aspirations

committed

In the same way, any of you who does not give up everything he has cannot be my disciple.

Luke 14:33

The most dangerous follower is the one whose defection would destroy the whole party: hence, the best follower.

Friedrich Nietzsche

Every adult, whether he is a follower or a leader, a member of a mass or of an elite, was once a child. He was once small.

Erik Erikson

If he have faith, the believer cannot be restrained. He betrays himself. He breaks out. He confesses and teaches this gospel to the people at the risk of life itself.

Martin Luther

Yet, if the pupil be of a texture to bear it, the best university that can be recommended to a man of ideas is the gauntlet of the mobs.

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January Term. It’s a month of frantic study, frigid winds and frivolous floor bonding. Whether we had movie marathons in our dorm rooms, lived and breathed accounting for a month or traveled to a foreign country, our Taylor experience wouldn’t have been quite the same without our

**favorite J-term memories**

"Winter 1993 was so bitterly cold that they had to get busses out to transport students around campus because people were getting frostbitten on the way to class."

Jenny (Litherland) Newman, ’97, Appleton, Wis.

"Snowball fights with the guys in the wing."

Paul Watson ’87, Columbus, Ohio
“We went up to a little ski slope in Michigan, and I caught the edge of my ski on the ice and fell on my face—nobody could recognize me for two weeks.”

Jan Michel '69, Manitou Springs, Colo.

“That was the time when guys who wouldn’t and couldn’t normally stay up late all stayed up real late. I remember a lot of late-night runs to White Castle in Marion, Ind., when you could get 12 hamburgers for $1.”

Michael May '75, Arcadia, Calif.

“I learned to play racquetball, a lot of racquetball, and I still play today.”

Beth (Burdick) Kuiper x'79, Plainwell, Mich.

“[Went] to Singapore [on a] Lighthouse trip with the world religions class. It was awesome. We got to go through different mosques and temples and studied all religions.”

Elizabeth (Charles) Kachel '93, Ephrata, Pa.

“We took a trip to the symphony, and we were all totally exhausted. You could look down the line at all the Taylor students and one after another they all fell asleep.”

Cheryl Nill '89, Jacksonville, Fla.

“We went cross-country skiing around campus ... you could rent skis from the Union. We would head down by the lake, and we actually had a [cross-country skiing] pick-a-date.”

Laura (Rich) Gerig '91, Fort Wayne, Ind.

“One of my fondest memories was a mission trip that we took to Haiti for cross-cultural credits. We helped build a church. It was a good time because we got to bond as a group for three weeks.”

Anthony Allen '94, Hamilton, Ohio
by the numbers

Big dreams. Big realities.

The 87,962 square-foot Kesler Student Activities Center was dedicated on Oct. 1, 2004, during Homecoming weekend with over 400 attending. Named affectionately for President Emeritus Dr. Jay Kesler ’58 and his wife Janie (Smith ’59), the Center includes a 200-meter track, multi-purpose courts, aerobics and weight training facilities and intercollegiate athletic locker rooms. In addition to accommodating the approximately 1,300 students involved in intramurals and organized sports each year, this $12.5 million facility will strengthen minds and bodies through self-expression and devotion to the study of physical fitness.
My back porch view ... 

From my little corner of the world I like to call my office, I often glance out the window, my portal to the outside world. From my back porch view, if you will, I watch as friends and neighbors pass by, going about their business.

Some are young children yet to experience all that life has to give. Others are current students delving into the world of academia. Still more are retired faculty members who have dedicated years of teaching to our beloved University. Some swap casual greetings, others discuss deep matters of faith. Regardless the length of time spent, smiles are always exchanged.

The following represents an exploration of life—from new departments on campus to the various seasons of life our alumni are experiencing. For some, it may be a reminder of times past. For others, it may provide glimpses into phases yet to come.

This winter issue is dedicated to the numerous alumni who face life with a sense of excitement and exploration, those who venture into unknown frontiers, sometimes beyond their own backyards, to discover what the world has to offer. It is our hope that you will sense some of our enthusiasm about all that God is doing in and through Taylor alumni and be encouraged no matter your season of life.

Blessings to you~

Serena D. Duke '04
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Holiday time is fruitcake time. Some people love it, others hate it. Regardless, it comes with the territory this time of year. The same is true for our magazine. Some alumni love our articles, others don’t completely agree. This is our opportunity to share with you what a few of our readers are saying. We would love to hear from you, as well. Send in your comments, and we’ll eat them up, just like Aunt Edna’s fruitcake.

**Arguing with al-Qaeda**

The article by Jim Spiegel came across with a pro-Muslim extremist point of view—it’s difficult to see those towers come down in the endless TV replays and feel charitable towards the terrorists.

A 1969 graduate, Kentucky

To the editor, the contributors, Dr. Spiegel and the University:

I find it completely irrelevant whether al-Qaeda or Muslims “think they are right.” It is their actions for which they should and will be judged; let their words fall where they may. Their manifestly repeated evil deeds and atrocities cannot by any rationale be justified, any more than certain deeds conducted during the Third Reich or within Imperial Japan. Could it not be similarly argued that some of these perpetrators thought that they were “right,” too?

The question remains, however; could such arguments be reasonably justified in light of the immense evils committed within these regimes? I think not. Clearly, there is a point at which any claims of justification have no worthiness of consideration by civilization or Christians. The sheer enormity of evil committed by anyone using the name of Allah or Islam renders any contemplation of justification as unthinkable, incomprehensible and impossible—because of their reprobate acts, not for any prejudice or failure to be reasonable on the part of their alleged enemies.

Gerald F. Chase, parent
Attleboro, Mass.

As an alumnus of Taylor University, I always look forward to issues of the *Taylor* magazine and open them with haste when they arrive. But like many readers, I read selectively, looking at some of the articles and always checking alumni news for graduates from the ’70s.

This time I read from cover to cover in one sitting, largely because of the interesting historical articles, beginning with the story on the Israel Jenkins house, Samuel Plato and the building of Swallow-Robin and President Gyertson’s thoughts on the value of history. I also found Dr. James Spiegel’s piece on al-Qaeda to be the clearest, most informative and most balanced I have read on the subject.
As a professor of history at a mid-size university (the University of Detroit Mercy), I am continually thankful for the grounding I received during my years at Taylor—both as a scholar and a person of faith. When I left TU for graduate school, I soon found how well Drs. Ringenberg, Mikkelsen, Winquist and Jenkinson had prepared me for the field where God was leading me. I thank them and the rest of the Taylor community for that.

Reading this issue of the Taylor magazine, with its emphasis on historical topics, brought this back to me in a concrete way. I enjoyed reading it very much.

In Christ,

Roy E. Finkenbine '75
Livonia, Mich.

Looking across the aisle

Thank you for your recent article on "Democrat vs. Republican." My senior year at Taylor was the Clinton/Gore election. Many students felt compelled/convicted, dare I say, to have lunch with me and tell me that if I didn't vote for Bush I was almost sacrificing my faith.

I know it's easy to think that Evangelical Christian = Republican. But it's so much more!

Again, thank you. I'm glad that I support a university that doesn't put people into boxes.

Kindly,

Jennifer Curtis '93
Smithtown, N.Y.

Redesign remarks

I wanted to send you a note regarding the Taylor magazine that I just received. I honestly couldn't put it down. I had to because of the work that I had to do, but I will definitely keep picking it up. The quality and content have gone up by 100 percent since the redesign. Many kudos to you and your staff on the great piece of work. Keep it up and all the best.

Jesse C. Clem '97
Grand Rapids, Mich.

I just wanted to toss some more kudos onto your pile and compliment you on the turnaround with the Taylor magazine. The new issues have been tremendous.

Keep up the good work.

Jared Pike '99
Fort Myers, Fla.

... Taylor magazine is like a fresh wind across the campus. An afternoon on the porch. A pumpkin shake with friends. Really. I agree with the reader who said this is an award-winner. Everything about it—the size, the layout, the photos, the articles—speaks of openness, quiet intelligence, good character, a welcoming homeliness and a faith that, in all humility, maintains, “Of course.” There's deep, sure goodness here. I know that a lot of this goodness comes from Taylor itself...

It's so refreshing to see an alumni magazine that is both smart and unpretentious. Instead of trying to blow the reader away with self-important presentations of how-cutting-edge this university is, you've created a wholeness—a sense of place and people and solid values. How can any alum not yearn to come back again, to look up old buddies, to pull out the checkbook? This magazine captures the Taylor that tugged at my heart when I visited campus. I loved every page...

Ginger Pyron
Crane MetaMarketing
Atlanta, Ga.

Underground railroad ties

We congratulate you and your staff on the format and the professional journalism evident in the Taylor magazine. The article “The Israel Jenkins House” brought back fond memories of my childhood. When I was a youngster my family always attended the Jenkins-Dwiggins reunion held every summer at the Upland park. Little did I realize at the time that some of my ancestors were involved in the Underground Railroad. Israel and Lydia Jenkins were grandparents of Margaret (Benbow) Haines, my grandmother.

George S. Haines
(Taylor faculty, 1961-1978)
Fort Myers, Fla.

War No More

Please be sensitive to the fact that not everyone believes in war. I am a Mennonite and a pacifist and did not enjoy the article “A New Frame of Reference.” I thought it portrayed the war in a much more positive and just light than it deserves. Why not do an article on peace and conscientious objectors?

Marla (Miller) Folkerts '96
Holland, Ohio

Taylor is a place where sincere Christians can explore different and even competing points of view. Consequently, we need to be sensitive to many various opinions. You make a good point. In Gulf War I in the early 1990s we ran such a story, but we have not done anything like that recently. To read the '90s article, check out the online version at www2.taylor.edu/upland/magazine/. As for the political article, you can rest assured that Taylor is still Taylor, a place where serious academics are pursued in a Christ-centered community.

Send your comments to
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Due to limitations not all letters are printed. Letters may be edited for length and clarity.
Cow tipping at Taylor

It’s not every day Taylor University gets featured on prime time television—especially on the Food Network. But sometime within the next few months, Taylor will be highlighted on Unwrapped, a 30-minute show that uncovers behind-the-scenes details on classic American food and food-related items.

Unwrapped will be covering the Rice cow creamer collection, a diverse group of over 230 ceramic and silver creamers, donated to Taylor in 1978 by Garnet ’29 and Raymond Rice ’29. Including pieces from the 18th and many from the 19th centuries, the collection is one of Taylor’s most valuable.

The show discovered Taylor’s unique collection while doing a search on the Internet specifically for cow creamers, which were mentioned on the University’s Web site.

“The Rice cow creamer collection is a great example of the many hidden treasures Taylor has to offer,” said Evan Kittleman of university relations. “The show is a great opportunity to share Taylor University and this eclectic collection with a larger audience.”

For more information regarding the cow creamer collection and/or broadcast times, please visit http://www.taylor.edu/cows/.
Taylor technology on top

Taylor classrooms are among the newest in the Educational Technology Center, ETC. A state-of-the-art facility, students and faculty throughout the year work with projects ranging from collaborative to individual work. The ETC and its capabilities are just one of the reasons Taylor residents, having an eye on technology, encourage their children to attend the University.

These partnerships in many internal and regional communities with the local schools have been attentively maintained and more than a few have sometimes changed at Taylor in the academic year.

The addition to the Wi-Fi network, Wi-Fi connected to the Wi-Fi, plus 104 percent of classrooms fully capably with wireless devices, assuring students include, proficient students, projects as an advanced computer classmate, with minimal access to the Wi-Fi or otherwise.

We have a range of instruction, teaching and learning places and the classrooms and facilities.

Every technology project involves implementing wireless access in personal networks and Wi-Fi, with wireless printers, some of which are reliable. Projects to do classroom, local communities and others, through initiatives in support of a more technologically enabled and community-oriented education.

In the year 2000, a total of 1,036 participants, including faculty, staff, students, and community residents, dedicated 1,036 collective hours of service to the University. Successful projects and initiatives for Taylor include: providing assistance at the University, technology, teaching, and learning resources.

Students plunged into community

When 518 faculty, staff, students and community participants get together and devote 1,036 collective hours of service, a lot can get done. In fact, the combined total at minimum wage is valued at an estimated $5,957.

The annual Community Plunge, a day dedicated to service projects for the Upland Community, was held Sept. 2, 2004. Participants worked at 25 job sites on projects including painting playground equipment, gardening, tutoring children, visiting residents at University Nursing Center, washing windows and community fire trucks, doing yard work for local elderly residents, cleaning local churches, providing child care and picking up trash along the highway.

Started in 1993, Community Plunge was originally part of Taylor's freshman orientation program but has since expanded to include volunteers from the entire University.
Faculty accolades

Despite all the papers to grade, exams to prepare and lectures to give, professors still devote countless hours to rigorous scholarly pursuits such as authoring books, presenting at conferences and traveling abroad. The following is only a small representation of the numerous annual faculty accomplishments.

Gala Bent, assistant professor of art, had her work of art “Open Space: Art About the Land” exhibited at the Minnetrista Cultural Center in Muncie, Ind., as part of an exhibition to benefit the Red Tail Conservancy, a land trust organization for East Central Indiana. She received an award of merit for the painting and two purchase awards.


Dr. Carl Siler, director of teacher education, received two grants—one from the Indiana Council for the Social Studies to develop curriculum materials using statistical data from the 20th century to teach U.S. History content (project materials will be presented at the annual ICSS Conference in spring 2005); and another from the Center for Teaching Excellence to develop teaching materials associated with D-Day. Mike Larson ’05, a social studies education student, is also involved in creating the teaching materials.

Dr. Steve Snyder, professor of psychology and five Taylor University students are involved in the Eastbrook Critical Thinking Project. This project, under the umbrella of the Center for Research and Innovation, is designed to equip teachers at Eastbrook High School, Marion, Ind., with strategies for improving critical thinking through teaching.

Dr. Cynthia A. Tyner, associate professor and chair of the education department, is the 2004 recipient of the Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award, presented annually by peers and students to a faculty member with at least five years of faculty service who has made a distinctive difference in the instructional environment. She is a mentor; teacher; wife and mother and is greatly revered by her students and fellow colleagues. In the face of great personal trial, Tyner has stood firm and steadfast as a tribute not to human effort but what reliance upon God can accomplish.

Meanwhile, in other University news...

