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Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments.

Psalm 133:1–2

The benefits of education and of useful knowledge, generally diffused through a community, are essential to the preservation of a free government.

Samuel Houston (1793–1863)

In Him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. And in Him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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experiencing chapel

Taylor University students, faculty and staff have always been challenged and encouraged by the array of chapel speakers who travel to Upland. Here are just a few excerpts from recent messages.

"Last night we looked at all these nations. We talked about the top ten most difficult, impossible, unreached nations. I believe God spoke to us and I believe the Holy Spirit for decades has been sending people out from Taylor to these nations."

Dr. George Verwer, Operation Mobilization

"You are never to be held hostage in life based upon what you don't have. It is Who you have and His calling on your life that determines what you do. It is not always due to your giftings, talents, abilities and personality. 'Now to Him who is able...' It's as if Paul is grabbing the church of Ephesus by the lapels and saying, 'You have got to believe that you have a big God.' You must believe that."

Dr. Crawford Loritts, Roswell, Ga.
“Let me tell you something about discipline—everybody wants to be free. The greatest friend of freedom is discipline.”

Dr. Jay Kesler, President Emeritus, Taylor University

“That’s hopefully where we are at today, in 2006, at a place like Taylor, where you all are brilliant and promising. Where there is tons of potential, and hope and future here. But that is one of the problems with the church. We haven’t come up with creative responses. We haven’t even come up with really good approaches to understanding the issue of AIDS. And this has created a credibility crisis in our voice. What are we saying about this? What are we doing about this?”

Chris Heuertz, Word Made Flesh

“The goal of a Christian isn’t to follow Jesus to the end of the world, but it’s to follow Jesus to the cross. And for John the Baptist that meant sitting in prison and getting his head cut off. For Steve Chance that means living this life with a very visible disability that a lot of people have made fun of; a lot of people have joked about. The question is ... what does following Jesus to the cross mean for you?”

Steve Chance ’80 President, Golden Clay Ministries
Anaheim Hills, Calif.

Unforgettable messages, dynamic speakers, and life-changing mandates. If you remember the way God spoke to your heart when you were a student, you can relive those memories by joining our online community at www.taylor.edu.
Breaking bread together

People connect when they eat together. Whether it is at the dinner table at home, in a restaurant or at a church picnic, somehow we let our guard down when we break bread together. Our joys, our sorrows, our fears and our hopes—any or all of them can be the topic of conversation at the table of fellowship.

It is like that at Taylor: Taylor University is a place where professors, books, classrooms, computers and lecture halls are used in concert with that deep sense of fellowship and communion so that it becomes a place where we become, as Milo Rediger once said, the people God intended us to be.

We celebrate the community-oriented learning atmosphere at Taylor where students come from all areas of the world to learn together. We celebrate the community-oriented living and serving models that call our students, faculty and staff to mutual accountability and service. And we celebrate the community-oriented faith mission of our university—it is one that unashamedly calls Jesus Christ Lord and challenges every member of the Taylor family to love the Lord our God with every part of our hearts, souls and minds.

And while it is that Christian sense of community that makes Taylor University the unique place that it is, it is the people through whom God works to create the rich atmosphere where we learn, worship and live together, and then go into the world to minister the redemptive love of Christ.

We are not perfect. When we come to Taylor, we come with sorrows, hang-ups, joys, hopes, fears, vast potential and, in some cases, pain. But through the balm of community, God works the improbable in the hearts of men and women every day.

It is God’s presence among us, individually and corporately, that draws us closer, not only to each other, but also to Him. That is community at Taylor.

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Sign of the times

It has been described as a new front door. When students return to campus this fall, gone will be the white concrete Taylor University sign that has marked the campus’ main entrance for nearly 40 years. In its place will be new brick entrance signs and landscaping that will not only serve as an upgrade, but also as the first physical evidence of what university officials hope will be numerous Vision 2016-related capital improvements to the Taylor campus.

The total cost of the project is estimated at $1.1 million. Work scheduled for this summer includes the new entrance signs, lighting and additional site work. Campus officials are raising funds for the project’s second phase, which is anticipated next year and includes a new access road on the campus’ south side, a boulevard-style tree lawn in the middle of State Road 22 and an underpass that will allow students safe access to the Taylor Health Center at the Cardinal Health Systems facility across the street.

