is 2315 Ivy Run Dr, Indian Trail, NC 28079. E-mail is DavidandBetsy@juno.com.
• Olivier & Esther (Kroeker) Engels, along with Alexandre (6 months) and Chloe (2), live in Belgium. Esther is still working on her PhD in philosophy at the Univ of Southern California. E-mail is kroker@usc.edu. • Mark & Katherine (Kenworthy) Wilson live in Plymouth, Minn. Children are Abigail (3) and Samuel (1). Mark is a youth director for Malachi Ministries and is working toward an MDiv in transformational leadership.
at Bethel Seminary. E-mail is mark_wilson@cadence.org.

1996
Sarah Coe and Jeremiah Gillam were married Oct. 26, 2002, in Bloomington, Ind. Taylor attendants were Julie (McNary) Marshall, Deb (Shirk) Miller and Wendy Bergman. The couple lives in Brownsburg, Ind. Sarah teaches in Indianapolis while Jeremiah is an Indiana State police officer. • Jon & Juli (Perzee '97) Dimos are the proud parents of Lucia Ruth born Dec. 6, 2002. The family lives in St. Paul, Minn. E-mail is j-dimos@bethel.edu.

• Christopher Drew x lives in Montclair, N.J. He is a software developer for the Bank of New York. E-mail is tayloru@rotarydial.com.

• Patricia Dugan lives in Walworth, Wis. E-mail is pdugan74@hotmail.com. • Heather Finstad is praising the Lord for the new elementary school for MKs at Word of Life Camp in Laguna, Philippines, where she is a teacher. E-mail is missfin@laguna.net. • Todd & Rose (Cross '94) Horton are the proud parents of Josiah Asher born May 25, 2003. The family lives in Brentwood, Tenn. E-mail is atodd71@comcast.net. • Phil Leonard is the boys' basketball coach for South Central High School. The Class 4A Knights had a combined record of 42-6 under Coach Leonard. Phil lives in Brazil, Ind. • Rob & Jenny (Hobbs '98) Malmquist joyfully announce the birth of Kayla Jane on May 29, 2003. Sister Ellie is 2. They reside in Fishers, Ind. • Jennifer Miller married Daniel Guenin on June 7, 2003, in Brookfield, Wis. Dan is a structural engineer and Jennifer is a senior accountant in a manufacturing firm. E-mail is taylorgrad@hotmail.com.

• Michael & Kimberly (Peterson) Niebuhr are pleased to announce the birth of Dylan on March 14, 2003. They live in Loves Park, Ill. E-mail is kniebuhr@manh.com. • Manuel & Kari (Reiskyl '94) Rosado live in Mcquon, Wis. Manuel just finished his MBA in finance and works for Principal Financial Group and Kari is a stay-at-home mom. Their children are Raquel Isabel (3) and Marcos Daniel (2). They can be contacted at rosado.manuel@principal.com.

• Eric & Shannon Syswerda are the proud parents of Ethan Thomas born March 20, 2003. Sister Madison is 3. In 2002, Eric completed a major of sport science from the US Sports Academy. The family lives in Greenwood, S.C. E-mail is esyswerda@hotmail.com. • Scott & Rebecca (Kraft) Touzel joyfully announce the birth of Hanna Michelle on Sept. 1, 2003.

Recently awarded alumni
The Indiana Academy of Family Physicians honored Dr. Paul Gentile of Fort Wayne as the 2003 Indiana Family Physician of the Year for his career in family medicine.


This past fall Jackie (Lockler) Hubbard '81 was given the G. Roselyn Kerlin Women in Leadership Award

“A Weekend to Remember” was the University’s theme last fall for Homecoming 2003. During the three-day event, the Alumni Association presented the following awards:

Distinguished Alumnus for Professional Achievement
Dr. William Humbane, Mutare, Zimbabwe, Class of 1971

Distinguished Young Alumnus for Professional Achievement
Beth (Klima) Culp, Indianapolis, IN, Class of 1998

Distinguished Young Alumnus for Personal Achievement
Joseph Cebulski, Jonesboro, AR, Class of 1998

Distinguished Alumnus for Professional Achievement
Mark Yordy, Upland, IN, Class of 1978

Distinguished Alumnus for Service to Taylor University
V. Donald Jacobsen, Dunwoody, GA, Class of 1953

See the 2003 Homecoming photo album at www.taylor.edu/alumni/homecoming.htm. Be sure to mark your calendars for this year’s event scheduled for Oct. 1-3 2004!
2002. Son Daniel is 13. They reside in Grant, Mich. E-mail is braincramptouze@hotmail.com. • Pam Wiersma moved to Grand Rapids, Mich. She would love to connect with TU grads in the area. E-mail is hey_pamw@hotmail.com.