Armed with only five sheets of cardboard, a roll of duct tape and unlimited plastic wrap, nine teams of students met at Taylor Lake in September and raced to build the fastest and most durable cardboard boat during the fifth annual Taylor Boat Regatta.

While some teams had their eye on the prize, other teams just wanted to survive. “Our strategy is not sinking,” said Mike Ho ’07 of third floor Moms.

To ensure that the boats racing in the championship actually survived, three heats of three teams each were held. Each boat raced from shore, around the middle floating dock and back. The winners went on to the championship.

With an aerodynamic kayak design and giant paddles taped to his hands, Cyrus Keck ’06 paddled first floor Bergwall to victory. Upon winning, Keck said, “It feels great and funny at the same time.” This was Keck’s third race but the only time his kayak design raced to a victory.

Instead of a laurel of leaves and medals, victorious team members received a $20 Vanhoo’s gift certificate.

“Our strategy is not sinking”
2004 fall sports wrap-up

With the completion of the Kesler Student Activities Center this September, fall sports were underway with new facilities and locker rooms. It is with great pride that we use this magnificent facility dedicating every effort to God’s glory.

**Men’s golf:** The Trojan golf team finished their season in fifth position in the Mid-Central Conference (MCC) race, qualifying for the Region VIII championships to be held in the spring. Stephen Downey ’06 received All-Conference honors.

**Women’s cross-country:** The Lady Trojan cross-country squad placed third at the MCC Championships. Lolly York ’07 finished third, earning All-MCC honors. York went on to qualify for the NAIA National Championships by placing third at the NAIA Region VIII Championships.

**Men’s cross-country:** The men’s cross-country squad placed fourth at the MCC Championships. Lance Vanderberg ’06 finished sixth, earning All-MCC honors. Vanderberg went on to qualify for the NAIA National Championships by placing second at the NAIA Region VIII Championships.

**Women’s soccer:** The women’s soccer team is currently 7-5-1, 4-1* and in second place in the MCC.

**Men’s soccer:** The men’s soccer team has a record of 8-7-1, 3-3-1 in the MCC.

**Women’s tennis:** The women’s tennis team finished the season with a 10-1 record, 7-1 in the MCC and took second place at the MCC Tournament. Holly May ’05 and Katie Clark ’06 were accorded All-Conference honors. Coach Dara Syswerda was selected MCC Coach of the Year.

**Men’s tennis:** The men’s tennis squad recorded a 6-5, 4-3 mark for their season and won second place at the MCC Tournament. Jorge Burmicky ’08 and Sam Rocke ’08 received All-Conference honors. Coach Don Taylor was selected as MCC Co-Coach of the Year.

**Football:** The football team defeated Malone on Parents’ Weekend, marking their first victory of the season. They finished the season 2-8.

**Volleyball:** The Lady Trojan volleyball team is currently ranked 20th in the NAIA with a record of 30-7. The team completed their MCC schedule undefeated at 8-0, claiming the regular season title.

*When dual win/loss records are listed, the first set of numbers is the team’s overall record, and the second set is the conference record.*
The Corps of Discovery

Just over 200 years ago, in Clarksville, Ind., the Corps of Discovery was formally inaugurated. Meriwether Lewis and William Clark met at this Hoosier home base in mid-October 1803 to forge their partnership and implement President Thomas Jefferson’s dream of a new nation extending from sea to shining sea. With the completion of the Louisiana Purchase and the passion to find a water route to the Pacific as the means to unite this great land economically, politically and militarily, the Lewis and Clark expedition was formed. From this humble beginning they laid the plans for the journey of a lifetime that would take more than two years to complete.

I am reading the late Stephen Ambrose’s book Undaunted Courage as a resource for my personal celebration of the bi-centennial of one of the nation’s greatest expeditionary undertakings. He is my favorite historical novelist possessing a unique ability to communicate the facts while illuminating the distinctive character of these two men, an amazing Indian woman and an African-American slave—each uniquely God’s instrument to open a gateway to the west and write the next significant chapter in the American story. In the midst of the political rhetoric of the recent elections emphasizing so many issues that threaten to divide our nation, I find it both reassuring and refreshing to rediscover the roots of the vision, courage and character that nurtured our nation.

As a result of growing up in the rugged, natural beauty of northern Canada I am captivated by the vivid descriptions of the expedition’s humanity-against-the-elements determination. I revel in the rich record of lands discovered, nature uncovered and new relationships established. However, I am more challenged by the insatiable drive Lewis, in particular, demonstrated to know and understand. I am convinced that this drive is one of the greatest qualities of the divine image God places into His human creation. As I reflect on the heritage and legacy of Taylor University’s commitment to light and faith, that same need to explore, discover and understand surfaces as one of our institution’s most intriguing characteristics. From the beginning in 1846 Taylor University’s vision and mission have been driven by succeeding generations of our own Corps of Discovery.

Taylor was founded just four decades after the Lewis and Clark expedition. As the storm clouds of civil unrest were gathering, Christ-centered pioneers dreamed of an institution willing to go where few had gone before. The first school in the Methodist Episcopal tradition, and the second in the young nation, to provide women with the means for career preparation, the University pioneered education in a wide range of professional and service fields. Renamed after the denomination’s great adventurer Bishop William Taylor, the University’s reputation attracted an African prince named Samuel Morris and prepared succeeding generations of men and women to follow their divine calling to know and to serve.

As I review the roll of alumni past and present it appears that no major arena in the search for truth, understanding and service has been ignored. As I explore the creative scholar,

from the president

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Two-stepping with the LTC

The scene is Berlin, Germany, late 1933. The frosted wind of winter whirls outside the stained glass windows of a church, where you are crowded into a wooden pew with your family at a Sunday morning service. The young preacher is urging the congregation to challenge the harsh ideas of rising political star Adolf Hitler. The sanctuary is silent, and the minister's radical challenge to aid Jews abused by the state under Hitler's tyrannical control echoes against the cold walls.

This deeply convicted preacher; Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was executed in 1945 for his insistence that the German Protestant Church confront Nazi anti-Semitism despite persecution. He lived out this rebellion against the Nazi regime without the church's support, yet making incredible advancements. He began the Confessing Church in 1934 and Finkenwalde, a seminary that became a laboratory for uncommonly intentional, intimate Christian community.

The brand of character that Bonhoeffer exemplifies is what I am seeking thousands of miles away from war-time Berlin at Taylor University. I sensed the same passion for Christian community on these sidewalks and in classrooms during a campus visit as a high school senior. Now as a student I soak in the security of this society, a unique group of people who pray, live, eat, work (and maybe get a few hours of sleep) together under the bond of the Life Together Covenant.

Although the LTC, as it is affectionately called by members of the Taylor community, has existed for about 40 years, the shape it takes today reflects the work of a committee in the early 1980s. The LTC, which outlines behavioral standards and relationship expectations for community participants, still frequents student and faculty discussions, some of which develop into intense debates. Considered one of the foundational documents of the University, the LTC is currently under review by the University Committee for Advancement and Planning (UCAP).

Dean of Students Skip Trudeau, who is participating in the review process, said, "UCAP asks for feedback from alumni, students, faculty, staff and student development faculty on two main questions. First, 'How do you feel about the LTC?' And second, 'What changes need to be made?'"

The answers to these questions are different for each member of our community, past and present, and for outsiders who have never experienced this concept.

As a current participant in the community, I live daily inside the reality of the LTC. I am part of the Christian community that is Taylor's hallmark among an ever-growing number of Christian universities and this covenant is the framework for our lives together.

"The LTC is critical for us as a campus," stated Trudeau. "I've been on other Christian college campuses, and there is something different about how we go about Christian higher education. There is no magic in the LTC, but it creates the environment conducive to what we're trying to do."

I think Dietrich Bonhoeffer would agree. To understand his passion is to understand the possibilities for life together in the covenant community of Taylor University. Bonhoeffer's book Life Together, which served as a model for our document, is revolutionary, stemming from dangerous circumstances and his vision for intimate community with spiritual discipline, solid biblical theology and the priority of service over power.

I see a glimpse of our community in his writing; in my heart I envision a complete picture of what we could be.

The message of Bonhoeffer, the call of Christ and the spirit of the LTC is to live in relationship with other Christians. If there are groups that do not know of God's gift, we are compelled to invite them to join this worldwide community that includes our 250 acres in Upland, Ind.—a community of believers designed to live together in intimate prayer, confession and service, under the sovereignty of the Word, who love their brothers and sisters more than themselves.

We, the covenant community of Taylor, are not perfect; the Finkenwalde Seminary was not perfect even under the brilliant and passionate leadership of Bonhoeffer. Yet, we must continue to pursue, preserve and uphold the LTC as the heartbeat of our lives together. —Jill Hamilton '07
The winter wind whips as glistening snowflakes fall to the quiet earth below. Animals lie silently in hibernation; frost covers the land. Only a few months later, trees and flowers bloom as new life begins with gentle spring rains. The sun peeks through the clouds, birds are chirping. Then the mid-summer arrives, and the hot sun beats down. Children are playing, families are vacationing. Soon, cool leaves fall from trees as crisp breezes blow. Farmers proudly bring in their crops; the harvest is plentiful.

Just as the weather varies from day to day and goes through a variety of experiences, the circle of life continues. Seasons change, but God remains ever-present, regardless of the stage of life. From the miracle of childbirth to the mystery of death, life is full of a variety of experiences. The circle of life continues. Seasons change each month, we annually experience seasons of life, and a new period of growth begins. As Solomon wrote, "There is a time for every activity under heaven." The circle of life is a theme for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. The circle of life is a theme for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. The circle of life is a theme for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. The circle of life is a theme for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven. The circle of life is a theme for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven.
The inspiring story of a young man's life and its transformation into a diamond of rare beauty. Having 85 percent of his body burned in a fiery car crash at the age of two, Joel had a 10 percent chance of survival.

To many, Joel Sonnenberg '00 is a miracle. But not by his own standards. "Am I more of a miracle than anyone else? No. We're all miracles," he said. In fact, Joel describes himself as "very ordinary," but he still recognizes the rare beauty of his life. "God has worked through my life in extraordinary ways," he said.

After having 85 percent of his body burned in a fiery car crash at the age of two, Joel had a 10 percent chance of survival. With loss of his hands, fingers, toes, lips, nose, ears and eyelids, physicians never thought that he would be able to walk, run, ride a bike or speak. Truly, he has beaten the odds.

Twenty-five years later, there is little the outgoing, soccer-loving author and speaker can't do. He can type 70 words per minute, drive a car, write (fairly) legibly and open pop-top soft-drink cans. Most recently, he has conquered the art of cracking an egg. With all that Joel can do, there's still one thing he hopes to accomplish. "I still can't tie my shoes," he said with a laugh. "I'm a 150 percent kind of guy. Where there's a will, there's a way."

Joel's journey has been one of pain and struggle, including nearly 50 surgeries. After spending over two years of his life in hospitals, he now considers them like home. "I feel like I miss them in some ways," he said.
"God has used the way I look to open up opportunities for Christ to enter the lives of others in a unique way."

Throughout his career, Joel has realized that he is not just a celebrity, but a tool that God has used to help people see beyond his appearance. Joel has faced numerous challenges in his life, including drug addiction, which he overcame through faith and support from others. His experiences have given him a unique perspective on life and how to connect with others.

Joel attributes his success to his faith in God and the support of his family and friends. He encourages others to look beyond outward appearances and see the potential within everyone, just as he has. Joel's story is a testament to the power of faith and the ability to overcome adversity.

For more information on Joel, his book and his speaking ministry, visit www.Joel.cc.
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Archery may not be your typical spectator sport, but Stephanie (White '96) Arnold is not your typical Olympic athlete. "Archery is not really a spectator-friendly sport. It's kind of like watching paint dry, actually," she kidded. "But we love it and have fun with it and if you shoot archery you gain a little bit greater appreciation."

Although she realized a lifelong dream of competing in the recent Olympic Games in Athens, Greece, Arnold is undecided as to whether her first Olympic competition will also be her last. She is returning from Greece in August, her main focus has not been archery but rather her husband, Jim and the Maryland, Ind. farm they share. And she states plainly that while competing with the U.S. Women's Archery Team was a great experience, her family is more important.

"I couldn't even fathom (going to another Olympic competition). My response is that it's four years away," said Arnold, who graduated from Taylor with degrees in communication arts and public affairs. "I have always felt like archery is something that is a season in my life...it's not going to be anything that's going to consume my life."

That philosophy is not new to her. Although Arnold was immersed in the world of bows and arrows from her early childhood (her father, Rick, is a former world champion and has coached at least four Olympics), she dropped the sport during high school and didn't pick it up again until after her Taylor graduation. Arnold's ascendance into the sport's world class was capped during last summer's Olympic Trials in Mason, Ohio.

"Over the last four days of competition at the Trials I flopped between second and third. Going into Saturday, I thought, 'Oh my gosh, I'm going to make the team.' I just have to keep shooting my game and I'm there," she related.

After her last shot, the tears started rolling. Immediately, I looked for my husband and my dad and gave them both a huge hug...it was just an oddly surreal 12-hour experience. It was a bunch of mixed emotions, but most of all, joy, just knowing that the Lord has given me this talent and this is where He saw fit for me to do."

But when Arnold and U.S. teammates Janet Eykman and Jennifer Nichols got to Athens, they ran into not only the top-ranked South Korean archery team, but also the one-metal winds of historic Panathinaiko Stadium with gusts so strong that they blew over heavy objects including a photographer's stand. "To be honest it was a bit disappointing-I don't think you guys would really shoot under that," she related. "The archers said it was like riding the ocean. Whoever won, won. It's not reflective of how their skill is in archery. Everybody had the same conditions...Such is life. It's not a life or death situation as well just more fun."

Arnold's life has been a blur since returning to Indiana from about four wins in Athens, Georgia in the categories of archery and archery. She has also seen and cheered her from the stands. But ultimately the question keeps ringing through her mind that will try to make the Olympics in 2012.

"We're taking it one day at a time. I'm going to continue to shot," she said, adding that she hopes to compete on the international level again but is more interested in devoting herself to her family. "That's a great song; I don't know where the artist is, but it says, 'It's not about me, it's about you, Lord.' That was my theme song for the Olympics. Whenever I could get an opportunity to let His light shine through me and draw others to Him, I felt that was my purpose. It was never about bringing home a medal."

Will she still feel that way even if this was her only appearance on the world's stage? "I would love it, but," she said, "I think the Lord has some great things in store in my future. I don't think that will involve archery but you know, who's to say?"