University officials have offered a 1:1 match of funds raised for the project and retained Wes Rediger ’68 to invite alumni from the late 60’s to participate.

“It is a magnificent opportunity to contribute an important and far reaching investment in the future of the university,” said Rediger in a prepared statement. “It’s about the front door. It’s about first impressions and what they do to set the frame of mind for everything that Taylor is. More than decoration, it’s about creating expectations of excellence, permanence, hospitality and strength. It brings long-term benefit to Taylor and changes the future.”

“We all know what a front door does for a home,” said Dr. Ben Sells, vice president for university advancement. “We feel this new entrance will be a sign of the future. People will realize something new and exciting is happening here.”

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One enjoyable hurdle

George Glass’ earliest memories of the track and field program at Taylor University involve athletes with tremendous desire and deep spiritual hunger competing in a program with Spartan amenities.

The original track was made of dirt and was eight lanes wide—except for a few places where it narrowed to four lanes. Then there was the bridge spanning a small creek on the facility’s west side; and instead of cinders, spent ash from the school’s heating plant covered the surface.

“At least you could say it was a unique track in those days.” Glass ’58 laughed. “It was a pretty humble start for a track and field program, but we did the best we could do.”

When the west side was filled with dirt displaced from construction of Taylor Lake and the track was covered with a new rubberized surface, the Trojans began a tradition of conference and individual championships that continues to this day. The facility was later named in honor of Glass, whose coaching career influenced three decades of Taylor athletes.

University officials believe that if a proposed track and field complex on the campus’ west side becomes a reality, it would provide a similar boost for Taylor’s track program. The complex would anchor a new athletic fields quadrant contained within the Vision 2016 master plan. Like the original, the new facility will bear the Glass name.

“I had trouble with it when they first honored me with it,” Glass reflected. “There were so many people who deserved the recognition. That was what made Taylor University great.”

According to Taylor alumnus and board member Chris Goeglein ’84, the price tag for the facility is approaching $4 million with half that amount earmarked for infrastructure upgrades. He and other board members plan to canvas Glass’ former track athletes to help raise funds for construction.

“It is certainly a project I have a great deal of interest in,” said Goeglein, who is married to Glass’ daughter Debbie ’84. “As we get started, we want to reach out and build a team. First and foremost, they need to be people who ran for George.”

“At the board meeting, there was a lot of interest and excitement; it was really neat to see their reaction to the project,” he added. “It is not just a physical track but lives he touched. I look at that list of names and think of the impact he had upon their spiritual development and their becoming men.”

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Memorial service planned

Taylor University will mark the one-year anniversary of the accident that killed four students and a dining services staff member with a community memorial to honor their lives and look to the future.

Campus officials believe hundreds of students, faculty, staff and community members will attend the service tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 26.

“As we planned the memorial observation, I saw three different themes emerge,” said Randy Gruendyke, Taylor’s campus pastor. “We will spend time specifically remembering the five we lost that night and from there go on to examine the things God has done in the lives of others as a result of this tragic occurrence. We will conclude with a look toward the future.”

Taylor students Laurel Erb, Brad Larson, Betsy Smith and Laura VanRyn along with Creative Dining Services staff member Monica Felver died in the accident on I-69 when a semitrailer rig crossed the median and struck the van in which they were passengers. Creative staff members Vickie Rhodes, Connie Magers and Michelle Miller, along with freshman student Whitney Cerak, also suffered serious injuries.

“It will be a time to remember these five against that great backdrop of hope we have in the resurrection,” Gruendyke said. “We will look back upon those we knew and loved—but it doesn’t end there. We look forward to a great reunion and more work done in their memory and the furtherance of God’s Kingdom.”

For more information regarding remembrance activities, watch for updates at www.taylor.edu.

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Communicating excellence with vision

New faculty members have combined with gifted students to propel Taylor University’s communication arts media program to new highs in enrollment, interest and recognition.

The faculty members are husband-and-wife team John and Kathy Bruner. The couple brings an array of professional and teaching experiences to Taylor; their shooting credits include everything from auto racing to the Olympic Games along assignments at Bethel of Minn. and Asbury, Ky.