1997

Amy Balog earned a master in teaching from Marygrove College. She lives in Berkley, Mich. E-mail is abalog75@hotmail.com. • Christopher & Jessica (Marin) Blackwell are the proud parents of Ezra Marin born June 27, 2003. The family lives in England; e-mail is vespera@juno.com. • Craig & Christen (Milligan) Ellis joyfully adopted Caleb Alexey in Velikiy Novgorod, Russia. Caleb was born April 2, 2002, and joined the family on Dec. 24, 2002. Craig is an institutional services VP at Fifth/Third Bank and Christen enjoys being home with Caleb. They reside at 235 N Maple St, Argos, IN 46501. E-mail is cellis1@kconline.com.

• Bill & Kathy (Anderson) Fields announce the birth of Ivan Thomas on Aug. 29, 2002. Their address is 811 Bluegrass Dr, Prattville, AL 36066. E-mail is bkfields2@aol.com.

• Chris & Shannon (Hunt ’99) Francis moved to 1198 N 1900 E, Milford, IL 60953. Chris is a senior programmer/analyst at The Jackson Group and Shannon is a therapist at NEXUS – Onarga Academy. She recently earned a master’s degree in mental health counseling at Ball State Univ. E-mail is cfrancis@jacksongroup.com or shanfran77@yahoo.com. Craig & Robyn (Brix) Hider live in Middlebury, Conn., with son Clayton (2). E-mail is cahider@nawsct.com.

• Capt. Nathan Hill spent all 12 months of the last year deployed with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit (Special Operations Capable). During his deployment, he participated in Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom, logging 69 hours of combat time in the "Huey" helicopter while operating from the USS Tarawa and Marine Corps Air Station Jalibah, Iraq. During Operation Iraqi Freedom he flew escort and close air support missions in support of Marines assaulting Umm Qasr and Ah Nasariyah.

Through December, Nate was stationed in Okinawa. E-mail is nathanjhill@hotmail.com. • Lisa Huber married Carl Toney on May 24, 2003. E-mail is lisa@pomonafirstbaptist.com. • Jeremy, wife Laura and son John Joyner live in Augusta, Ga., while Jeremy is completing his surgical residency. Jeremy graduated from the Univ of Georgia Medical College in May 2003. • Russell & Dina (Roedel x) Kowal joyfully welcome Emmaleigh Grace born Dec. 19, 2002. They live in Roach, Mo. E-mail is gracelvin@juno.com. • Rebecca Loutrel is programing director
at Hawthorn Hills Community Church. Her e-mail is beckylou4@hotmail.com. Becky lives in Hainesville, Ill. • Rachel Love married L. Edward Ballard on Aug. 9, 2003. The couple lives in Mansfield, Ohio. E-mail is rfaithl@hotmail.com. • Amanda (Bichlmeier) Nelson is a six sigma black belt for Dana Corp. - Torque - Traction Technologies, Inc. She & husband Sven live in Toledo, Ohio. • Nathan & Kristin (Johnson x Schwartz are the proud parents of Joshua Michael born Sept. 22, 2003; he joins Rachel (2). Kristin is a full-time homemaker, but may return to teaching in a couple of years. The family lives in Gas City, Ind. E-mail is kristin2103@yahoo.com. • Kim Tannehill has returned from the mission field in India where she worked with a Christian Indian organization called Emmanuel Hospital Association. Primarily, she worked in community health and development for the poor, oppressed and marginalized in the most backward of India. E-mail is kctannehill@me.com. • Michael x & Kristi (Ryan x'98) Temple live in Concord, N.C. Sons are Caleb (6) and Jeremy (2). E-mail is templen@ctc.net. • Jerry & Johanna (Ott) Thatcher joyfully announce the birth of Aaron on May 7, 2003. They reside at 817 Ogden Dr, Arlington, TX 76001. E-mail is thethatchers@comcast.net. • Steve & Abby Walsman proudly announce the birth of Micah James on March 3, 2003; big brother Isaac is 4. The family resides in Duluth, Ga., and attends Perimeter Church. E-mail addresses are smwalsman@yahoo.com and acwalsman@yahoo.com. • Capt. Doug Wolfe returned from Iraq in May and is now an assistant professor at Northwestern Univ Naval ROTC. He lives in the Chicago area and would love contact with Chicago alumni via e-mail. Doug's e-mail is dwolfe@northwestern.edu. 1998 • Kristin Anderson and Paul Sedy were married June 28, 2003, in Chicago. TV participants in the wedding were Rachel (Hermanson) Davis, Danielle Myers, Eric Anderson '95 and Kendra Anderson '03. The couple's address is 14043 Astoria #107, Sylmar, CA 91342. E-mail is krsedy@verizon.net. • Amy Barnhart lives in Indianapolis after serving two years in Ethiopia with Christian Missionary Fellowship. She is excited about leading the Trinidad 2004 Taylor Lighthouse trip with Barb Davenport! E-mail is amybarnhart76@hotmail.com. • Clinton & Jacklin Beard-Green and Malik (3) have moved to 2606 Links Dr 2A, Elkhart, IN 46514. Jackie is a first grade and reading recovery teacher. E-mail is jabcard2000@yahoo.com. • Jeff & Sarah (King '99) Bontrager gratefully announce the birth of Ethan Jeffrey on Dec. 27, 2002. Jeff is a first

Alumni publications

Profiled on both the ABC Nightly News and "An American Portrait" on CBS, The Navajo Code Talkers by Doris Paul '26 is recognized as one of the most comprehensive written records of the Navajo contribution to WWll. Read "Historically Speaking," an account of Paul and her book in the current issue of the online magazine.