—Jim Gompper
How one woman’s strength and faith are central as she balances motherhood, marriage and MS. Life with multiple sclerosis was not on her five-year plan.

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he never planned for this.
Her left hand trembles, and she sometimes needs a cane to walk. She rarely goes grocery shopping anymore and can’t easily stand. But every day she thanks God for what she is able to do. She can still button her buttons and tie her shoes. Someday, she may not be able to do that in the future.

For Angie (Lyons ’94) Knight, adjunct professor of education, life with multiple sclerosis was not on her five-year plan. With a smile she said, “You don’t go to college so that you can get a chronic, unpredictable neurological disorder.”

Three years after graduating from Taylor University and marriage to her husband, T.R. ’93, network services manager at Taylor, life drastically changed.

A few months before moving back to Upland, strange symptoms began appearing. It hurt to move her eyes, but she thought she just needed new glasses. Soon, the pain increased to the level of a migraine, and she was continuously exhausted. At first, she thought her lethargy was due to their planned move to Upland or the end of her last year at the middle school where she had been teaching. She didn’t realize that her pain and exhaustion were primary symptoms of MS.
"Maybe God chose me to deal with this because people can see how someone with Christ at the center of life faces things differently from one who doesn’t have Him there."
A loving tribute to beloved professor, father, husband and friend, Dr. Oliver Hubbard. Ollie passed away June 8, 2004, after a long battle with cancer. His memory lives on as he continues to speak words of wisdom.

Much of my father’s life was dedicated to theatre in the specific context of its educational and spiritual benefits in a Christian liberal arts university environment. He wrote, “Creative imagination is the focal point of our having been created in God’s image.” To enable students to express this “creative imagination” to the glory of God was his calling, to which he dedicated much emotional and physical energy in his 27 years at Taylor. The fruit of this labor is seen in the lives of so many who have said they are different because Ollie Hubbard remained true to the task, infusing it with his gentle spirit.

While I’m grateful for this impact on the Taylor family, to me he remains just “Daddy,” and the lessons and the loss are personal. So I will share personal lessons from my Daddy, but in my remembering, perhaps we who loved this man will again hear his voice.
“Don’t take things so seriously. ‘All shall be well and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well. No matter what.’”

“Fishing is not about catching fish.”

When I was a child, Daddy frequently took me fishing at Lake Blue, something I loved, despite the idea of more than the actual act. The notion of catching a line in the water as the sun softly set had all the romance of Thoreau. The reality was tangled lines, lost hooks, muddy shoes, bug bites and endless re-baiting. Yet Daddy loved it—even though in 35 years he caught only a handful of bass and one nasty catfish.

When I was young, I never thought how little fishing Daddy virtually got to do because of the need to put a worm on or take a line off my hook. As an adult, I began to apologize for interrupting his solitude, his reflection time, with requests to take my line out of the tree or remove the tiny sunfish I dragged on shore. He would brush aside my apologies, saying, “Becca, fishing is not about catching fish. You spend most of your time baiting, untangling, waiting and throwing back. That’s how it works.”

Later learned he was saying, both in his words and in his life, that process matters as much as outcome. Don’t rush, lamenting the effort a task takes. Understand the preparation as an integral part, perhaps the most essential part. He often repeated the theme in my own academic career as I struggled for initiative to keep writing “just begin, trust the process and the work will build its own energy.”

All of Daddy’s speeches or writings went through several drafts, labeled and saved. While he was not always pleased with the end result, he believed the process yielded good things for him as a human being. In a world that understands success as results, the reminder that fishing is not about the fish is one that continues to challenge me.

“People who curse don’t have big enough vocabularies.”

As a child attempting to understand the standard by which we judged acceptable behavior, I remember asking Daddy why some words were offensive when they were synonyms for words we used freely. What I received was not a simplistic explanation but a critical dialogue on the importance of word choice. As a child, what I understood was that people who cursed did not have big enough vocabularies to choose appropriate, more narrowly-defined terms. I recognize now he meant that language matters, words have specific meanings, and we must choose with care.

Daddy spoke as he lived—with intentionality. He saw value in carefully considering the details. Whether choosing the perfect word or hanging a light to best illuminate an actor’s face, nothing was done quickly, sacrificing quality.

“When you use superlatives, you immediately run out of options.”

Suppose, we all think that the best parents have one trait of origami: patience. That is my usual superlative. I am stating that the worst model I have ever seen Daddy do is the origami: Things are what they are, though they are rare, the worst or the best. He saw life as a daily opportunity to experience what God brought and believed in doing so honestly rather than with excessive humility or pride.

Once when I had made a superlative comment, Daddy said, “When you use superlatives, you immediately run out of options.” It was my brother, our familial wit who replied, “Yes, immediately.” Needless to say, the point was made and laughter ensued. In the end, even our efforts at honest assessment shouldn’t be taken too seriously.

“Always acknowledge care given, excellence exemplified.”

During the winter, Daddy received hundreds of letters; many mentioning the notes of encouragement or gratitude they had received from him over the years. When someone extended care or performed with excellence, Daddy acknowledged it. As the letters were his preferred vehicle, his carefully-drafted notes would bring press encouragement and, occasionally, words of challenge. After his diagnosis, he continued writing, noting names of medical staff and signing thank-you cards for appointments. Some of his final days were spent selecting gifts for students from his office.

Daddy was always free with his affection. Whether a gentle touch on a doctor’s arm or a student’s shoulder, Daddy understood the value of human contact. While modern technology—but not Daddy—uses spirit and kind gestures to emptied the loving power of physical separation. Maybe even reminded us of the still small voice of our Heavenly Father to hear over the world’s din.

Perhaps, the one thing Daddy didn’t teach us was how to go on without him, to fill the void created by the loss of his physical presence. Maintaining his influence on our lives seems daunting knowing he will not be there to remind us. He would, of course, be embarrassed that we were spending our limited energy on such an endeavor and would probably smile, put a hand on our elbow and say, “Don’t take things so seriously. ‘All shall be well and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well. No matter what.’”

—Rebecca (Hubbard ’91) Manglo

To read the full text of Rebecca’s tribute, please log on to the Taylor online magazine at http://www2.taylor.edu/uploadsmagazine.
The Center for Research and Innovation: innovative research, entrepreneurship and partnerships

Students and faculty energized by amplify their God-given talents and passions through innovative research, entrepreneurship and partnerships, thereby invigorating the community and impacting the world – this is the dream that Dr. Don Takehara has as the new director of the Center for Research and Innovation (CR&I) at Taylor University.
The Center became a reality this past year after Taylor received a three-year, $750,000 grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc. to retain talented graduates and reduce the “brain drain” from Indiana. At the core of CRSI is the coupling of classroom knowledge with real-life, hands-on experience for students within an atmosphere of innovation.

“This results in a unique and powerful learning environment to prepare students for the increasingly high expectations in today’s world. I have witnessed this trend during my 16 years of technical experience at Dow Corning Corporation,” explained Takehara.

Taylor has a heritage of faculty-student side-by-side research that the CRSI is strengthening and broadening across campus. Student researchers are mentored by faculty on how to design the project, analyze data, draw conclusions, publish in professional journals and present at professional conferences. Research in the sciences, humanities and social sciences is led by Dr. Hank Voss as director of the Science Research Training Program, Dr. Steve Snyder as director of the Humanities Research Training Program and chief scientist Dr. Ken Kiros.

“Some faculty and students love research. They love getting their hands dirty and solving problems. The CRSI exists to help those people achieve their goals and become more effective light in the world,” stated Adam Bennett, CRSI assistant director. “You would be surprised at how few Christian universities have a significant presence at secular conferences. We want to better engage the world through these projects.”

Examples of existing research at Taylor University include design and fabrication of a small satellite as part of a competition for the Air Force, development of an electronic circuit for teaching chaos theory that will soon be for sale in a national catalog for lab equipment, language analysis software developed for Wycliffe and creation of new critical thinking skills curriculum for high school students.

The Innovative Entrepreneurship Program (IEP), directed by new-hire Professor Mick Patfas, is the entrepreneurial arm of CRSI. The goal of the IEP is to inspire and grow student-faculty expertise, research and innovation into financially healthy, first-class quality products and businesses.

“Student enthusiasm for the various activities of the IEP is encouraging. They show particular interest in exercising leadership, brainstorming ideas and taking their book learning and practically applying it on real-world start-ups or local area business projects,” said Patfas. “The integration of student talent with other students, faculty and local businesses has fostered an environment that catalyzes entrepreneurship, innovative thinking and education to new levels.”

The IEP imbues the entrepreneurial spirit into Taylor through curriculum, a student club, interactions with local businesses and opportunities for students and local companies to grow ideas through the on-campus incubator. As an idea progresses in the incubator and meets predetermined goals, assistance with facilities, funding, consultation, marketing and networking will be provided. Successful ideas result in the startup of new businesses or the acceleration of existing businesses that energize the economy and create new jobs.

Partnerships with existing businesses and organizations, other universities and government agencies are a key component of the CRSI. The CRSI is working with businesses in the local community and throughout the state of Indiana. Future possibilities include student internships, student-faculty teams solving problems in the business world, faculty and students providing specific expertise or capabilities to companies, etc.

According to Bennett, Taylor’s CRSI program is unique. “Through the CRSI, Taylor provides the necessary infrastructure to support the trio of research, entrepreneurship and incubation. To our knowledge, other similar Christian liberal arts universities do not offer such a comprehensive program.”

In order to achieve the goals of the CRSI, funding, facilities and equipment are needed. The lower level of the Ayres Alumni Memorial Hall is being renovated to house the CRSI offices, the business incubator, the Technological Innovation Lab, research labs, a machine shop and a conference room. Funding for supporting new research areas is expected via grants. Additional funding via donations and revenues from companies spun off from the business incubator are also expected.

Takehara believes that Christ must be central. “I believe that the excitement and energy from students and faculty will be contagious to everyone who comes in contact with the CRSI,” Takehara said. “The result will not only enrich Taylor’s learning environment but invigorate the community and impact the world. This, though, will only be possible if seeking God is a priority in all that CRSI does.”

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Teaching at Taylor is getting a facelift.

With $4.5 million in pocket, Taylor will use interest from a Lilly Endowment, Inc. grant to sustain the recently-created Center for Teaching Excellence (CTE).

The two-year-old program exists to enhance the faculty's knowledge of their subjects and of current classroom technology. Under President David Gyertson's direction the CTE seeks to bolster teaching dynamics and scholarship, develop leadership and teach classroom technology.

"We believe that the Taylor faculty is motivated by a deep desire to develop skills and strategies that most effectively create classrooms in which students learn," said Dr. Thomas Jones '71, associate vice president for faculty development and director of the CTE.

In the spring of 2004, the Center began strengthening its program with a variety of workshops on spiritual formation in academics. One such workshop focused on plagiarism that sought to help teachers form creative and narrowly-defined writing projects as a way of discouraging plagiarism among their students.

This year, the Center is continuing to build by teaching faculty how to effectively use ever-changing classroom technologies. Monthly technology workshops will instruct faculty on the uses of multimedia in the classroom, Scantrons and copyright issues, among others.

Despite the numerous opportunities, time is a major limitation of the faculty's participation, but Jones believes that faculty will still use the Center. "Taylor faculty members are eager to take advantage of opportunities that have the real potential to improve student learning," said Jones.

Recently, the CTE awarded a grant to Dr. Carl Siler, director of teacher education, to develop teaching materials for D-Day's 60th anniversary this year. "This was an excellent opportunity to further study the D-Day landing ... as well as provide opportunities for student involvement in the creation of teaching materials," said Siler.

The Center also sponsored director of Zondervan Library Dan Bowell's reading group that read a philosophy of education book and published a review of it in last summer's Christian Scholars Review.

To further enrich the faculty, the Center sponsors campus visits for nationally-acclaimed scholars and supports summer faculty/student collaborative research projects.

Fort Wayne faculty also benefit from the CTE by receiving stipends for integrating spiritual formation into their curriculum and for participating in technology training workshops. Taylor Fort Wayne academic dean Dr. Ron Sloan is actively working with Jones to further develop strategies for both campuses.

Soon, the CTE will move into the Ayres Alumni Memorial Hall that is being renovated for its use. The building will contain offices, a seminar room and cutting-edge instructional technology.

Faculty will engage in research, discussion and action that Jones hopes will promote the scholarship of teaching and learning within the context of a Christian liberal arts university.

— Erik Ketisch '05
Faith Fund Still Lives!

Just as men and women in the 19th century gave sacrificially so a penniless Liberian named Samuel Morris could attend Taylor University, the Samuel Morris Faith Fund continues today as the Taylor Fund—standing in the gap between dreams and reality. Samuel Morris Society members are men and women who intentionally, humbly and sacrificially support the Taylor Fund by faithfully helping bridge the gap between tuition and the actual cost of a Taylor education. Charter membership in the Society is open to the first 500 who partner with Taylor in three areas: praying for Taylor, promoting Taylor and providing an annual gift of $1,000 or more to the Taylor Fund. “Samuel Morris Society members are living examples that the Christian spirit of selfless and sacrificial giving exists to bring the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a fallen world. ‘I want the room nobody else wants’ is the heartbeat of a Samuel Morris Society donor,” said Harold Hazen, vice president for university advancement. Your membership in the Samuel Morris Society is building a legacy for the future—a living, growing investment that reaps eternal dividends.

For more information regarding the Samuel Morris Society, contact Joyce Helyer, associate vice president for university advancement, at (765) 998-4956, or jhelyer@taylor.edu.

Phonathon

In an effort to personally contact as many alumni as possible, the student calling program has expanded from three weeks just a few years ago to more than 18 weeks for the 2004-05 academic year. The calling program provides alumni and friends of the University a chance to hear how things are going on campus directly from a student. Students are also able to check on family, job and address updates, ask for support for the school, get a few pieces of advice ... and most certainly provide some very interesting conversations along the way.

Scholarship Recognition Dinner

Over 350 donors of scholarships and their student recipients met face-to-face Oct. 9 at the Hodson Dining Commons. This annual event provides an opportunity for donors to meet the students in whom they have so generously invested and for the students to personally express appreciation for the assistance they have received through the scholarship awards. Drs. Jim ’62 and Frances (Woy’62) Terhune represented the donors and shared why they had chosen to honor three Taylor staff members with named internships and at the same time assist students. Nathan Brooks ’05, Rashel Cary ’07, Mark Grunden ’06 and Andrea Grebe ’08, representing the student recipients, spoke about their Taylor experiences and what it means to have received these awards. Gratitude for donors and students was evident throughout the evening, and the string quartet’s Be Thou My Vision served as an appropriate benediction.