“Coming to Taylor was all a ‘God thing.’ It was an amazing feeling to feel that you have to do this,” John related. “We both felt like this was where we had to come.”

Since their arrival in the fall of 2005, enrollment in the program has jumped from an average of 53 students a year to 75. “There have always been really talented students in this department,” said Kathy. “Several things happened simultaneously. The administration took a keen interest in growing the program and the faculty revamped the curriculum to make it more contemporary and marketable to students. When we arrived, we were able to join a great communication arts team.”

The program has grown not only in size but excellence. When Junior Tamara Shaya’s screenplay Shelter Me won first place in a recent Broadcast Education Association’s screenwriting competition category, it marked the third recognition in a one-month span. Junior Jeremy Davis received honorable mention in the Communicator Awards for an audio drama, and a promotional video produced by department faculty and students featuring Taylor’s Center for Research & Innovation (CR&I) won an Aegis Award.

Students in the Taylor program also get hands-on learning experiences through client relationships with organizations including Legacy of Truth (Atlanta, Ga.) for whom the Bruners’ students are producing films and in-studio segments on apologetics; and with the Indiana Department of Homeland Security. The latter effort was a video documentary of a bioterror drill, which, along with the aforementioned CR&I video, won not only an Aegis Award but a MarCom Award.

“We’re preparing excellent communicators who can head into all the media industries—film, television, public relations, newspaper, Internet, magazine and radio,” Kathy said. “We want our students to infuse those communities with grace and integrity. We’re preparing people who are disciples of Christ with a vision for transforming culture.”
“Africa is where my heart is—100 percent. I would give up anything to help them.”

A living hope

In a world where some curse the darkness and others light a candle, Nathaniel Elliott ’10 tried a more hands-on approach. He drove a school bus.

Elliott and four friends spent last summer driving a renovated school bus around the United States to promote HIV/AIDS awareness; in the process, his bus ministry Living Hope collected over $43,000 for World Vision to build schools in Africa for children orphaned by the disease.

Between Elliott and members of Acting on AIDS (AoA), a student-run effort that is part of the Taylor World Outreach umbrella, over 65 Taylor University students are working to both raise awareness of the AIDS crisis and to stem the tide of the disease that has killed over one million people a year since its discovery a quarter century ago.

According to the international HIV-AIDS advocacy organization Avert (www.avert.org) AIDS is running nearly unchecked through the African continent. It claimed the lives of two million Africans in 2005 and is wreaking havoc upon the continent’s economic and family structures. But the most mind-numbing statistic Avert reported is the number of children orphaned by AIDS-related deaths that by 2010 is expected to climb to 13 million.

“We have to look at it, not as statistics, but people. They have brothers, sisters and friends. They are not different because they have a disease,” Elliott said. “Stalin said ‘One death is a tragedy, a thousand deaths is a statistic.’ Jesus didn’t die for a statistic, he died for individuals.”

“AIDS is one of the greatest humanitarian crises of our generation; and an AIDS ministry is a very practical way that we as students can fulfill God’s call in Micah 6:8 to ‘act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with (our) God,’” said AoA’s co-director Emily Hart ’07. In 2006, the Taylor AoA chapter hosted a first-of-its-kind summit of Christian college student leaders who convened to learn and pray.

“Africa is where my heart is—100 percent. I would give up anything to help them,” said Elliott, who added one day he hopes to take his fellow TU students to Africa to see for themselves the devastation wrought by the disease.

“If you put your mind to it, and it’s what God wants, the things that happen are miraculous,” he added. “I know people don’t believe in miracles in this day and age, but this trip was actually a miracle.”
Faculty accolades

John Bruner, communication/new media instructor, and Kathy Bruner, assistant professor of communication/new media, won an AEGIS award; a national recognition for film/video production. It was awarded for the Operation SINBAD DVD produced in 2005 for the Indiana Dept. of Homeland Security. The project involved 16 Taylor students, four camera crews, two days of documentary shooting and 200+ hours of editing.

Jenny Collins '89, assistant professor of Christian education and director of the Lighthouse program, presented a workshop titled Maximizing Your Short-Term Missions on November 17 at the National Missionary Convention at the Convention Center in Indianapolis. Approximately 10,000 youth and adults attended the 3-day convention.