Writer and Bible teacher Beverly Van Kampen x'69 has penned a devotional that is being heralded by Steve Brown of Key Life Network and others as an "earthly," wise and practical help. Written for those yearning for a fuller sense of God and his work in their lives, this year-long journal aims to help readers deepen their faith.
were Kristin (Anderson) Sedy and Danielle Myers. The couple’s address is 915 W Wisconsin Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53233. E-mail is racheldavis_907@hotmail.com. • Joel Hughey has been accepted to Tulane Unv to earn a master’s degree in intl development. He will study via a distance-learning program out of Arlington, Va. Wife Sarah (Burke TUFW) works at Lutheran World Relief in Baltimore. E-mail is jandshughey@msn.com. • Randy, Jenny and Noah Jarrard were blessed with the birth of Ariel Jarrard family

Campbell County Chamber of Commerce in Gillette, Wyo. E-mail is lrn@post.com. • Dan Rohweder is in post-doctorate medical training, serving in the US Air Force. He graduated with an MD from Midwestern Univ in June 2003. Dan & wife Myndi moved to Suixun City, Calif. E-mail is drohweder@hotmail.com. • Sarah Saunders married Mike DeVries on July 12, 2002. Taylor officiated by Rob Olson. Steve authors internet content, builds online communities, and provides Web strategy on a freelance basis. Amy received an MSW from the Univ of Illinois at Chicago. She is now the licensing rep and intake specialist for the Foster Care Dept at Lydia Home Association. Contact the couple via their website at http://www.steveandamysly.com

• Scott & Tiffany (Roberts) Walbridge joyfully announce the birth of Taylor Virginia Anne on Oct. 8, 2002. Scott works in the IT field at Apple Vacations and Tiffany resigned from her job as a therapist to be at home with Taylor. Their address is 23 Bryant Dr., Perkasie, PA 18944. E-mail is muttsick@yahoo.com.

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Brad & Lana Amstutz live in Mason, Ohio. Brad is a project manager for Prasco Laboratories. E-mail is bradamstutz@yahoo.com. • Michael Borton is recreation supervisor III – site supervisor for the city of Delray Beach, Fla. E-mail is mikeborton32@hotmail.com. • Sarah Connor married Eric Hewes on Sept. 15, 2001. In the wedding from TU were Karrie Kelsey, Mary Heather Connor ’02, Jana (Hunt ’00) Tyree, Emily Moulton ’00, Sara Rupp ’98 and Nate Connor TUFW ’96. The couple lives at 7336 Valley Meadows Dr, Fort Wayne, IN 46815. Sarah teaches fourth grade at Forest Park Elementary and Eric is a data and statistical analyst at North
American Van Lines. E-mail is sarah.hudson@fwcs.k12.in.us. • Josh & Mari (Tom) Ickes are the proud parents of Connor Night born March 12, 2003. The family resides in Mishawaka, Ind. E-mail is mari.ickes@yahoo.com. • Joseph & Julie (Dause) Jones joyfully welcome Madelyn Rose born Sept. 22, 2003. Brother Wesley is almost 4. The family lives in Marion, Ind. • Karen Kemp graduated from the Univ of Pennsylvania with a degree in veterinary medicine. She is an associate veterinarian at PetCentre Animal Hospital in Manassas, Va. E-mail is kempvet@hotmail.com. • Kellie O’Connell married Orlando Alvarez-Hernández on Dec. 28, 2002, in Bristol, Ind. TU participants were Andrew & Cheryl (Hoppe ’00) Pfeiffer, Sara (Henley) Baarendse and Heather Lorimor ’01. Orlando & Kellie are missionaries with Christ for the City Intl in Costa Rica; Orlando is studying at ESEPA Seminary. Their address is Cristo Para La Ciudad, Apdo 509-2350, San Francisco de Dos Rios, San Jose, Costa Rica. • Brooks & Jennifer (Baxter ’98) Penner, along with son Noah (1), live in Kingwood, Texas. In May 2003, he earned an MDiv from Denver Seminary. Brooks is now director of student ministries at the Kingwood United Methodist Church. E-mail is bipenner13@yahoo.com. • Shelley Peters is an English instructor at the Hearts English School in Japan. E-mail is shellbakis@mac.com. • Abbie Reese continues her volunteer

Kellie (O’Connell) Alvarez-Hernández

Alumni Notes

A planet is born
How a world of information is filling up a new corner of cyber space

There is a brand new Web site: www.taylor.edu. Taylor's latest online iteration is more than a freshening of the old site, it's a bottom-up rebuild that includes everything from streaming video, audio and student blogs to fresh new colors, design and hundreds of pages of Taylor information.