(Back row) Mark Burtness ’06, John Burtness ’06, (Front row) Diane Feenstra ’74, Christine Pederson ’05, Jenny Hunt ’06, Elizabeth Marx ’05 and Gary Feenstra ’72 enjoyed an evening of fellowship. The Feenstras sponsor a scholarship to be given to students who are children of missionaries.
HOW 30 TU VOLUNTEERS HELPED CLEAN UP AFTER HURRICANES TORE THROUGH THE SOUTHEAST.
There is so much left to do. That is the observation of thirty Taylor University students and staff members who spent their fall break doing work projects in storm-ravaged Florida.

The group spent three days in Pensacola helping clean up a small portion of Hurricane Ivan's aftermath. Ivan, along with Hurricanes Charley and Frances, ravaged the Sunshine State in September. Along with wrecked homes, businesses and coastlines, Ivan left over 100 people dead in Florida and the Caribbean.

"(The) trip to Florida was a startling reminder of God's power and the importance of storing up treasures in heaven where moth and rust can't destroy," said Brennecke Hormel '05. "Someone down there added to it, 'where hurricanes don't destroy,'" said Taylor student body president Aaron Shapiro '05. "People's life and material possessions were all gone in a matter of days."

According to the Florida Association of Insurance Agents Web site, www.faiia.com, Ivan was the costliest of the three hurricanes with damage projections ranging from $3-16 billion. The association also reported Charley and Frances left over $12 billion damage and thousands homeless in their respective wakes. Hormel said much of the damage the group witnessed was from flooding and dozens of tornadoes spawned by the monster storm.

The group left Upland after classes ended on Thursday, Oct. 21 and drove through the night in three vans, arriving in Pensacola on Friday morning. While there, they worked eight-hour days picking up limbs and helping clean properties and the hollowed-out shells of homes that had been valued in excess of $1 million before the onslaught. At night they stayed at a local United Methodist Church.

"The pastor's wife at the church where we stayed said, 'We know how you feel; we've been doing this non-stop for the past four weeks' ... Some of those people lost everything," said Hormel. "It was terrible. You could see through the buildings. The whole state is in such devastation. They said there was a ridiculous wait for machinery just to move (debris)."

Shapiro said plans are already underway for Taylor students to return to Florida for additional relief work in January. "The people we worked with—all of them were almost hopeless. It may not seem like a huge deal to have trees covering your yard, but some were elderly," he said. "It was giving them hope. We couldn't help a whole lot of people but for the ones we could, it was an incredible blessing."

~ Jen Gerenser

AARON SHAPIRO '05 PICKS UP LIMBS FROM A DAMAGED RESIDENCE.

BRENNECKE HORMEL '05 HELPS CLEAR DEBRIS FROM THE SEPTEMBER STORMS.
Taylor University never looked so good to Jonas Herum '07.

After hiking 80 miles in two-and-a-half days with two friends to raise money for a nine-year-old Indian boy, Jonas's legs were ready to quit.

What began as a fluke weekend road trip quickly evolved into a mission of mercy for Jonas and his friends Justin Thomas '07 and Tyler Wright '07.

Three weeks before Halloween, the three fourth floor Samuel Morris Hall friends thought it would be fun to drive to Warsaw, Ind., and hike back over Halloween weekend.

A week before the hike, they remembered an opportunity they were offered last year to sponsor a child through Compassion International. With this opportunity stuck in their minds, they changed their hike into a fund-raiser and convinced over a hundred of their fellow students to sponsor them. "We're not sure if we would have done it without the incentive of supporting a child," Jonas said in hindsight.
Day 1

On Friday, Oct. 29, they loaded their wire-frame backpacks with sleeping bags and rations of bread, crackers and water and had a friend from Warsaw, Ind., load adrenaline, the three hikers set off in the evening, but they miscalculated the distance. The sixty miles they had to trek county roads for an extra twenty miles to return. It quickly became an act of sheer desperation to reach their goal of sixty miles to the picnic. Instead, they found that they had driven sixty miles to the highway, and they quickly established their mood. Jonas' ripped jeans and "holy" gloves matched his tattered body. "I didn't know if I would make it."

"If we weren't as determined, we wouldn't have been able to do it," Justin said. After hiking nearly thirty miles that night, they finally arrived at their campsite, but an elderly ranger met them at the seventeen miles down the road. They hoped to have a fire and some hot food, bread and crackers while Jonas lightened their mood by playing his harmonica.

Day 2

It didn't take long for the adrenaline to wear off. The reality of their undertaking hit them on the second day when they awoke to sunshine and fierce winds that were so strong that Justin had to trek county roads for an extra twenty miles to return. It quickly became an act of sheer desperation to reach their goal of sixty miles to the picnic. Instead, they found that they had driven sixty miles to the highway, and they quickly established their mood. Jonas' ripped jeans and "holy" gloves matched his tattered body. "I didn't know if I would make it."

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Day 3

When the third and final morning broke they didn't want to get up. "When you wake up in the morning and realize that you have to walk with thirty miles to go. "There was so much pain that I couldn't walk," Justin said.

"That mentally helped pick us up," Justin said. God's grace, and the help and encouragement of others, you can achieve anything."

The three are joyful that they were able to reach their goal and that their sponsored child, Mani, will benefit $700 from their effort.
1929
Dr. Paul Whitaker died at his home July 15. He was a devoted teacher of German at the Univ. of Kentucky until his retirement in 1974. During World War II, Paul was a lieutenant in the US Army Signal Corps and served as a translator in the top-secret operation that broke the German codes. He was pre-deceased by wife Sally.

1932
Olive (Himelick) Connelly passed away Feb. 9. She was a school teacher, followed by a successful career as a foods manager at Purdue Univ after raising her children. She lived in West Lafayette, Ind., from 1941 until her death.

1942
Doris (Horn) Miller died Oct. 25, 2004, in St. Louis. Survivors include husband Don A. ’41 and son Don B. ’75. Her husband’s address is 8552 Loyd Dr., St. Louis, MO 63114.

1945
M. Wesley Arms taught with classmates Kenneth Enright & wife Lorraine (Farrier) ’47 this past May at the Ndola Methodist Pastors’ School in Zambia that the Enrights helped establish during their missionary years. About 100 pastors attend this school from many different countries in Africa.

1946
Beatrice (Payne) Zook died July 5 in Franklin, Pa. She was preceded in death by husband Rev. Paul Zook ’48. Mrs. Zook was a kindergarten teacher, a homemaker and helped her husband pastor churches in various parts of Pennsylvania.

1950
Daniel Hutchens died July 31 in Baraboo, Wis. He was preceded in death by his wife Ulee in 2000. Before his retirement he was a teacher and school administrator in several schools in Michigan.

1953
Hal Olsen & wife Sally celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Aug. 13. The Olsens served as missionaries in the Congo and Kenya, Africa, with Africa Inland Mission. Norm Cook ’51 was best man at their wedding. He and wife Muriel (Culver) ’53 served as missionaries in Taiwan.

1956
Floyd & Betty Murphy live in Winchester, Va. Floyd retired from full-time ministry in the Methodist Church in 1990 but continues his ministry as a preacher and evangelist for many churches. He & Betty still enjoy music and are busy with many musical programs.

1957
Dr. Kenn Gangel, a veteran educational leader for 45 years, has been cited in the Christian Education Journal as one of the best evangelical Christian educators of the 20th century. He has served in top administrative posts at four institutions and contributed 51 books and nearly 1,000 articles to the field. Now in retirement, he is serving as distinguished professor emeritus at Dallas Seminary and scholar-in-residence at Toccoa Falls College.

1958
Ted & Carol (Miller) Curtis lost daughter Rebecca to a brain aneurysm on June 1. She is survived by husband Jim, son Lain (8) and daughter Searlair (6). Ted & Carol may be reached by e-mail at tnccurtis@comcast.net.

1960
Dr. Charles & Barbara (Hanawalt) ’61 Ford relocated to Lake Wylie, S.C., from Kennebunkport, Maine. They
have 18 grandchildren and will enjoy being closer to them. Charles continues as a professor of health services at the Univ of New England where he has served 20 years as professor, dean and president. He teaches both traditional classes and in long distance education. E-mail is unel@hotmail.com.

1961
John Oswalt’s commentary on Isaiah in the NIV Application Commentary series was recently voted a Gold Medallion finalist by the Christian Booksellers Association. John continues as research professor of Old Testament at Wesley Biblical Seminary in Jackson, Miss. E-mail is oswalt750@aol.com.

1963
Don & Faye Shank retired after 40 years in the United Methodist Church. Don served pastorates in Brecksville, Toronto, East Liverpool, Rocky River and Willoughby, all in the East Ohio Annual Conference. He also served seven years as a district superintendent. They are enjoying activities with their six grandchildren and bought their first home (not a parsonage!) at 32677 Spinnaker Dr, Avon Lake, OH 44012. E-mail is donfaye@aol.com.

1966
In July, these TU alumnae enjoyed a reunion that celebrated their 42 years of friendship. Shirt logo “Livin’ Right and Lovin’ Life” created opportunities to share and witness. Attending were Ann (Phillips) Childress, Sue (Small) High, Mary Ellen (Eversden) Meeks, Margi (Neunschwaner) Culbertson, Elaine (Willis) Long, Jan (Sprunger) Grau and Marsha (King x) Hunt. • Rev. Edgar Cline died Sept. 16 after a nine-year battle with liver cancer. He is survived by wife Shirley who lives in Muncie, Ind.

1969
Barney & Sheila (Solomon) Beers live in Argos, Ind. Sheila is pianist at Talma United Methodist Church. E-mail is sheila_beers@hotmail.com. • Richard & Kathy (McCormick) Gendron reside in Oklahoma City. Kathy retired from teaching in 1999. E-mail is jmmichel@hsl2.org. • After over 30 years of teaching, Dr. Roger Smitter is now the executive director of the National Communication Association in Washington, D.C. Representing nearly 7,000 college professors, it is the largest and oldest professional association devoted to the study and teaching of communication. E-mail is rsmitter@natcoml.org.

1970
Louis & Lois (Swinson) Barrett participated in a short-term mission trip to Mongolia in June where they spent time encouraging Christian and Missionary Alliance missionaries. Lois also enjoys participating in a newly-chartered Sweet Adelines Chorus. E-mail is sevenpineslb@yahoo.com. • Stevan Hailich retired after 30 years of pastoral ministry and has moved with wife Lynette to Chicago to explore ministry and work opportunities in an urban setting. They look forward to life on the beach of Lake Michigan and to having their children and grandchildren visit. Their address is Unit 13-D, 5733 N. Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60660. • Joseph Tobias was appointed manager of the Tartan Campus Store and Materials Management at Sinclair Community College located in Dayton, Ohio.

1971
Alan Reghie has worked for the VA for 30 years. After many assignments across the country, he is currently the interim director at the VA Medical Center in Durham, N.C. He has two sons: Luke, a missionary in the Ukraine, and Keith, a freshman at UNC. • Lynn & Rochelle (Summers x’74) McBride reside in Cincinnati where Rochelle is a medical transcriptionist and Lynn is retired from Ford Motor Co. He still runs races, and they enjoy their grandchildren. E-mails are rombriere@fuse.net and lynnmobride@fuse.net. • Ruth Yocom is home on furlough from Bangladesh until September 2005. She is living with her brother in Hilliard, Ohio. E-mail is reyocom@hotmail.com.

1972
Liz (Williamson) Fox went to be with the Lord Jan. 5, 2003, after 13 years battling breast cancer. She is survived by husband Ed Fox and three daughters: Jennifer, Kristen and Laura. Ed resides at 8201 W 127 Cir, Overland Park, KS 66213. E-mail is eddicfox@earthlink.net. • Susan (Dicken) Satkamp died unexpectedly on April 8. She and husband Gary lived in Valparaiso, Ind.

1973
Steve & Janice (LaBeur ’75) Allen reside in Thousand Oaks, Calif., where Steve is the head of school at Hillcrest Christian School. E-mail is sallen4@verizon.net.

1974
Jeff Hensley lives in Greenfield, Ind., and works as a quality control analyst at Ontario Systems. E-mail is jeffh0704@insightbb.com.

1975
Bruce Jackson is the executive director of Christian Community Health Fellowship. This national organization works with students, health professionals and others interested in living out the gospel through health care among the poor. Bruce will be moving to

Miles to go
How a TU Jeep is wearing down the miles

Eight years of overlapping TU parking stickers march in line across the back window of a white Jeep. At first glance the Jeep looks like the wheels of a permanent student. The paint job is fading, the wheel wells are rusting and the odometer just pushed past 260,000 miles, but Stephen Wachtman ’06 won’t give it up. “It’s part of the family,” he said.

Stephen is the third consecutive Taylor student to drive the Jeep. His older brother John ’03 bought it from a 1998 graduate and passed it on to Stephen upon his graduation. By the time Stephen graduates, 10 stickers will decorate its rear window.

The frequent trips to and from home in Archbold, Ohio, and the Indiana winters have taken their toll on the Jeep, but it still squeaks and rattles on.

For the Wachtman brothers, the Jeep is synonymous with their Taylor experience. John won’t drive another Jeep Cherokee unless it’s white because it “just wouldn’t seem right.” Once Stephen drove it, he was hooked as well.

If the Jeep survives, Stephen and John plan to pass it on to their little brother, Nathan, who will enter Taylor in 2013. Until then, Stephen will continue wearing down the miles, hoping the Jeep still has miles to go.

- Erik Ketsch ’05
Working with women

One alumna is honored for her dedication to the study of women

At the Taylor University Women's Forum on Nov. 16, Dr. Julie (Reinhart '55) Coburn was recognized for her “significant accomplishments in education, research, writing and volunteerism” by being awarded the G. Roselyn Kerlin Women in Leadership Award.

“Dr. Coburn is a bright and articulate leader whose wisdom, energy and passion have benefited many individuals and institutions,” said Marty Songer, director of alumni relations.