Matt DeLong, associate professor of mathematics, coached a Taylor math contest team to a first place tie among 63 teams (from Midwest universities) in the recent Math Challenge.

Cathy Harner, professor of social work, received a 2006/2007 Scholarship of Engagement Faculty Grant. Her proposed project, International Service-Learning: Social Work English as a Second Language and Personal Development Training, was selected for funding in the amount of $3,000 by the Indiana Campus Compact. The Lilly Endowment provides funding for this program.


Thorn Satterlee, associate professor of English, was recognized by The Notable Books Council of the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division American Library Association (ALA), for Burning Wycliff. Satterlee’s book of poetry was featured on the 2007 list of outstanding books for the general reader. Titles are selected for their significant contribution to the expansion of knowledge and for the pleasure they can provide to adult readers.


Jim Spiegel, professor of philosophy, contributed a chapter entitled Getting Better: The Beatles and Virtue Ethics to The Open Court book entitled The Beatles and Philosophy, and an essay on Dylan and Philosophy, also for The Open Court series.

Edwin R. Squiers, professor of earth and environmental science, co-authored Inferring colonization history from analyses of spatial genetic structure within populations of Pinus strobus and Quercus rubra with several writers including C.J. (Chris) Peterson ‘85. The paper was published in the journal Molecular Ecology (2006 Volume 15: 851-861).

Quinn White ’87, associate professor of education, has been elected to the Board of the Children’s Literature Assembly of the National Council of Teachers of English. He will be on the board for three years (2006-2009).

Ethics Bowl team goes to nationals

The Taylor University ethics bowl team participated in the 32-team national tournament February 22 in Cincinnati, Ohio. The squad, coached by Dr. James Spiegel, performed well but bowed out after close losses to Clemson University and the United States Military Academy at West Point.

"The team did a brilliant job," said Spiegel. "We did not make it to the quarter finals, but I’m sure we finished in the top half points-wise... We outscored three of the top eight teams."

During Ethics Bowl competition, teams debate questions and/or cases. Judges determine the final score. Spiegel has coached the Taylor team for seven years.
Mission for service in Nigeria

When the administration of Bingham University in Nigeria asked members of the academic community whom to contact about starting a computer science department, they were given one name: Taylor University.

Stefan Brandle, professor in Taylor’s computing and system sciences (CSS) department, visited Nigeria during January where he gave guest lectures and presentations about technology and computer science practices.

“For the students [at Bingham], I explained how the knowledge of the computer is becoming integral to all areas of life and work,” Brandle said.

Located in the town of Jos, Bingham started classes last fall. The university is sponsored by the Evangelical Church of West Africa (ECWA) and named after the missionary Rowland Bingham. Currently, 130 students are enrolled but officials expect growth in the coming years.

“The administrators want Bingham to one day be the best university in Nigeria; they want to help the Nigerian economy,” Brandle said. Felix Anjorin, Bingham’s vice chancellor, echoed the thought. “We want to train job creators, not job seekers,” he said.

Brandle noticed similarities between the mission statements of Bingham and Taylor, including the school’s motto: Mission for Service.

“We want to train Christ-centered men and women to send out in society to be ambassadors,” Bingham’s General Secretary Rev. Mipu E. Dada said.

In addition to his lectures, Brandle said his visit showed Bingham’s administration that someone from the U.S. cared about them enough to come. “I would like to see CSS or other areas of Taylor make trips back to Bingham in the future,” he said. “They need help in many areas from computer infrastructure to student government.”

Despite the problems that Bingham faces with sporadic electricity and financial difficulties, Brandle said it was encouraging to see how many people involved with the university had been “captured by the vision.”

“I want future generations of Nigerians to have opportunity for education; this is God’s project,” said Princeton-educated Olu Olutimayin, Bingham’s chief architect.

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Double dribble
by Andrew Neel '08

During their January 10 game against Goshen College, Taylor's Amber '07 and Amanda '07 Bond put on a passing display en route to a fast break lay-up that left their teammates and coaches in awe. For the twin sisters who have played together "ever since they could dribble," it was just like playing in their driveway back home.