After an 18-month process of researching, designing and collecting content, the new site was launched Feb. 13, 2004. The project was headed by Evan Kittleman, director of online communications, and Rod Eib, director of applications and integration services.

The site was designed with prospective students in mind. "One of our goals is to encourage prospective students to visit campus to get a better look at what is happening," Kittleman said.

While the new web address drops the "u" from the old www.taylor.edu, the most obvious difference is the new color scheme and layout. The new colors, from the branding proposal recommended by Crane MetaMarketing, Atlanta, Ga., are "fresh, more vibrant, and add a lot of life to the site," Kittleman said. However, the traditional Taylor sports colors purple and gold are alive and well on the athletics page.

While the new site is garnering lots of attention, Taylor University has been online since the mid-1990s when Taylor magazine proclaimed, "As technology keeps flourishing, Taylor University will continue in its efforts to connect and bring the Taylor community closer. So check in soon; it may not be too long before you hear the bell tower (over your computer)."

A lot has changed since then, when the story's writer gently educated readers about the definition of the "World Wide Web." But if the early anecdotal responses to the new site are any indication, Taylor's commitment to excellence is apparent, even from cyber space. - Rachel Elwood ’04

Online magazine exclusives for Spring 2004

Go to www.taylor.edu/magazine to read the Spring 2004 issue of the online magazine. In addition to containing articles from the print edition, there are many online exclusives including:

- How to Learn French, Even While in Paris
- Robert Weaver Remembers Honoring the Career of Nancy Laberdy
- Adam Becker's Chair
- WBCL News
- Canary Island Adventures
- The Rialto
- June Nielsen Takes Top Honors
- Your Full-time Ministry
- Credit Where Credit is Due
- Two Bucks and Counting
- Still Praying Together After Fifty Years
- Sound Advice for Taylor Women
- It's Good for Your Heart
- Life in Israel
- Educating People About Bonds
- Like Father, Like Son
- A Night of Celebrating Scholarship
- Behind Bars
- More Than Muscle - Wade Russell
Keeping the numbers straight

How to interpret the 2004 U.S. News and World Report annual ranking

Taylor University is regularly recognized for providing an outstanding education. Yet with all the accolades, it is important to understand what the rankings mean — and what they do not.

Taylor consistently ranks near the top in the category “Midwestern Comprehensive Colleges-Bachelors” in the annual U.S. News and World Report survey, America’s Best Colleges. In fact, in 2004 Taylor University’s Upland campus received a second-place ranking — the fourth consecutive year Taylor finished in second place and the sixteenth time Taylor received a high ranking in the survey.

Criteria judged in the survey included academic reputation, freshman retention, graduation rate, percentage of class sections with 20 or fewer students, student/faculty ratio and alumni giving rate.

Taylor University received top marks from U.S. News and World Report in the Midwest in several areas when compared against other “comprehensive colleges-bachelors.” Taylor’s average freshman retention rate is 89 percent. The University’s average graduation rate is 78 percent. When scored against similar schools in this region, Taylor ranks near the top.

Yet exactly how does the University rank on a national scale? Numerically, how does Taylor compare to similar colleges in the north, south and west? U.S. News and World Report declines to offer a definitive answer. Until U.S. News or another reputable organization compiles verifiable research, it is best not to make national comparisons.

More on the U.S. News and World Report rankings is available online at http://www.usnews.com/usnews/edu/college/rankings/rankindex_brief.php

Correction:
The caption on page 11 in the Summer 2003 Taylor magazine should have read “Taylor University is among the top 10 ‘Comprehensive Colleges – Bachelors’ in the Midwest according to the 2003 U.S. News and World Report survey, America’s Best Colleges.” We regret the error.

Correction:
AFOSR stands for Air Force Office of Scientific Research. The acronym was defined incorrectly in previous references to the TU nanosatellite program in Taylor magazine. We regret the error.

work for Mercy Ships as a writer on board Anastasis, the largest of the non-profit group's three ships. Her one-year term began in August 2003. E-mail is abbie_reese@hotmail.com.

(Editor's note: We regret the inaccuracies in her update in the Summer 2003 issue. Abbie is in the class of 1999, and her ship will be working in the region of West Africa.)

• Erik & Andrea (Martin) Reite live in New Orleans. Previously they taught ESL in France. Erik attends Tulane Med School and Andrea works at a law office. Their address is 8014 Cohn St, New Orleans, LA 70118. E-mail is eareite@hotmail.com.

• Andrew Smith married Lori Linn on

Andrew Smith

Nov. 1, 2003, in Franklin, Pa. TU participants were Curt Banter '96 and Justin Burdine '96. The couple resides at 9726 Route 19 Apt #2, Houghton, NY 14744.

High school sweethearts Chris Lovelace and Jen Stark were married in Worthington, Ohio, on May 27, 2003. TU participants included Meredith Scott, Brooke (Swanson) Tower, Julie (Holdiman) Romero, Libby Crawford, Shannon (Hunt)

Jen (Stark) Lovelace

Francis, Ellen Britton '97, Angela Swartzentruber '01, Nathan Swartzentruber '98 and Ben Callahan '98. They are happily settled in the Pacific Northwest where Chris flies jets for the Navy and Jen teaches piano lessons and plans to return to school for a degree in music.