Author and president emeritus of the University of Santa Barbara, Dr. Coburn most recently published the book Authentic Voices: Women of Insight Talk About Real-Life Challenges co-edited with Joyce Helyer, associate vice president for university advancement. The book contains personal vignettes by women affiliated with Taylor over the years. With 80 individual women writers and more than 100 personal experiences, the book deals with how women meet life’s demands with steadfastness, humor and benevolence.

“Through my work with women, whether in this culture or others, I find them to be persevering, capable of great endurance, understanding and compassion. Their voices, I find, are essential in contributing to the peace, stability and civility of every generation,” Coburn said.

For more information on receiving a copy of Authentic Voices, please contact the Taylor bookstore at http://www.taylor.edu/community/offices/bookstore/.

Chicago. E-mail is bruce_jack-1@cchf.org. • Mike & Lisa Snider live in Colorado Springs, Colo., where Mike is the service manager at Peak Broadband; daughter Christi is 15. E-mail is mhssnider@gbonline.com. • Bob Vogler recently retired from the US Navy after 24 years of active duty. He is presently volunteering as a church administrator for a mission church. Bob & wife Susan reside in Chesapeake, Va. Daughter Becky is a freshman at TU. E-mail is lcdrm@cox.net.

1977
David & Margaret (Funk x'80) Humrichouser live in Danville, Ind., with children Jonathan (17), Andrea (16), Amy (11) and Angela (8). David is manager/applications development at BeMusic in Indianapolis. E-mail is humrichdw@sbcglobal.net. • Daniel Jones died May 15 after living several years with a brain tumor. He is survived by wife Gayle and sons Jeremy, Marcus and Nathan who live in Marysville, Mich. • Ron Ringenberg was named VP for advancement and administration for Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Ind. He & wife Frances (Valberg '78) live in Middlebury, Ind.

1978
Michael & Barbara (Conway) Schneider reside in Samburg, Wash., with children Carly (14) and Kiersten (10). E-mail is hallelut.yaya@verizon.net. • Bryan Weaver was promoted to the rank of captain, Chaplain Corps, U.S. Navy. Bryan & Shelly (Buckhalt '79) live in Camp Lejeune, N.C. with sons Grant (17), Kurt (12) and Trent (10). E-mail is ironclad1862@earthlink.net.

1980
Kevin & Janice Conklin have moved to Miami where Kevin is the pastor of students and spiritual development at Kendall United Methodist Church. They have four children. E-mail is kevinconk@juno.com. • Jonathan & Susan (Carnes) Fiet celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Aug. 19, 2003. After returning from three years on the mission field, Jon is a now financial manager for GE and seeking further missions service. Susan is a homemaker. Children are Christina (24), Benjamin (21) and Alexander (15). • Kimberly (Summers) Slade completed the alternative certification program in special education at Northern Kentucky Univ enabling her to teach students with learning and emotional-behavioral disabilities in grades K-12. She, husband Bob and daughter Rachel (13) reside at 5723 Lindway Dr, Milford, OH 45150. E-mail is sladebkr@netzero.com.

1981
David & Vickie (Kepley) Bowersox live in Westminster, Md., where Vickie is a contracts manager for Space Telescope Science Institute. Children are Patrick (17), Grace (16), Rachael (14) and Michael (12). E-mail is bowersox@stsci.edu. • Lt. Col. James Brydon was awarded a master’s degree in quality systems management from the National Graduate School. He is director of the Command Post at Andrews Air Force. He formerly flew as a navigator on the RC-135 reconnaissance aircraft and on Air Force Two. He resides in Crofton, Md., with wife Lisa and daughter Emily (10). • Greg & Joy (Yonally) Pyles moved their family to Aguadilla, Puerto Rico, where they are helping in a small church. They are volunteers with Mission Service Corps with North American Mission Board (Southern Baptist Church). Children are Sarah (16), Hayden (13) and Matt (9). The Pyles may be reached at gregiopyles@msn.com. • Timothy Wesolek,
national sales director for NBC 25
WHAG-TV, has been appointed by Maryland Governor Robert Ehrlich to serve a five-year term on Frederick Community College's board of trustees.

1983

Carole (Clouston) Goeas is president of Carole Goeas & Associates, LLC, a consulting firm specializing in political, corporate and non-profit fund raising. Her daughter Paxton is two. E-mail is cgoeas@aol.com.

• Paul & Joanne (Fox '82) Houck live in Camby, Ind., with children Laura (17), James (12) and Rachel (9). Paul continues to teach/coach at Heritage Christian School. E-mail is paulhouck@aol.com.

• Raphael & C.J. (Johnson) McAlbee-Reher are proud to announce the adoption of Emma Grace, born Dec. 27, 2003; sister Jenni is six. E-mail is cjeaym@bellsouth.net.

1984

Jim & Rhonda Bauer live in Kearney, Neb. Children are Joshua and Jenae. Jim is a programmer for Cabela's. E-mail is jim@bauerquarterhorses.com.

• Bert Chapman is the author of Researching National Security and Intelligence Policy published in 2004 by Congressional Quarterly Press. E-mail is chapmanb@purdue.edu.

• Glenn & Melanie Harsch live in Dallas where Glenn is a senior team leader with Telecare. E-mail is naplpen1@prodigy.net.

• Lisa Jones earned a master of arts degree in biblical counseling from Dallas Theological Seminary in May and has moved to Northglenn, Colo., where she is a counselor at Doulos Ministries. E-mail is ljones@douloscorp.com.

• Jon & Eileen (Lehuta) Wescot now live in the Phoenix area where Eileen is a self-employed jewelry artist. She would love to hear from TU friends! E-mail is eileen@westcot.net.

1985

Roberto Cadena is preparing to rejoin one of Operation Mobilization's missionary ships. E-mail is rmcdallas@hotmail.com.

• Daniel & Alisa Detrick announce the birth of their second daughter Abby on Sept. 10, 2003; she joins Jillian (3). Dan is warehouse manager for VSR, Inc. Alisa and Jillian stay home with Abby. The family lives in Richmond, Va. • Steve & Christine (McDowell) Golden live in Troy, N.Y., with children John (6) and Emma (1). Christine is self-employed as president of Golden Ink. E-mail is ceggolden@nycaprr.com.

• Matt Moses and his bride Lisa were married Feb. 15. Children are Shelley, April, Greg, Ashlyn, Alayna and Aiden. Matt is F & I director at Nelson Nissan-Mazda. The family lives in Broken Arrow, Okla. E-mail is matt12gregsdad@yahoo.com.

• Timothy & Theresa Pettigrew announce the arrival of Travis John Timothy, born Oct. 23, 2003; he joins Thomas (4). The family can be reached by e-mail at tjdtp@aol.com.

• Scott & Beth (Flora) Shaum completed nine years of ministry on staff at Grace Community Church, Detroit. They moved to Colorado and began work with Barnabas International, an organization that exists for the pastoral care and development of missionaries. They will also be watching lots of football games this fall as their three sons—Andrew (17), Ty (13) and Ben (12)—play on separate teams! E-mail is sshaum@barnabas.org.

1986

Bruce & Kim Bond live in Wheaton, Ill., where Bruce is president of PowerShares Capital Management, LLC. Children are Rachael (14), Mariah (12) and Eaden (8). E-mail is bbond@powershares.com.

• Fred & Cheryl Stayton welcomed Lydia Faith into their family on May 25, 2003. Siblings are Sara (13), Rebekah (11), Caleb (9) and Hannah (7). Fred is pastor of the Bristol United Methodist Church in Bristol, Ind. E-mail is fred@bristolumc.org.

Well done, good and faithful servants...

With deep gratitude we honor these servants for their many years of service to Taylor. Though they be physically absent from our midst, their memories will live on in the hearts and minds of those they loved and touched through their various capacities.

Joena K. Yost died at her Fort Wayne home May 21, 2004, after a long battle with cancer. Her husband, Dr. Daryl Yost, was the former provost at Taylor's Upland campus and retired as executive vice president and chief operating officer of the Fort Wayne campus. He continues to work for that campus in various capacities.

Paul D. Keller passed away July 23, 2004, at his home in Thonotosassa, Fla. He taught in the music department at Taylor Upland from 1944-51 prior to becoming Taylor's business manager/treasurer until he left that position in 1968.

Emeritus professor of biblical studies and longtime Taylor administrator and faculty member Dr. Robert (Bob) Pitts died April 1, 2004, after a long illness. Pitts served as academic dean from 1973-83 and interim 1992-93. From 1975 to 1981, he also taught during January terms in the department of religion and philosophy before joining that department full time, first in Christian education, then in biblical studies and theology. He also headed Taylor’s division of letters before retiring in January 1997.
Pastor Sox
The characters of J.R. Briggs

Many hats are worn by J.R. Briggs '01, from husband, pastor and son to wedding officiate, cheerleader and team mascot.

As part of Briggs' role as pastor he had the opportunity to officiate his first wedding for a couple from Pierced Chapel. This wedding was special for Briggs, not only because it was the first for the Christian education and biblical literature major to officiate but also because it was recorded and filmed by a professional camera crew for The Wedding Story, a program on The Learning Channel (TLC). According to the producer, 4.5 million people watched the show which aired Jan. 15, 2004.

However, Briggs scores his biggest hit being the mascot for the Colorado Springs Sky Sox, a AAA minor league affiliate of the Colorado Rockies Major League Baseball Team based in Denver. In his free time, Briggs becomes Sox the Fox at the Sky Sox home games, various birthday parties, ribbon-cutting ceremonies, hockey games and other activities.

"I literally fell into the job," said Briggs. "I just happened to be in the right place at the right time." During his first game as Sox the Fox, Briggs scored a home run with the fans as more than 10-inch dolls of the mascot were sold during that game than in any other previous game.

"The greatest moment was when I was called by the Denver Nuggets NBA team to come and do the halftime show in March in front of 20,000 fans. I was asked to be part of the half-time mascot slam-dunk contest by jumping off the trampoline. I actually made the shot!"

"Being Sox the Fox is always secondary to my calling as a pastor," said Briggs. Amazing conversations with the team players offer Briggs an opportunity to witness Christ to them. "It's a great opportunity to be a light with a group of athletes that really need to see Jesus fleshed out—even in a silly suit," he replied.

Now in his second season, Briggs still loves what he does. "If I ever get to the point where I dread it or it's no longer fun, I'll stop doing it immediately."

Anna M. Smith '87

1990
Brian & Anna (Brane '91) Brown live in Goschen, Ind., where Brian is the transportation manager at Superior Fiberglass & Resins. Anna is enjoying being home with children Spencer (9) and Emily (6). E-mail is bcb92alb@peoplecpe.com. • Ruth (Cohn) Carter resides in Plano, Texas, with children Hudson (3) and Lydia (1). E-mail is jrcarter138@comcast.net. • Mitchell & Jennifer Conwell, along with children Brielle (3) and Beckett (2), live in Malden, Ill. E-mail is conwell@fanvid.com. • David & Teri (Tobey '91) Dunbar reside in Indianapolis where David is the treasurer at the American Senior Communities. Children are Victoria (11) and Andrew (8). E-mail is david@americansrcommunities.com.

• Tim & Julie (Going x) Flegal's e-mail is juliejuilie@adelphia.net. Children are Sandie (11), Anna (9) and Andrew (6). • Joleen (Burkholder) Hilt received her master's in education from Spring Arbor Univ. Joleen is currently at home with Caleb (7), Makayla (5) and Chelsea (2). Joleen & Matt live in Spring Arbor, Mich. • Jeff & Sarah (Nussbaum '91) Kaper are the proud parents of Ellen, born June 3; she joins Alex (9), Ethan (5) and Anna (2). The family lives in Watseka, Ill. E-mail is kapes@sbcglobal.net. • Brett & Tamera Means and children Lauren, Luke, Leann and Lynnea live in South Bend, Ind. E-mail is means@comcast.net.

• Paul & Connie (Lindman) Michael are blessed with children Gregory Charles, born April 23, 2003, and Esther (3). The family lives in Greenfield, Ind. E-mail is grace4us@peoplepc.com. • Shawn & Janet (Bendure) Reckemmer welcomed Anne Caroline into their family on Jan. 20; sister Amy is eight. Proud aunt and uncle are Brian '92 & Diane (Bendure '92) Carlson. E-mail is jreckemmer@twmi.tr.com. • BJ & Lisa (LeMasters '91) Thomsen continue to work and serve the Lord in Bangladesh. BJ uses his communications degree to run an audio/visual studio for a hospital to produce films and radio programming. Lisa is using her elementary education degree as a full-time MK teacher.

1991
Bob & Sherry (Schrack) Boyack live in Round Lake, Ill., with children Katy (7), Cami (5), Jeffrey (3) and Michael (1). E-mail is boyacks6@aol.com.

• Steven Haase completed a hand surgery fellowship at the Mayo Clinic and is now joining the faculty at Univ of Michigan in the plastic surgery section. Steven, wife Wendy, daughters Madeline (5) and Ava (3) live in Saline, Mich. E-mail is doctors@concentric.net. • Roger & Tosa Love reside in Aurora, Ill., where Roger is the sales manager at Bob Rohrman's Auto Group. Their children are Jalene (12), Jalante (11) and True (5). E-mail is rlove14@hotmail.com.

• Michael & Angie Ryg are pleased to announce the birth of Joshua Michael on July 2, 2002. He joins sister Leah (4). Michael is a tool and die designer, and Angie loves being a stay-at-home mom. The family lives in
Kermit on Feb. 19; he was welcomed by sisters Adelaide (8), Olivia (5) and Emmeline (4). The family resides in Motley, Minn. E-mail is klefsaas@hotmail.com.

A family tree with purple and gold roots

For the Behnken-Hyde families, Taylor is a family affair. Over the past 62 years, 26 members of the extended Behnken-Hyde families have attended Taylor, making their family tree thick with three generations of Taylor roots.

Margaret Hyde '42 and Robert Anton Behnken '43 are the "roots and trunk to the whole tree," said Nelson Rediger, family friend and associate executive director of the William Taylor Foundation.

According to Margaret, she and Robert "crossed paths" at Taylor and married in 1942. Their children, R. Randolph ’69 and M. Susan Behnken Conrad ’75, graduated from Taylor, married Taylor alumni (Bari McCracken Behnken x’72 and Mark Edward Conrad ’75) and have had all of their children attend Taylor (Elizabeth Behnken Daghal ’95, Talib Ottmar Behnken ’98, Caroline Behnken Bohm ’00, Matthew E. Conrad ’03, David J. Conrad ’03, Christina S. Conrad ’05, Timothy J. Conrad ’08). Talib and Caroline also married Taylor graduates, Misty Lossau Behnken ’98 and Jason M. Bohm ’00. Most recently, Davidlossau married Jennifer Harlow Conrad ’05.