"You could tell that they've done that their whole lives," said Tena Krause, Taylor's women's head basketball coach. Since their earliest days in their hometown of Mattoon, Ill., the senior guards have been in sync both on and off the court. Amber, an elementary education major, is currently a starter and the fourth leading scorer on the Lady Trojans, while Amanda, a business management major, provides a spark off the bench. The two have lived together all four years at Taylor—and both say they have been blessed to share their college experience.

"I'm surprised we haven't strangled each other," Amber reflected. "But I couldn't imagine going through all four years without (Amanda)."

Krause said as much as the Bonds' contributions on the court will be missed once they graduate, their spiritual leadership has meant even more.

"Amber and Amanda hold each other accountable, and their spiritual gift has been evident throughout their four years here," Krause said. "Their leadership has been phenomenal, and I always looked forward to them leading team devotions."

"We've been best friends our whole lives," Amanda said. "We've gone through everything together."
Winter sports review

Men's basketball rebuilds for '08

For only the third time in his 28-year Taylor coaching career, Paul Patterson's Trojans ended the season with a losing record at 14-17 overall and 6-10 in the Mid-Central Conference (MCC). The team nearly upset favored University of St. Francis in the opening round of the conference tournament before bowing out 75-71 in overtime.

Sophomore guard Daniel Cox's '09 averages of 15.6 points per game and four rebounds per game led the team and with only one graduating senior, forward Josh Merrick '07, the Trojans plan to rebound in 2007-08.

Women's basketball nationally ranked

A 21-11 overall and 10-6 conference record that included two tough losses to the nation's top-ranked Indiana Wesleyan team earned Coach Tena Kraus's Lady Trojans an at-large berth in the NAIA Division II tournament in Sioux City, Iowa. The Lady Trojans ended the season with a #22 national ranking.

Junior Katie Madison's '08 16.3 points per game scoring average and senior Allison Easterhaus' (7.5.7 rebounds per contest were team bests.

For scores, stats, player bios and more, visit www.taylor.edu
What makes Taylor University different?

It is a question I hear when I interact with my colleagues at other colleges and universities. I believe if you visit a Taylor University homecoming, it becomes apparent right away. I see it in the tears of joy in the faces of some of our 50-year class members when they recognize friends they have not seen since graduation. I see it at the alumni brunch where hugs and laughter mingle with good food and fellowship. And I see it in the hesitant goodbyes and long embraces they share on Sunday while promising to meet here again.

One thing that makes Taylor different is our intentional sense of Christian community. How wonderful it is to see people I remember from my years at Taylor return to campus. As they visit the Ayres Alumni Memorial Hall, which used to be our library, the Helena Building, which used to house our visual arts and theatre department, and Swallow-Robin, where they stayed up late studying for exams, finishing projects or working through difficult issues in their lives, it is not so much the buildings they remember, but the people with whom they related. And as a result, they remember that place and time where God took hold of their hearts and changed their life’s direction.

Taylor University has historically embraced intentional community, not just as a means to an end, but as a goal! That community is played out on many stages before a watching world—whether it is on the athletic field, in the chapel or in our classrooms.

Another hallmark of the Taylor experience is a robust academic program that takes excellent students and pairs them with world-class faculty members. It is in our Taylor classrooms that our scholars work together to unlock God’s truth in every area of learning. We believe that this rigorous exercise of learning is an act of worship which demands our very best efforts.

When our students have completed the Taylor portion of their lifelong learning odyssey, we then send them out to minister the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need. Once our Taylor graduates have their degrees, they serve humankind in fields ranging from science and education to politics and social service. All of these professions are avenues for ministry, and each one begins in a Taylor classroom.
Whole person education, the integration of faith and learning, the Christian liberal arts—these are some of the many values held by Taylor University. But I believe the glue that holds it all together is community.

In writing on this topic, I could discuss the purpose of community, the biblical injunctions for community, even the benefits of living in community. But I would like to share more informally what I believe community looks like in our daily lives. In doing so, I hope you will reflect on your own community experiences and also experience what God intends for us as the human family.