Their address is 503 Hillcrest Dr, Anacortes, WA 98221. E-mail is jalovelace@comcast.net.

• After graduating with a second degree with Full Sail in December 2002, Matthew Storz is now a production manager for Silver Hand Productions where he produces videos for corporate companies such as Dupont, AstraZeneca, CertainTeed and others. Matthew lives in Newark, Del. E-mail is mstorz_dp@hotmail.com.

• Dr. Brian & Jill (Linette) Wagner live in Ferdinand, Ind. Jill is hiring coordinator for Jasper Engines. E-mail is jlinette@hotmail.com.

• Jason & Kristi (Kemp '00)

Wood live in Indianapolis. Kristi is director of marketing at Avon Healthcare and Rehab Center. E-mail is kwood742@hotmail.com.

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Torrey Barger is a family support specialist for Healthy Families. She does home visits with moms and babies who are at high risk for child abuse. Torrey lives in Fishers, Ind. E-mail is torrey96@aol.com.

• Justin Berger has earned a JD from Ave Maria School of Law. He & wife Sara (Stoller) live in Farmington Hills, Mich.

• Jason Fletcher earned an MDiv from Southeastern Bible Theol Seminary last May. He is minister of music at Green Meadows Baptist Church. Jason lives in Wake Forest, N.C. E-mail is Jason@heyfletch.com.

• Sandy Hubley and Jonathan Duncan '01 were married June 21, 2003, in Meredith, N.H. TU participants were Lana Habegger, Nathan Zacharias '03, Geoff Hoffmann '02.

Hubley/Duncan wedding
Becky Duncan '04, Melissa Hubley '01, Adam Bennett '01 and Heather Lorimor '01. The couple is attending Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. Their address is 140 Essex St #E307, South Hamilton, MA 01982. E-mail is jandsduncan@hotmail.com. •

Jana Hunt and Scott Tyree '02

were married Dec. 28, 2002. TU participants in the wedding were Emily Moulton, Susan Kent, Jennifer Berry, Sarah Leistner, Erin Amerson, Karrie Kesley '99, Sarah (Connor '99) Hewes, Rob Duplain '02, Justin Harrison '03, Aaron Konopka '02, Matt Hunt '02, Josh Cole '02 and Jason Courter '02. The couple lives at 656 Columbia St, Middletown, IN 47356. E-mail is jkhunt@bsu.edu. •

Allison McCormick married Adam Quick on Aug. 16, 2003. They live in South Burlington, Vt., where Allison attends the Univ of Vermont School of Medicine. E-mail is amccormi1@hotmail.com. •

Andy McNeely was married June 29, 2003, to Emily Tackett in New Albany, Ind. TU participants were Jason Gardner, Josh McAteer '01 and Micah Barcalow '02. Both work at Lincoln Christian College in Lincoln, Ill., where Andy has duties as assistant men's basketball coach. •

Heather VanMeter and Geoff Sackett were married Oct. 26, 2002, in Bethesda, Md. In the wedding from TU were Erin (Hasler) Farley and Amy Beth (Croft '01) Spraul. Geoff is a student and registrar at Reformed Theol Seminary, Washington/Essex Theological Seminary. His address is 140 Essex St #E307, South Hamilton, MA 01982. E-mail is jandsduncan@hotmail.com. •

Laura Weber married Keith Padgett on July 12, 2003. They reside in Reynoldsburg, Ohio. E-mail is lucybelle22@hotmail.com.

Baltimore campus. Heather is a high school art teacher at The Lodge Therapeutic School for the emotionally disturbed. They reside at 2555 3rd St N #1, Arlington, VA 22201. E-mail is heather_sackett@yahoo.com. •

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The man behind the name

John E. Aho’s book William Taylor tells the compelling story of the University’s namesake. The book follows the bishop on his journeys through California, India, Africa, Australia and around the globe.