"The word ‘college’ wasn’t used at our house," said Susan. "After high school, you go to Taylor! We never considered anywhere else."

Margaret and Robert also had a son, Richard Winthrop, who passed away at the age of 16, but Margaret said, "There is no question he also would have come to Taylor."

Margaret’s brother H. Wendell Hyde ’43 also graduated from Taylor, and his granddaughter is Loretta Gorevin ’04. Margaret’s cousin Norman Pederson (50) attended Taylor.

But the family tree limbs extend much further on the Behnken side. Robert Behnken was one of eight children. His brother A. Henry Behnken x’42 attended Taylor but was forced to drop out at the end of his first semester due to medical concerns. Several of his siblings’ children and grandchildren have also attended Taylor, including Brian Behnken ’74, Richard Kent ’69, Wes Kent ’00, Susan Behnken Mills ’74, Sandy Nanney Szymanski x ’72, and Susan Miller Raisch ’86.

With such thick roots at Taylor, homecomings sometimes act as family reunions for those who can attend. "I’m very proudly-obsessively proud that my family has chosen Taylor," Margaret said with a laugh. "Taylor is all we hoped it would be."

Do Taylor roots run thick in your family tree? If so, we want to know!

Contact editor@taylor.edu

Correction:
The introduction to "The Israel Jenkins House" on page 18 in the Summer 2004 magazine should have read "Rural central Indiana, 1894. Taylor University constructs her first building in Upland and names it after an African man, Samuel Morris." We regret the error.
the Embree family are serving as missionaries with TEAM. James teaches at Durban Bible College. E-mail is ellasman97@hotmail.com. • Eric & Leah (Erickson ’95) Harris, along with children Ella (4), Eva (3) and Ruby (1), live in Grove City, Ohio, where Eric is a chemist for Tosoh SMD. E-mail is audigk@hotmail.com. • Mark & Janet (King) Jackson reside in Piqua, Ohio, with daughter Ellie (4). Janet is a computer consultant. E-mail is mjjaxon@woh.rr.com. • Kenneth & Rebecca (Bowman ’94) McFarland have moved to LaGrange, Ky. Son Alexander is four. E-mail is krmcfarland@yahoo.com. • Mark & Marci (Sloat) Reschke joyfully announce the birth of Grant Addison on Sept. 13, 2003; brother Carter is three. The family continues to live in Tigard, Ore. Marci is enjoying being home with the children, but she needs TU visitors! E-mail is marcilee@comcast.net. • Chris Theule-VanDam has completed his master’s degree from Fuller Theological Seminary and is continuing as the area director for Young Life. E-mail is theule@alteko.net. • CJ & Heather (Shellhammer ’94) Van Wagner live in North Aurora, Ill., with their daughters Haleigh (4) and Emma (2). They are the owners of 1-800-GOT-JUNK? which has been listed by Fortune Magazine and Entrepreneurs Magazine as one of the fastest growing franchise businesses. E-mail is cj.vanwagner@1800gotjunk.com.

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Pitney Bowes, and Charity is with the children at home. • Mitch & Pam (Lepley ’92) Piersma announce the birth of Katelyn Rebeckah on April 2. Her brothers are Ryan (6), Nathan (4) and Shadrack (5). Charity works in human resources for Ohio, and Mimi Jaxon resides in Loves Park, Ill., with sons Micah (3) and Jonah (1). E-mail is heidipc2000@yahoo.com. • Ken & Kathy Castor are living on Vancouver Island near Vancouver, Canada. They have two boys, Zachary (5) and Benjamin (age two and recently adopted from South Africa). Feel free to contact them at youth@parksvillereformed.org. • David Chamberlin lead a PR team in the launch of the Starbucks Card Duetto Visa and won a 2003 Superior Achievement in Branding and Reputation (SABRE) Award, a prized achievement in the public relations profession. E-mail is davidchamberlin@yahoo.com. • Peter & Meredith Heck are the proud parents of Christine Michaela born Sept. 30. Peter is a software engineer at Comtech EF Data and Meredith is home with Christine. The family resides in Tempe, Ariz. • Aung & Jennifer (Meighan) Latt happily announce the birth of Laurel Anne on July 2. The family lives in Quakertown, Pa. E-mail is j_meighan@yahoo.com. • Jason & Alicia Mucher joyfully announce the birth of Jadyn Taylor on Aug. 12. The family lives in Fillmore, N.Y. E-mail is jason.mucher@houghton.edu.

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family resides in Greenville, S.C., where Chris is an executive recruiter for MBI Financial Staffing. E-mail is akoepper@aol.com. • Michael & Nicole (Swihart) Koreiba are the happy parents of Brendan born July 16; he joins brother Aedan (8). E-mail is koreiba@charter.net. • Kevin & Kari (Manko) Richards gratefully announce the birth of Lauren Taylor on March 19. Twin brothers are Hunter (3) and Austin (3). The family lives in Fort Wayne, Ind. E-mail is k2richards@yahoo.com.

- Marshall Simmons married Frances Lee on Oct. 5, 2002. They live in Indianapolis where Marshall is an account executive with Argent Mortgage. E-mail is jojokincaide@hotmail.com. • Mark & Kathy (Kenworthy) Wilson returned to Germany in August where Mark is director of operational vision for Malachi Ministries. E-mail is markkath@t-online.de.

- Jon '98 & Kelly (Booster) Bastian celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary in July 2003 on the summit of 19,340-foot Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, East Africa. Kelly works for Youth for Christ International, focusing on Africa, which has allowed them to travel throughout the continent. John works for Charles Schwab & Co. They live in Denver. E-mails are kbastian@hotmail.com and johnbastian@hotmail.com. • Patricia Dugan moved to Walworth, Wis. E-mail is pdugan74@yahoo.com. • Michael & Hollie (Smith) Gilman's children are Jake (6), Holden (4) and Casey (1). The family lives in Richmond, Va. E-mail is mgilman@bwv.com. • Nathan & Anne Lowe are the proud parents of Isaiah Nathanael born June 2; sister Lydia is three. Nathan is assistant principal at West Noble HS in Ligonier, Ind. E-mail is nalowe@lightel.com. • Eric Mathiasen works for Orbitz.com and lives in Chicago. E-mail is taylor@mathiasen.com.

- Kenneth & Carrie (Cramer '97) Parsons have moved back to Quechee, Vt., where Carrie is returning to her teaching job after taking a year off to be with daughter Eva (1). Kenneth will spend this year staying home while Carrie teaches. E-mails are carrieparsons@yahoo.com and parson30@msu.edu. • Jeremy Smith married Kimberly Nissly on July 3. The couple lives in Columbia, Md. E-mail is jeromychad@yahoo.com. • Eric & Brenda Tower are the thankful parents of Ashlynn Kay born July 5, 2003; she joins sister Elizabeth (2). The family resides in Jenison, Mich.

- Jason Borowicz teaches English at Fairfield City Schools in Hamilton, Ohio. E-mail is jasonborowicz@hotmail.com. • Aaron & Erin (Dryden) Bronson live in Dallas. Aaron is sales manager with Obie Media. E-mail is abronson@obie.com.

- Nick & Stacy (Miles) Christian proudly announce the birth of Cali Noelle on Dec. 9, 2003; she joins Elizabeth (4). Nick is the coordinator of career services at Urbana Univ. The family lives in Urbana, Ohio. E-mail is nhchristian@urbana.edu. • Tiana Coles and Chris Lee were married Aug. 31, 2003, in Winston-Salem, N.C. TU attendees included Angie (Brown '96) Byrd, Jeremy Byrd '95, Amy Miner, Gretchen Buher, Andrea (Hoffner '98) Hook, Brian Jacobson '96 and Brian Bohl '95. The couple's address is 6112 Brentwood Chase Dr. Brentwood, TN 37027. E-mail is tianajlee@yahoo.com. • Nate & Beth (Yoder '96) Dominguez and Paige Michelle (1) live in Fishers, Ind. Nate is an account manager for the Yoli Co., and Beth is a stay-at-home mom. E-mail is natedominguez@hotmail.com.

- Kristina Fritzsche married
Darren Beck on March 30 in Chicago. TU participants were Erik '00 & Sarah (Freeman '01) Fritzschke, Amy Cobb, Joe '69 & Marcia Fritzschke, Jim '69 & Sandy (Kashian '72) Sieber. Darren is associate corporate counsel at Heartland Home Finance, and Kristina is attending DePaul Univ to obtain a ME&d teaching certificate for secondary French. E-mail is kristina.beck@sbcglobal.net. Todd & Becky Gerig had a baby boy, William Joseph, on Feb. 24. They live in Fortville, Ind.

Rebecca (Bingaman) Green completed her residency at the Univ of Kansas School of Medicine–Wichita Family Medicine Residency Program at Via Christi Regional Medical Center in Wichita, Kan. Melvin & Lana (Vance) Hilty, along with son Joe (3), live in Portland, Ind. E-mail is mlhilty@jayco.net. JJ & Jennie (Miglioratti '98) Jagulli have moved to 385 Blackberry Ln, Myrtle Beach, SC 29579. E-mail is jagulli@hotmail.com. JJ teaches eighth grade history and is an assistant football coach and the head boys track coach. Jennie teaches fourth grade. Andy & Molly (Piersma '97) King joyfully announce the birth of Kyle Andrew on Jan. 31. Molly enjoys being a full-time mom. The family resides at 3361 Adams St, Hudsonville, MI 49426. Jennifer (Andersen '99) Langford earned a master’s in education from Northern Illinois Univ and teaches fourth grade in the Libertville School District. She & husband Paul live in Mundelein, Ill. E-mail is jrlang@comcast.net. Justin & Emily (Schley '98) Wisnewski of Fishers, Ind., are the proud parents of Carsy Rose born Aug. 9, 2003. Emily has left teaching to care for her, and Justin works for Novartis Pharmaceuticals. E-mail is jwisnews@sbcglobal.net.

Sarah (Nelson) Mingle, Cori (Koehn) Nichols, Stephanie Seawell, Anna Snow and Marcy (Stauffer) Wickiser. Russ & Natalie (Freeman) Calhoun were blessed with son Jonah on Oct. 27, 2003. The family lives in Aurora, Ill. E-mail is natalie@supercom.com. Mike & Sarah (Saunders) DeVries welcomed Micah Lee born July 25, 2003. The family resides in Grand Rapids, Mich. E-mail is sarahdv17@yahoo.com.

Brian & Ellen (Barnett) Bugler joyfully announce the birth of Emily Lorene on Nov. 18, 2003. They live in the Indianapolis area where Ellen is a sales director with Mary Kay Cosmetics and Brian is a police officer. E-mail is ebugler@yahoo.com. These TU friends gather together several times a year to catch up and to laugh again about old college stories. Pictured are Ellen (Barnett) Bugler, Noelle Capiak, Elizabeth (Fulks) Cobb, Sarah (Saunders) DeVries, Tiffany Mastin, Brian & Ellen (Barnett) Bugler.

1998

Amy Barnhart completed her service with Christian Missionary Fellowship in Ethiopia and now lives in the Detroit area. She would love to hear from her TU friends! E-mail is amynb@juno.com.

Peter Bennett has been in the army reserves for almost 10 years and has recently served as a drill sergeant. Now he is a second lieutenant and will be serving as executive officer of a unit in Panama City, Fla. E-mail is pbennett74@dnwonline.com.

Reggie '98 & Erin (Lastoria '00) Gerig announce the arrival of their son Braden Taylor, born Aug. 11, 2003. The family lives in Fort Wayne, Ind. Brad is the warehouse manager for Edy’s Ice Cream, and Erin is a social worker at Parkview Hospital.

Julie Hagen married Todd Barnett on June 19. The couple lives in Naperville, Ill., where Julie works at Centennial Counseling Center. E-mail is toddnjuwel@sbcglobal.net.

Jenny (Scott) Jarrard is a regional administrative assistant for Young Life Eastern Great Lakes Region. She & husband Randy, along with children Noah (4) and Ariel (2), live in Lansing, Mich. E-mail is jarrardfamily@netpenney.net.

Brady & Erin (Stepp) Krupp proudly announce the arrival of their son Braden Taylor, born Aug. 11, 2003. The family lives in Fort Wayne, Ind. Brad is the warehouse manager for Edy’s Ice Cream, and Erin is a social worker at Parkview Hospital.
Seminary. E-mail is alexanders_va@yahoo.com. • Marc & Monica (Smith) Armstrong are the proud parents of Kendall Nicole born June 29; she joins sister Ashley (2). Monica enjoys staying home with her daughters. They live in Eastern Washington.

E-mail Brad and Erin at seethevision@yahoo.com. • Damian & Sarah (Nelson) Mingle are excited to announce the arrival of baby girl Georgia Corene on Thanksgiving Day 2003. • Lindsay Naramore is a grad student and assistant in the Spanish department at the Univ of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Phone is 479.283.1676. • Shelley Peters lives in Japan while working as a professor at Chubu Univ. E-mail is shellbakis@yahoo.com. • Mike & Kelly (Schleyer) Powers both graduated from Mars Hill Graduate School in Seattle with MAs in counseling. They have moved back to Grand Rapids, Mich., where Kelly is a resident director at Calvin College and Mike will pursue private practice. E-mail is powers_m4@hotmail.com.

1999
James & Laura (Esclamado ’00) Alexander joyfully announce the birth of son David Mathias on June 22. The family lives in Wake Forest, N.C., where James is pursuing an MDiv at Southeastern Baptist Theological

Ủniversity. E-mail is cjackson@cf.edu. • Mark Boeye married the ex-hotline. • The new Mingle is happy, healthy, and growing up in a loving family.

As a software engineer for Oracle, E-mail is brian&mike@yahoo.com. • Matthew & Marcia Ford have left the east coast after working and living at Gordon College in Wenham, Mass., while Matt was completing a master’s degree in theology and preaching. They have moved to Fountain Valley, Calif., where Matt serves as the senior pastor of a Christian Reformed Church. E-mail is mattsandmari@yahoo.com.

Tony Manganello has moved to Indianapolis after living in Los Angeles. E-mail is manganello@gmail.com.