I have come to believe that community is reflected in at least two different forms. The first is through honest exchanges between people; and the second is found in the giving of oneself to others. Both of these give us a better glimpse into the character of the One who created us. I further have come to believe that it is these exchanges that bring us closer to what God intended for us as social beings and also give us a glimpse into heaven itself. It is when we reflect upon God's purpose for us that we understand and experience Him in ways that truly defy understanding.

We all have many examples of these real exchanges when we have truly connected with others. I will never forget being invited for Sunday dinner with Jackie and Ollie Hubbard in May of 2004, just two weeks before Ollie's death. It was such a privilege to be with the Hubbards that day and to experience such wonderful exchanges within their family. The conversation ranged from the trivial to the eternal—from the wonderful potatoes someone had given them to what a wonderful daddy Ollie was to his children. They were together and they would make the most of the time God would allow.

As I walked home that Sunday afternoon, I could only reflect on the importance of genuine interaction with those I love and for whom I care. What an incredible treasure.

Experiences of community also come in more tangible ways. Last summer, my daughter Erin was married. She had wanted a reception under a tent, but our yard was not large enough. As we looked for a suitable location, it was not long before Leland and LaRita (HA '94) Boren invited us to “pitch” the tent at their place, the Avis Industrial Corporation headquarters.

Since her dad was a wreck leading up to the wedding (I could insert incriminating pictures!), it was our friends and extended family who made this event one of such demonstrated community through service.

Friends from our Bible study of nearly a quarter century spent countless hours creating a beautiful space as the Borens quietly extended every measure of hospitality. In response to the unselfish and sacrificial gift by those community members, all I could do was say “thank you” and realize once again that God is One who is full of grace.

Community can also be seen as it plays out in the drama of life. Last spring when Melissa (Munn '06) Moser, our beloved student and friend, had emergency open heart surgery and was given little likelihood of survival, so many from our Taylor community joined her family at the hospital where all demonstrated Christ's love in the midst of fears and questions as to why this would happen to someone so lovely. Throughout that day, people who had never met comforted each other and were united by their common faith and love.

By the time those visitors left the hospital late that night, they had experienced God in the most personal way—through group prayers, genuine conversations with family and friends and demonstrations of caring. Just two days later, as a community we would again experience that simple principle in a profound way.

To paraphrase the author Frederick Buechner, I have come to believe that it is in genuine responses between people like these that we reflect God in a way that no other human experience can.

Dr. Vance Maloney is a professor of psychology at Taylor University.
Alumni fill advancement posts

Dr. Ben Sells, vice president for university advancement at Taylor, has filled three positions on his administrative team with Taylor University alumni.

Terri (Kesler’85) Collins has been named associate vice president for alumni and parent relations, Al Rupp ’68 has been named executive director of the William Taylor Foundation and David Ritchie ’96 has been appointed associate vice president for development.

Collins, who is the wife of Dr. Phil Collins ’85, will be responsible for strategic oversight of the alumni and parent programs at Taylor University. According to Sells, Collins is blessed with experience in event planning, program development, vision casting, and recruiting and training volunteers. The couple’s son Luke ’10 is a freshman. The Collins’ daughter Katelyn is a sophomore at Eastbrook HS.

Ritchie is the former editor of Taylor and was at the magazine’s helm when it won CASE V Gold Awards for Best Magazine and Best Redesign. He and his wife Lisa (Bowen’98) are working on master’s degrees in philanthropic studies at Indiana University and are the parents of one son, Philip.

Rupp is a certified financial planner and returned to the Taylor community in 2000. He has served as a fund raiser for WBCL and the William Taylor Foundation—the last four-and-a-half years as associate director of development. He and his wife Jo Ann (Liechty ’68) are parents of Sara ’98 and Laura ’00.

“We are excited about the appointments of Terri Collins, David Ritchie and Al Rupp to these critical positions on our University Advancement team,” said Sells. “Each of them has demonstrated a love for Jesus Christ and His Kingdom, as well as an understanding of the strategic advancement needs faced by Taylor University and Christian higher education in the 21st century.”