Aho ’92 graduated from Golden Gate Seminary following his time at TU. Before his most recent work on the “pioneer prophet,” Aho authored Look At It This Way, a book on relationships at home and at work. He also has over 200 articles published in business magazines. He lives in California with his wife Michelle (Martin ’92) and three daughters, Christina, Sierra and Rebecca.
TU participants were Natalie Cook x, Amy (Blackburn) Nielsen, Christy Shrieve '02 and Todd '91 & Dara (Stickel '91) Syswerda. Bob is an account rep at AccuTech Systems Corp and Stephanie is a third grade teacher. The couple resides at 4301 W. Robinwood Dr., Muncie, IN 47304. E-mail is darbyclan@hotmail.com. • Elizabeth Johnson is office manager and controller at Gunn and Co. She and son Samuel (4) live in San Antonio. E-mail is kurtmorrishotmail.com. • Matt & Jennifer (Bergens '00) Oquist have moved to 718 Fox Hollow Dr., Hudson, NH 03051. E-mail is jennifer_oquist@yahoo.com. • John Paasonen is VP of Excellence in Giving. He lives at 2311 Silent Rain Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80919. E-mail is jpaasonen@ compuserve.com. • Timothy Pettit x married Julene Wood on Oct. 6, 2002. Tim is a systems tech support for Shively Bros., Inc. He is also a member of the US Marine Corp Reserves. E-mail is timp@shivelybros.com. • Matt Prentice lives at 5704 Ralston Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220. E-mail is mprentic@css.taylor.edu. • Derek Rust is a loan officer at Great Lakes Mortgage and Investment in Grand Haven, Mich. E-mail is derekjoerust@yahoo.com. • Maggie Salladay and Derek Webster were married May 24, 2003, in Granville, Ohio. In the wedding from TU were Amy Schultz, Christina (Wicreng) Barth and Wes Covert '00. Maggie works for Wausau Insurance Co., as a rep in commercial marketing/sales. Derek is a commercial credit analyst for National City Bank of Indiana. They live at 711 Charlotte Pl., Westfield, IN 46074. • Samantha Schley and Andy Albert were married July 20, 2002 in Bloomington, Ill. TU participants in the wedding were Kristy Reed, Amanda (Brown) Hernandez, Dave Perkins, Kyle Martin, Steve Wardle, Matt Bellito, Pete Von Tobel, Mandie Cullen, Jaillene Erickson, Carrie (Hartzler) Lambert, Carolyn Schley '04, Emily (Schley '98) Wisnewski, Ben Essenburg '02 and Ryan Lambert '00. Photography was done by Tania Elsesser '98 of Studio E Photography. The couple resides at 13774 Shasta Dr., Fishers, IN 46038. Andy is marketing and sales coordinator for DCL Medical Laboratories in Indianapolis and Samantha teaches seventh grade English in Hamilton Heights Middle School. E-mails are andyl@era.com and samantha_albert824@hotmail.com. • Christine Sterling and Josh Woods married Oct. 12, 2002, in Sturgis, Mich. TU participants included Joy (McNary x) Bricker, Cheryl Hartong, Heidi Hoopingarner '03, Ty Shellabarger x and Andrew Timbie '02. The couples lives in Grand Rapids, Mich. E-mail is christineawoods@hotmail.com. • Shawna von Behren is a product specialist at Yamaha Corp. She lives in Mission Viejo, Calif. E-mail is shawnvonbehren@netscape.net.

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Alisha Barbina married Matt Thompson '03 on Aug. 17, 2002. TU participants were Nate Ehresman x'03, Luke Ehresman '04, Drew Baker '04, Brian Ewbank '04 and Brian Terpstra '04.
English at West Jay Middle School in Dunkirk. E-mail is ahanna@creekrun.com or ahanna@jayschools.k12.in.us. • Tim Hardin now resides at 745 Cypress South Dr, Greenwood, IN 46143. He is an event manager for the NNC Group, a pharmaceutical drug and medical device recall and notification company. E-mail is timoth y_w_hardin@hotmail.com. • Siby Hill and Jay Hill ’99 celebrated a summer wedding on July 12, 2003, in Waynesville, Ohio. The participants from Taylor were Kate MacHarg, Lori Klotz, Derek Taatjes ’99, Delwyn Shrock ’99, Sila Hill ’03 and Ashley Coutant x’03. works for Riveredge Hospital and Amber works for GK Investment Mgmt. Their address is 1543B N Franklin, River Forest, IL 60305. E-mails are jasoncussen@hotmail.com and amberkosteln y@hotmail.com. • Becca Speicher married Mike McBride on June 20, 2003. Mike is a consultant for Kappa Delta Pi Intl. The couple lives in Indianapolis. E-mail is indymcbride@hotmail.com. • Trenton Miller married Sarah Hensley on July 26, 2003. He is an e-learning developer for Wal-Mart Stores. They live in Bentonville, Ark. E-mail is trentonmiller@yahoo.com. • Drew Moser and Joel Newton have started a coffee shop called Kurios Koffee Shop on the campus of Denver Seminary. “Kurios” is a transliteration of the word “lord” in Greek. The shop is modeled after the Jumping Bean at Taylor. They also offer coffee and espresso catering for church events, business functions and weddings. Both Drew and Joel are students at Denver Seminary. E-mail is kurioskoffee@hotmail.com. • Allison Pizzi is program supervisor of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse for the Lawndale Christian Health Center in Chicago. Prior to this appointment, she graduated with an MSW from Case Western Reserve Univ. Allison lives in Chicago. E-mail is ampizzi79@yahoo.com. • Abbi Rundus married Keith McDaniel on Oct. 12, 2003. In the wedding from TU were Rebekah (Greenhoe) Hughes, Leatherby, Molly (Williams) Allison, Ben Jeffrey, Josh Stamooolis ’04 and Jason Hillier ’01. The couple resides at 523 Crescent St NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49503. E-mail is rrbray03@hotmail.com. • Andrew Timbie is an account executive for Enterprise Rent-A-Car. He lives in Indianapolis. E-mail is andrewtimbie@yahoo.com. • Leigh VanHarn married Ben Flagel ’00 on June 9, 2002, in Ionia, Mich. In the wedding from TU were Jessica (Hamlett) Peak, Wes Covert ’00, Chris Masek ’00 and Sarah Flagel ’03. Ben is a med student at Loyola Univ and Leigh works for Litholink Corp studying kidney stones. The couple resides in Riverside, Ill. E-mail is bflagel@lumc.edu. • Tara Woodrum has moved to Indianapolis. E-mail is silkrivre@hotmail.com.