Sarah Nachtigal and Seth Broweleit were married Aug. 17, 2003, in Seattle. TU participants were Stephanie (Webber ’01) Heerdt, Lineea (Goddard ’01) Diggle, Tiffanie Klud ’01, Stephanie Voiland, Laura

Elisabeth Hall x married Anthony Karam on May 23, 1998. Elisabeth has a BS degree in health education and will complete a BSN next August. Anthony is chief resident at Akron General Medical Center. He will finish his emergency medicine residency next summer. E-mail is ejkaram@hotmail.com.

Andy Jeffrey married Kate O’Malley on June 28, 2003. The couple lives in Doncaster, England, where Andy is the head of music at Rossington All Saints School. E-mail is atjeffer@hotmail.com. • Linda Johnson married Mike Ross on July 10, 2004. Linda is a law librarian at Cook & Franke. They live in St. Francis, Wis. E-mail is lisaajohnson@hotmail.com.

Joseph & Julie (Dause) Jones reside in Warrenville, Ill., with children Wesley (3) and Madelynn (1). E-mail is juicjoe@yahoo.com. • Brian & Amy (Kraus) Lovell joyfully announce the birth of Kaleb Thomas on Dec. 18, 2003. Kaleb was born 12 weeks early after Amy experienced complications with her pregnancy. Thankfully both were fine, and Kaleb is growing into a happy, healthy little boy. Brian teaches third grade, and Amy teaches first grade. E-mail is lovell@hrtc.net.

Since 1985 the alumni relations office has been presenting gifts to classes at Taylor with the purpose of “beginning to educate students about the alumni office and what it means to be a Taylor alumnus,” said Marty Songer, director of alumni relations.

Each fall, the freshmen are presented with a Taylor key chain to signify their new beginnings in college. Students are encouraged to use it to hold their new dorm keys.

In the spring of their sophomore year, students receive a Taylor mug, which displays the student’s graduating class, symbolizes the developing of friendships,” whether that be over hot chocolate, tea or coffee,” said Songer.

Juniors are given a Taylor garment bag with which they can represent their alma mater while traveling. “Lots of connections have been made through the garment bags,” said Songer: “We’ve heard numerous stories of people in airports that recognize Taylor and have made comments.”

At the Senior Scoop students receive a Taylor travel alarm clock, which will help them remember their “time” at Taylor. This has just recently been changed from a magnetic address book.

The alumni office has had a positive response from their generosity. According to Katie (Adams ’04) Williams, “It is clear that the alumni office cares about students and is trying to build good relationships before students even graduate, which is an encouraging thing.”

“We want to continue educating students about their valuable part in the Taylor community while they are students and especially when they move on as graduates,” said Songer.

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(Newton ’01) Mansell and Sean Mansell ’01. The couple lives at 11725 25th Ave NE, in Seattle, WA 98125. E-mail is s2bro@hotmail.com. • Amy Schaal and Harry Agapidis were married Nov. 8, 2003. They live in Galesburg, Mich. E-mail is harryamymagapidis@yahoo.com.
• Amy Smallwood earned an MA in educational ministries from Wheaton College. She is an instructor for outdoor leadership at North Greenville College in Tigerville, S.C. E-mail is smallwood_amy@hotmail.com.
• Jonathan & Jamie (Warrick) Willey have moved to Phoenix where Jonathan is an assistant athletic trainer at ASU and Jamie is the youth and family coordinator at Epworth United Methodist Church, as well as a guide at the Phoenix Desert Botanical Gardens. They would love to hear from anyone in the metro Phoenix area! E-mail is jon@jonwilley.com. • Danny Nichole (Marshall ’00), and Josiah (3) Smith joyfully announce the birth of Hannah Grace born Jan. 21 in Nairobi, Kenya. The Smiths will be returning to the US in time for the JarBowl VIII in December 2004. They will be living at 2501 W Woodbridge, Muncie, IN 47304. • Justin & Bianca (Lightbourne) Springer live in Houston. Bianca is AA/EEO Officer for Univ of Houston. E-mail is working4peace@nycap.net.

2000
Bryan (TUFW ’01) & Veronica (Nelson ’00) Copenhagen moved to 46855 Lincoln Ave., Soldotna, AK 99669. Bryan continues to work as the youth minister at Kenai Christian Church, and Veronica teaches fourth grade at Cook Inlet Academy. E-mail is bryana@alaska.net. • Jerod Cornelius and Amanda Johnson were married June 15, 2003. TU participants were Stephen Mitchell, Ryan Lambert, Joel Gates, Wes Kent, Stuart Davis ‘01 and Chris Keller ‘99. Jerod is a resident director at Northwestern College in St. Paul, Minn. Both Jerod and Amanda will begin graduate school this fall. • Christina Dulworth is an administrative assistant in the Counseling Program at Grace College; she also works part time as professional instructor for the Grace Academy of Fine Arts and as the service and music coordinator for Beacon Light Chapel. She lives near Winona Lake, Ind. E-mail is cdulworth@yahoo.com. • Gary & Lee Anne (Rousseau) Gogis are blessed with son Brayden Tyler born Oct. 23, 2003. • Jen Greer is a Boettcher Teacher Fellow for the Boettcher Foundation. She lives in Thornton, Colo. E-mail is jengreer@hotmail.com. • Sara Gross married Kenneth Piercey on July 26, 2003. TU participants were Matthew Piercey ’98, Jeff Miller ’01, Megan (Shauck ’01) Miller, Jennifer (DeWit ’01) Monroe, Stephanie (DeKorne) Rubesh, April Gann ’01, Melissa Nivens, Heather Coaster and Caroline Stringfellow. Sara & Ken live in Forest Park, Ill. E-mail is sgross7@hotmail.com.

2001
Matt & Shari Barcalow joyfully announce the birth of Jaydn Matthew on July 9; he joins Natalie (2). Proud grandparents are Doug ’71 TUFW & Pam (Carey ’71 TUFW) Barcalow.

Phillips announce the birth of Caleb Bryan on May 1; he joins Alaina (1). The family has relocated to Malaysia. E-mail is jandiphillips@lycos.com.

The Danny Smith family

The Phillips Family

Matt ’01 & Shari Barcalow and family

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• Jeremy & Julie (Mitchell) Bialek are the proud parents of Jair Joseph born July 4; sister Alice is one. The family resides in Whiteland, Ind. E-mail is jenjuli@insightbb.com.
• Amy Beth Croft and Greg Spraul were married June 7, 2003, in Louisville, Ky. In the wedding from TU were Heather (VanMeter ’00) Sackett, Stephanie (Teeters ’02) Welsh, Amber McClure ’02 and Allison (Mathews ’02) VanDuyne. Greg is an information assistant at Union College.

The Phillips Family

Traci & Charlie Hackney ’00 and wedding party

Amanda & Jerod Cornelius ’00

Sara (Gross ’00) & Kenneth Piercey

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Authentic Voices: Women of Insight Talk about Real-Life Challenges, edited by Dr. Julie Coburn ’55 and Joyce Helyn, associate vice president for university advancement, Taylor University Press, 2004. This book has become a compendium of Taylor women's voices from as early as 1848. A compilation of nearly 80 individual writers with more than 100 personal life-experiences, Authentic Voices is truly an anthology filled with charm, wit and wisdom from the hearts and lives of its writers.

technology specialist for the US Environmental Protection Agency. Amy Beth earned an MA in Christian counseling from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and is beginning counseling work in Washington, D.C. They are happily settled just outside of D.C. E-mail is bspraul@comcast.net. • Sarah Detweiler lives in Champaign, Ill., and works for Custom Color Graphics as mailing department manager. E-mail is sayjay78@yahoo.com. • Taylor friends Chris Fennig, Sarah Lorimor, Ed Cyzewski and Geoff Hoffmann ’02, along with their spouses, enjoyed a reunion in Philadelphia on July 4. • Emily Engelbert married Eric Dirks on Nov. 22, 2003.

The wedding party included Susannah (Goddard ’97) Weldy, Stephanie Voiland ’99, Stephanie (Weber) Heerdt, Mark Goddard ’95, Scott Weldy ’97 and Eric Goddard ’99. • Carrie Hartzler married Ryan Lambert ’00 on Oct. 25, 2003, in Mooresville, Ind. TU participants were Erin (DeBlander) Olson, Paula Hartzler ’96, Beth (Hartzler ’97) Harrell, Jennifer (Hartzler ’99) Lembright, Adria Lambert ’03, Josh Corwin ’98, Jerod Cornelius ’00, Joel Gates ‘00, Joel by Joel Sonnenberg ’00 with Gregg Lewis, Zondervan, 2004. An inspiring story of tremendous tragedy and grief followed by the immense faith, hope and love of the Sonnenberg family. Its message is that no matter how tragic the circumstances in life, they can be overcome with a positive attitude and knowledge that God has a purpose for one's life.


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Taylor fares well in survey

Taylor University’s Upland campus has received a third-place ranking in the Midwest region of Comprehensive Colleges-Bachelors in the newest U.S. News and World Report survey, America’s Best Colleges. The ranking marks the seventh straight year Taylor has finished in the region’s top three and the sixteenth time Taylor has received a high ranking in the survey.

St. Mary’s College (Ind.) and Calvin College (Mich.) finished first and second, St. Norbert College (Wis.) was fourth, and Ohio Northern University and Otterbein (Ohio) finished in a fifth-place tie.

“We are pleased to once again have the quality of Taylor’s Upland campus program recognized by U.S. News and World Report,” said Dr. David J. Gyertson, president.

Taylor was recognized for her average graduation rate (highest among Midwest colleges/second nationally), freshman retention rate and alumni giving rate (both highest among Midwest colleges). Additional factors influencing Taylor’s ranking included the percentage of students from the top 25 percent of their high school class, the percentage of classes on campus with under 20 students, the percentage of full-time faculty, and Taylor’s faculty-to-student ratio (14/1). A total of 324 comprehensive colleges were judged in the North, South, Midwest and West regions of the United States.

Jim Garringer

Stephen Mitchell ’00, Wes Kent ’00, Bri Shilling, Jonathan Lembright ’99 and Matt Harrell ’96. The couple resides in Indianapolis. E-mails are carrie_hartzler@hotmail.com and ryan_lambert11@hotmail.com.
• Darrin & Heidi Hess live in Orrville, Ohio, where Darrin is a Bible teacher at Wooster Christian School. Son Andrew Jacob was born Jan. 22. E-mail is dhess02@yahoo.com. • Brandi Jensen married Zachary Pelham ’00 on Aug. 4, 2001. TU participants were Brit Jensen ’04, Lindsay (Jasper) Atkinson ’03, Jennifer Klaver ’03, Christin Easterhaus ’03, Rose Roussopoulos ’00 and Scott Rusbultka ’00. Brandi earned a master’s degree in public administration from Unv of North Dakota, and Zachary received his law degree from there as well. Zachary is a judicial law clerk for South Central Judicial District Court. The couple lives in Mandan, N.D. E-mail is zackpelham@yahoo.com. • Amy Schultz lives in Oaklyn, N.J., where she is a medical education manager at IMET. E-mail is stoops78@comcast.net.

2002

Brian Anders completed his master’s degree from Univ of Dayton. Brian is the director of choral activities for Lima Public Schools in Lima, Ohio. E-mail is banders@limacityschools.org.
• David Aukerman lives in Anderson, Ind., where he teaches mathematics at Anderson Univ and Ivy Tech State College. He earned a master’s degree in mathematics from Miami Univ in Ohio. E-mail is david_aukerman@hotmail.com. • Jesse & Ann Esbeck reside in Fairfax, Va., where Jesse works for the Christian Legal Society. E-mail is jesbeck@clsn.org. • Ivar Icasson is employed by Florida Marlins Professional Baseball as an account executive. He lives in West Palm Beach, Fla. E-mail is icasson@yahoo.com.
• Suzanne Johnson works for CBInternational in Wheaton, Ill. Her address is 468 Gregory Ave, Apt 3A, Glendale Heights, IL 60139. • Christopher Kent & wife Mindy have recently moved to Bend, Ore. E-mail him at cken82@yahoo.com.
• Jeff & Adrienne (Lehman x) Reichanadter were married in June 2001 and now live in Elkhart, Ind., with their son Clayton, born May 2003. E-mail is lehmanade@juno.com. • Trent Schradner’s e-mail is trentschrader@hotmail.com.
• Heather Swinger and Andrew Platt were wed Aug. 7. Andrew earned a master of science in physics from Ball State Univ and is currently a graduate student at Oregon State Univ. E-mail is plattan@onid.orst.edu.

2003

Heather Baker has moved to Arlington, Wash., where she is the new teen girls’ ministry coordinator for Youth Dynamics, a parachurch youth organization. E-mail is heathermbaker@yahoo.com.
• Seth Bartal is the pastor of youth and children at the Community Church of Southport. Seth lives in Greenwood, Ind. E-mail him at pastorseth@ccsweb.org.
• Virginia Clough and Fei Frank Yang were married Aug. 7. TU participants included Anna Clough ’07, Kendra Cunningham ’02, Cheryl Olson ’02, Regan (Hunt x’02) Thompson, Jennifer Mansell and Kellie Young. The couple lives in Bensalem, Pa. E-mail is clough4tu@aol.com. • Jeremy & Sarah (Colley) Cosby are happy to announce the birth of Elijah Aaron on June 8, 2003. Jeremy is a HS math teacher and Sarah is a reading para-professional.

They reside in Grand Rapids, Mich. • Nick Cross received a master of social work degree in international and community development from Monmouth Univ. He lives in Frankfort, Ohio. E-mail is nicheross@hotmail.com.
• Lisa D’Agostino is an accountant for Guarantee Trust Life Insurance Co. E-mail is ldp818@hotmail.com. Lisa lives in Wheeling, Ill. • Polly Forrester and Matthew Graham ’04 were married July 12, 2003. Taylor participants included Melissa Masek, Katie (Schroyer) Lettinga, Jason Minich ’02, Jabin Newhouse, Luke Cherry ’04, Chris Atkinson and Greg Deadorff x’99. • Sarah Merzig married Richard Fountain on July 24 in

Oneonta, N.Y. TU participants were Dr. Fred Shulze (retired faculty member) and his wife Darlene, C. Gregory Childs ’74, C. Andrew Childs ’05, Mark Guinn, Meghan Hand ’06, Sarah Murphy ’05, Scott Coulter ’05, Ruth Della Croce ’05 and Shawn Burford ’05.