The couple resides in Carmel, Ind., where Jay is a business analyst for Delta Faucet and Siby teaches at Carmel Clay Schools. E-mail is JDH3@deltafaucet.com. • Virgil Hughes is a financial consultant for AG Edwards. He lives in Chicago. E-mail is virgilhu ghes22@hotmail.com. • Amber Kosteln y married Jason Cussen ’01 on March 29, 2003, in Chicago. TU participants in the wedding were Marissa Kosteln y ’00 and Lindsay (Kosteln y ’98) Keyes. Jason & Amber met on the cross country track at Taylor and many TU cross country alumni runners were at the wedding. Jason
A legacy honored

Several months ago, Dorothy and I stood at the gravesite of Bishop William Taylor, located in one of the most prominent garden cemeteries in America. The vast 226-acre cemetery has been described as a harmony of nature that creates a setting of unsurpassed beauty in the rolling hills of Oakland, California, just across the bay from San Francisco.

We found the Bishop Taylor family plot after delivering a beautifully crafted bronze marker to the Amador Memorial Company just adjacent to the Mountain Grove Cemetery. There the plaque, donated by the class of 1950 and containing the highlights of his many ministries, was to be mounted on a headstone. It would then be placed and dedicated before a gathering of friends and alumni July 12, 2003.

On the day the plaque was delivered the cemetery was all but deserted. We took time to appreciate the beauty of the surroundings and to meditate and reflect on the greatness of this man for whom Taylor University is named. It was an awesome experience. While few of the thousands of alumni who have walked the halls of Taylor University over the last century have been able to visit this hallowed setting, it is our hope that this plaque will help pay tribute to his memory. --Vern Miller '43

Minn. E-mail is senoritakatyb@hotmail.com. • Jeremy Eastburn and Theresa Ksiazek were married Sept. 12, 2003. Jeremy is a web technician for the Rodale Institute. The couple lives in North Wales, Pa. E-mail is jeremyeastburn@hotmail.com. • Joel Jupp resides at 3580 N Tillotson Ave, Apt 64, Muncie, IN 47304. He is the college music pastor at Riverside United Methodist Church. E-mail is joel@joeljupp.com. • Corinne Taylor married Andrew Montieth on June 21, 2003. The couple lives in Indianapolis. Corinne is an English teacher at Brownsburg High School. E-mail is corinnemontieth@yahoo.com

were Katie Griswold, Laura Keffer '04, Courtney Elder '02 and Adam Frank '05. James is completing his degree in marketing, while Allison is a graphic designer for Gilchrist & Soames. Their address is 7470 Treeline Pl, Apt F, Indianapolis, IN 46256. E-mail is jamesandallison@hotmail.com. • Mark Schepperley and Leslie Bradford were married Aug. 10, 2002, in Marion, Ind. TU participants were Eden Carson Newman, Elizabeth Dunmire, Ryan Venman, Michael Burcham, Joel Weisenburger and Ivar Isacsson '02. Leslie works at Calderon Textiles in Indianapolis as marketing/public relations coordinator. E-mail is lschepperley@calderontextiles.com. Mark is a police officer at Taylor. E-mail is mrschepperley@tayloru.edu. The couple lives at 1204 Millers Ct, Noblesville, IN 46060. Their phone number is 317-773-0362. • Natalie Whatoff is working on an MSW at the Univ of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign. She lives in Savoy, Ill. E-mail is natalie_whatoff@tayloru.edu.

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Bethany Bergstrom and David Rinn '01 were married June 14, 2003, in St. Paul, Minn. TU participants were Stephen Becker, Rebecca Mong, Deborah Moody, Lynnette Peterson, Loralee Songer, Laura Dubey, Taylor Horner, Michelle Cooper TUFW '05, Noah DeLong '03, Isaac Welsh '01, Kenneth Overton '01, Kristopher Johnson '00 and Marty (Cleveland '78) Songer. The couple is residing in Upland, Ind., while Bethany completes her degree in music ed. David continues to work for Enterprise Rent-A-Car. E-mail is rinndavid@hotmail.com.

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From satellites to the polar mesosphere
How history encourages engagement with ever expanding research possibilities

Many Christian universities fear research with its associated risk and possibilities for introducing change. Thankfully, here faculty are encouraged to reach outside of Taylor to pursue national research and to engage the world in scholarship.