Richard is a master’s student in piano performance at the Univ of Nebraska at Lincoln, studying under Dr. Paul Barnes. Sarah is a master’s student in plant ecology at UNL studying under Dr. Kathleen Keeler. The couple resides in Lincoln, Neb.
• Sarah Nurmi and Matthew Coe ’00 were married Oct. 4, 2003, in Mahomet, Ill. Participating from Taylor were Brent Puck x’87, Sarah (Coe x’96) Gillam, Brian Dillon ’98, Todd Bragg ’00, Aaron Wolfgang x’99 and Eric Nurmi x’01. The couple lives in Indianapolis.
where Sarah is an interior designer for Drake Interiors and Matthew is a financial investor for Bank One. E-mails are mattdeschmidt21@yahoo.com.  
• Dory Schmid pe married Alex Filatov on June 3. The couple lives in Lowell, Ark. E-mail is deschmidt21@yahoo.com.  
• Aaron X & Sadie Smith live in Wolcottville, Ind., where Aaron works for Great American Clydesdales. E-mail is tex729@yahoo.com.  
• Lindsey Tatone married Devon Bowen on July 31. The couple is living in Sweet Home, Ore., where Lindsey is director of first impressions at Aldrich, Kilbride & Tatone, LLC. E-mail is lindseybowen2004@aktcpa.com.  
• Amanda Woods married Chris Cloud '05 on July 17. TU participants included Shawn Freed '05, Luke Ruse '05, Andrew Larson '04, Lauren Laskowski, Sarah Klein and Julie (Mitchell '01) Bialek. Gary Dusey '62 officiated, and David Ritchie '96 gave the charge. Chris & Mandy live in Upland where Chris is student teaching and Mandy teaches at an Early Head Start childcare center. E-mail is chrisandmandycloud@yahoo.com.  
2004  
Katie Adams married Doug Williams on Aug. 21. Taylor participants included Melanie Broyles '05, Meredith Burns '05, Tony '02 & Kelly (Cerf-Liquori) Grace, Serena (Thrush) Duke and Becca Oehrig. The couple resides at 5155 Ralston Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46201.  
• Zac Henderson is a mortgage consultant with Compass Mortgage, Inc. He lives in Wheaton, Ill. E-mail is zac_henderson@hotmail.com. He'd love to hear from TU friends!  
Kristina Kline lives in Midland, Mich., where she is the outreach ministries assistant at Midland Evangelical Free Church. E-mail is kristinkline@mefchurch.org.  
• Jessica Miles married Wesley Green x on July 30 in Naperville, Ill. Taylor participants included Doug Miles '96, Jason Miles '96, Dan Eisenger, David Jones '03, Brian Schultz x'05, Gabe Winship '05, Bonnie Green '07, Abby Green x'05, Allison Gill '05, Nick Kesler '07 and Wesley's grandparents Jay '58 & Joe '58.  

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teaching and mentoring accomplishments of Taylor's faculty I sense the imago deo energy that comes from lives dedicated to serving the Creator with heart, mind and hands. In this issue of our award-winning magazine, evidence abounds that the divine spark to know and the divine passion to use what we discover to meet the needs of a world desperate for the touch of the Master's comforting, guiding and restoring hand continues. As the 21st century unfolds, Taylor University is attracting and developing the next generation's Corps of Discovery.  

However, in the midst of the hunger to know the what, why, when, where and how of creation we must never lose sight of the whom behind the mysteries we seek to understand. Jeremiah 29:13 promises that we will seek and find the author and finisher of creation's mysteries when we seek Him with all of our heart. Scripture records the Apostle Paul's prime focus for understanding. This great pioneer of the disciplines of both natural and spiritual knowing concluded that what he knew best and most assuredly was the Whom beneath and throughout creation. I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him until that day (II Timothy 1:12).  

My grandfather, a chemist and pharmacist, believed that heaven would be an eternity of discovery. He loved the adventure of uncovering what worked and revealing what did not. I too enlisted early in the call to join the Creator's Corps of Discovery. As I have followed my quest to know across several dimensions of life and learning I am convinced that knowing Christ (Philippians 3:10) is the ultimate answer to quenching our innate thirst for understanding. Truly all honest inquiry will lead finally to the feet of the One who is the Way, the Truth and the Life. The most learned and wise of human history have come to one grand conclusion—In Him (Jesus) we live and move and have our being (Acts 17:28). My prayer is that this same grand desire will be present in the life of every Taylor alumnus until Jesus comes. On that day we finally shall know Him fully because we have become like Him. Lux et Fidelis!
Memorials  
(Deceased in bold)

James Anderson  
Mr. and Mrs. David Anderson

Adona Ball  
Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Stone, III

Ed Bolles  
Mr. and Mrs. Emerald Gerig

Margaret Brown  
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Rediger

David Dickey  
Dr. and Mrs. M. Davie Dickey

Raymond Durham  
Mrs. Jane Hudson

Gregg Euler  
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Banker  
Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bennett  
Ms. Gail Blackburn  
Ms. Mattia Chaffant  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cohen  
Mr. Edwin Duffin  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Enyeart  
Mr. and Mrs. Billy Heaton  
Mrs. Alta Harmonography  
Dr. and Mrs. Jay Kesler  
Mrs. Highlands Keesling  
Mr. and Mrs. William Maddock  
Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Mahler  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mullin  
Ms. Elizabeth Poe  
Ms. Marguerite Poe  
Ms. and Mr. William Redding  
Mr. and Mrs. Mrs. Richard Ringenberg  
Alex Sambleshiv  
Mr. and Mrs. James Schlarc  
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith  
Ms. Jacqueline Yoke

Duane Gould  
Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Gould

Helena Halterman  
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bech  
Mrs. Valerie Wilson Botho  
Carlsbad Community Church

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carlyle  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Caskey  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Clausen  
Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Deisher  
Mr. and Mrs. David DiPietro  
Mr. Paul Fox  
Mr. James Hankinson  
Mr. Olive Humphrey  
Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Isaac  
Mrs. Naomi Kennedy  
Holly and Adam Krug  
Ms. Douglas Martha and Dr. Rachel Mclachlan  
Mrs. Amy and Josh Maves  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Meighan  
Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Neuwonder  
Mr. and Mrs. James Rainzberger  
Mr. and Mrs. Jerold Reed  
Mr. and Mrs. Wade Reeves  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Waldo Roth  
Mr. and Mrs. John C. Schal  
Dr. D. M. Smallley  
Mr. and Mrs. Phil Stolzah  
Mr. and Mrs. Duane Wickstrom  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Younghak, Jr.  
Ms. Teresa Ziegler

Dale Hammond  
Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Bedi

Oliver Hubbard  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl Atkinson  
Mr. and Mrs. Monte Beaver  
Ms. Alice Beck  
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Beers  
Miss Sandra S. Beeler  
Ms. Elizabeth Bennett  
Ms. Susan E. Berger  
Mr. and Mrs. Norman Blum  
Mr. and Mrs. Arnold W. Booth  
Mr. and Mrs. David Bruckbok  
Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Bullock  
Dr. and Mrs. Joe Burnworth  
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Miss Patricia Carroll  
Mr. Albert and Dr. Mildred Chapman  
Ms. Pamela Collett  
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Dr. and Mrs. Harold Hazen  
Dr. and Mrs. Larry Heber  
Rev. and Mrs. Marvin Hess  
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Mr. and Mrs. F. Robert Higinbotham  
Mrs. M. Jane Hudson  
Mr. Nathan Hockenga  
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Howard  
Mrs. Dorothy Hubbard  
Miss Evelyn Hubbard  
Mrs. Jackie Hubbard  
Dr. and Mrs. Dale Jackson  
Dr. and Mrs. Timothy Jackson  
Dr. and Mrs. Dwight Jessup  
Mr. and Mrs. Eric Johnson  
Mr. Rick Jones  
Ms. Beth Keller  
Ms. Linda Kebbed  
Mrs. Marcia Kendal  
Dr. and Mrs. Jay Kesler  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Knappers  
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Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Lambert  
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Miss Melissa Lenke  
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Dr. and Mrs. Joe Lund  
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Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lund  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lynch, Jr.  
Ms. Rodey McPherson  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Medals  
Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Miller, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Mohatt  
Rev. Raymond T. Moreland, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Neurom  
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Mr. Jim Obermaier and Ms. Sally Perkins  
Mrs. Bonnie Odie  
Mr. and Mrs. David Owen  
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Ms. Darlene Pinkerton  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Racco  
Mr. and Mrs. William E. Ray, Jr.  
Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Rice  
Mr. and Mrs. David Ritchie  
Mr. and Mrs. LaDoyl Rodheaver  
Dr. and Mrs. Joe Romine  
Mr. and Mrs. R. Waldo Roth  
Mrs. Laurel Santini  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sappington  
Ms. Paula Schafer  
Mr. and Mrs. George Schmanc  
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Schestyen  
Mr. and Mrs. James Sellers  
Mr. and Mrs. Dave Shut  
Mr. Allan Smith  
Mr. and Mrs. Edwin G. Smith  
Mr. and Mrs. Ken Smith  
Miss Lorisal Songer  
Dr. Richard and Dr. Rebecca Stanislav  
Miss Eileen Stark  
Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens  
Mr. and Mrs. Claude Swarts  
Mr. and Mrs. William Swartwood  
Miss Kathleen Taylor  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Taylor  
Mr. Craig Thompson  
Mr. and Mrs. David Thompson  
Upland Community Church  
Mr. and Mrs. Jules Walker  
Mr. and Mrs. David C. Waiden  
Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkins  
Mrs. Stamey Willis  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wolfe  
Mr. Randall Wynn  
Dr. Daryl Yost  
Phyllis Huffman  
Mr. and Mrs. Gary Huffman  
Mr. Earl Johann  
Dr. and Mrs. Richard Jones  
Mr. Paul Keller  
Mr. and Mrs. Emerald Gerig  
Donald Knauss  
Mr. and Mrs. Miles Burd  
Ms. Barbara Menening  
Brakke Lockler  
Mr. and Mrs. Philip Hoffman  
Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Neal  
Ms. Darlene Pinkerton  
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Racco  
Mr. and Mrs. Richard Taylor  
Mr. and Mrs. James Wilkins  

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Mr. and Mrs. Gene Rupp

Honorarium  
(Honorees in bold)

Russ and Eleanor Ruch  
Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Ruch
With warm weather, beautiful fall colors and crunching leaves under foot, our Creator provided the backdrop for a wonderful Homecoming weekend at Taylor in October. The campus was filled with alumni who enjoyed reconnecting with each other, getting acquainted with students and visiting new facilities.

At Homecoming chapel, students sat in the aisles as the Taylor Jazz Ensemble played, and Joel Sonnenberg '00 shared his unique and moving testimony. The dedication of the Kesler Student Activities Center on Friday afternoon was a special time to honor Jay '58 and Janie (Smith '59) Kesler for their service to Taylor, as well as an occasion to thank the Lord for the incredible facility He has provided through the support of alumni and friends.

Over 100 alumni and students braved the rain early on Saturday morning while they walked or ran the Homecoming 5K. Class reunions were held in every available location on campus and in Upland. The FFH concert on Saturday evening was meaningful for the 800-plus individuals who attended this spirit-filled event. Several in attendance made commitments to accept Christ when an invitation was given during this concert.

The highlight of the Homecoming Worship Service was the nearly 100 voices of alumni and students singing in the University and Alumni Chorale. The musical praises that were sung provided the perfect ending to a wonderful weekend. It was the presence of Taylor alumni who filled the campus with Christian fellowship. Thank you for participation, your support and your prayers.

2004 Alumni Excellence Award Recipients
This year's honorees were saluted for their excellence at the Alumni Brunch on Saturday, Oct. 2.

Distinguished Alumnus for Professional Achievement
Jay Short
President/CEO of Diversa Corporation
Class of 1980

Distinguished Alumnus for Personal Achievement
Bob Blume
National Event Director Promise Keepers
Class of 1962

Distinguished Young Alumna for Professional Achievement
Erin Carter
Development Editor Reference Division Oxford University Press
Class of 1998

Honorary Alumna
Alberta Miller
Administrative Assistant President's Office Taylor University
Winter weather is sometimes frightful here in Upland, but we don’t mind. It’s on these crisp, cold days that we still try to catch snowflakes on our tongues and marvel at their beauty as they fall onto our mittens.

A few snowflakes don’t bother us at all. Even 13 inches doesn’t stop us, though it makes 4:00 a.m. come pretty early for the grounds crew who shovels it each morning.

But nobody here is complaining. Wintertime has a tendency to bring back cherished childhood memories of snow days gone by. And sometimes we like to let loose and play in the crystals. Snow angels and snowmen frequent campus winter scenes; snowball fights go late into the night; and Dining Commons trays are sometimes converted into makeshift sleds.

At the end of the day, students return to their studies while cozying up in a blanket and drinking warm cocoa.

Overall, we love winter in Upland—and even if we didn’t, no one would be able to tell.
Peace of mind is...

Bonnie Ode '44 knows peace of mind.

Giving to a place you believe in
"I believe in Taylor and her spiritual foundation. Taylor students are prepared for God's work, which is so vital to our nation."

Though it sometimes may seem like a daunting task, finalizing your estate plan will free you from worry. There's no better time than the present to secure your financial future, and there's no better place to give to than one you believe in.

Creating a legacy that will live on
"I'm grateful for a place like Taylor where lives will be enriched and eyes opened to the needs of the world."

Giving to Taylor will allow your legacy to live on in the lives of students who are prepared to minister the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need.

Trusting your estate planners
"They have gone beyond what is expected. They have been like family to me and have taken such good care of everything. I keep them on my prayer list because I believe in what they're doing, and I want God to guide them in their endeavors."

You can face the future knowing that your estate will be distributed according to your wishes and that people you trust will be in charge.

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Fighting for their lives, Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn battle villainous Injun Joe. Mark Twain's classic story, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, came to exuberant musical life in the Mitchell Theatre on November 5, 7, 11, 12 and 13. In the course of the story, Tom matched wits with his stern Aunt Polly, fell in love with the beautiful, feisty Becky Thatcher and went on the adventure of his life with Becky and that irresistible renegade, Huckleberry Finn. Filled with foot-stomping, toe-tapping Broadway songs, it was a tale of thrilling escapes, comedy and inspiration for the whole family.