Over the past 75 years, some evangelicals have retreated from the world of "loving their God with all of their minds" and have thereby moved into a somewhat stagnant darkness. Some parents and churches today push students away from cutting edge science and other academic pursuits because they fear a conflict between faith and knowledge.

Yet the Christian worldview was instrumental in taking us out of the dark ages into the Renaissance, the Reformation, the founding of our country, the great awakenings and revivals in the world because the Christian mind was not feared. Evangelicals started many of the great universities like Harvard and Princeton. The scientific revolution was spearheaded by devout Christians such as Newton, Kelvin, Faraday, and Maxwell, while half of the founders of the Royal Society were also Bible-believing Christians. In my view, evangelicals are now falling out of the mainstream and we risk becoming ineffective because we are now viewed as irrelevant to modern society. Today, for example, no identified American evangelicals have won a Nobel prize.

As an undergraduate and graduate student in the '70s I took every class I could on astronomy, evolution, anthropology, philosophy, religions and other subjects. The more I studied, the more I became convinced that faith and scholarship are convergent on one true matrix of reality. For example, when talking with top researchers across the nation about origins, it is like the "Emperors New Clothes" when you ask for facts. The secular world can only teach naturalist origins by definition, yet the Bible and true scholarship strongly support that the heavens declare the glory of God and our biological systems are fearfully and wonderfully made.

Inaccurate, dogmatic and closed evangelical mindsets may have to be altered to match biblical realities like the expanding universe, multi-dimensions and the variable rate of time. Exciting new research from astronomy, particle physics, genome mapping and engineering are now available to the evangelical community. Why don't we have research centers at Christian universities? Many of our science students at Taylor are now competing with the best graduate schools in the nation on research development projects and the international scientific community is taking note. These dedicated students are using their free time to lead and impact part of the academic world.

Students need to do independent research on their own if they are going to make a difference. Students need to ask tough questions.

Let us reflect on moving from mediocrity toward having a burning passion to bring more light and Christian scholarship into the world.

This is an edited version of a speech given by Dr. Henry Voss, acting director of the Science Research Training Program, at the Forman Award Chapel, September 22, 2003. The full text is available in the current issue of the online magazine.

I took every class I could on astronomy, evolution, anthropology, philosophy, religions and other subjects. The more I studied, the more I became convinced that faith and scholarship converge.
I love the pork tenderloin too much. Ground pork pounded thin and flat, dipped in buttermilk and placed in a mixture of cornmeal and spices. And then deep fried. Then dipped in Lawrence with mayonnaise, lettuce and tomato. The more meat that sticks out around the bun the better.

Because they are pretty hard on the arteries, I limit myself to about two or three a year. In Upland, Indiana the best place to get one is at Ivanhoe’s or at the Upland Chamber of Commerce Tenderloin Fry at the Upland Elementary School on a Friday night each September.

Now Ivanhoe’s has an excellent tenderloin sandwich, but I like the elementary school’s version even better because it’s a fund raiser for the Chamber and it’s all you can eat. Looking around the cafeteria you can usually see the town businessmen, Taylor students, the high school football team, professors and their families, the local state senator and lots of friendly older people. If I pace myself I can usually get my annual tenderloin consumption quota covered all in one sitting. Between the good conversation, ubiquitous orange drink and the warm sandwiches, it borders on bliss.

Of course you can’t eat a tenderloin and act “sophisticated.” It’s not like tofu or fruit salad. Or even prime rib. And in Upland we’re okay with that. Around here we still believe in quiet evenings on the porch, shoveling your neighbor’s driveway when he’s out of town, and waving at strangers. And breaded tenderloin sandwiches.
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Seeking Applications and Nominations of Distinguished Research Candidates to be Director

PhD required, preferably in the life sciences, but possibly in fields of physical science, engineering, or business. Preference given to applicants with experience as principal investigators on national-level research projects with proven records of research and publications. Duties include exercising visionary leadership to foster research programs and securing research contracts.

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PhD required (or MA with extensive experience). Preference given to applicants with experience in technology transfer, new product creation, and start-up formation. Duties include mentoring students as they start new ventures, inspiring innovation, guiding tech transfer, and teaching entrepreneurship.

Seeking Applications and Nominations of Distinguished Research Candidates to be Humanities Research Training Program Coordinator

PhD required in a humanities field, including social sciences, education, communication, etc. Preference given to applicants with experience as principal investigator on national-level research projects with proven records of research and publications. Faculty position duties include teaching, fostering humanities research programs, and securing research contracts.

Must be strongly committed to the educational mission and evangelical Christian orientation of the University. Members of minority groups are encouraged to apply.

Inquiries, credentials, and supporting materials should be addressed to:

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The art of Korean-born artist Mee Kyung Shim is a meditative merging of Eastern and Western cultures. She displayed several of her recent paintings in the Metcalf Gallery Nov. 10 – Dec. 12, 2003, and spent time on campus Nov. 20 for a painting demonstration and reception.