Science Center update

- Nearly $2 million raised; project price tag—$46 million
- Fund raising plan is nearing completion
- Building project plan is in place
- Program goals are nearing completion
- The science faculty continues to consult on the project
- One half of total cost must be in hand with remainder identified for construction to begin
- Largest single building project to date

Match offer could bring $1 million

Longtime Taylor University friends Leland and LaRita Boren HA’94 have offered a $500,000 matching challenge to the Taylor University communication arts department that, when met, will bring $1 million into the program for much-needed equipment upgrades. To date, $300,000 has been pledged. Please consider making a gift to this important project! Contact: bnsells@taylor.edu or call 800-882-3456 and ask for the University Advancement office.
"I am so thankful for the role Taylor University has played in my life; I have been able to study under professors who are experts in their fields, and I have gained invaluable experience inside and outside the classroom. Dr. Habecker often reminds us that: ‘God is ready to use you now!’ This philosophy is what has made Taylor so formative for me. While I am grateful for my world-class education, I am even more excited about the other work that is going on here at Taylor—the Kingdom-building work, which is done in the classrooms and in the dorm rooms, by the learned and by the learning, at all hours of the day and night. To all the faculty and staff, alumni and friends that make this possible, thank you very much. You are making a huge difference in my life.”

Philip Byers ’08
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master planner

Taylor University's newest master's program will draw from a reservoir of prayer, hard work and a true Taylor distinctive.

Tim Herrmann reflects on a vision come true.
When Taylor University’s new Master of Arts in Higher Education and Student Development program holds its first classes this fall, it will be the second graduate-level program offered on the Upland campus and will draw upon educational processes rooted in 40 years of tradition and experience.

The program joins a growing portfolio of graduate offerings on the Taylor campus. A Master of Arts in Environmental Science (MES) started in 2003 and a Master of Arts in Religious Studies (MARS) is in the planning stages. Taylor’s Master of Business Administration (MBA) program is based in Fort Wayne and offers classes there and in Indianapolis.

“We have accepted 16 students so far. We had counted on 10—a relatively small number the first time through” said Dr. Tim Herrmann ’75, the program chair. “I have another 9-10 applications. They are all good candidates.”

For Herrmann, everything from the program’s inception to its upcoming implementation has been an exercise in faith. “It had for a long time been a dream of mine,” he said. “I thought maybe some day I would put something together and beg someone to let me do it ... it was really an answered prayer.”

Herrmann, along with Drs. Randall Dodge ’81 and Skip Trudeau got started by studying similar programs at other universities, interviewing Taylor’s enrollment management department for recruitment ideas, and then going to work—both developing the program and praying it into reality.

And while Herrmann said the content will not specifically dwell on Taylor practices, Taylor is well represented in the program’s inaugural class, which is expected to include graduate students from sister schools such as Asbury, Calvin, Messiah and Wheaton. “It is not intended to take the Taylor model to other places, but to maximize what happens on other campuses so students can grow and learn,” he said. “Our prayer is this will advance the Kingdom of God.”

Polly Graham ’03 is one of those Taylor graduates signed up for the start of classes this fall. A year ago, she began her master’s degree in secondary education at a large state school, but wasn’t sure that was the direction she really wanted to go.

“I taught in the public high school setting for three years, and while I gained much from the experience, I do not ... see myself there indefinitely,” she said. “I am looking forward to staying in education, but pursuing other opportunities.”

Graham said Taylor’s new master’s program was a good fit—for her and for her long-term goals. “I believe in Taylor’s mission and am looking forward to gleaning more from a place that has already given me so much,” she said. “Ultimately, knowing many of the professors personally, I am convinced that excellent foundations are already in place, though it is new. I feel blessed to have been accepted and am eagerly anticipating next fall.”

Herrmann said for now the program will utilize a classroom delivery model but added he hopes eventually to add a distance learning option similar to the MBA program, which utilizes online courses with concentrated campus visits and travel experiences. But whether the master’s program delivers content via traditional or 21st Century methods, Herrmann said its DNA has been developed over the past 40 years through theory and practice.

“There is not a college in America that does not talk about whole-person education. Taylor has actualized whole-person education in a unique way and from a historical perspective,” he stated. “It goes back to Milo Rediger. Nobody was for whole-person education more than Milo Rediger. He was the one who said that learning went on outside the classroom as well as in the classroom. He viewed the residence halls as classrooms.”

“Working on the master’s program is like a reward,” Herrmann added. “It has been very exciting, hard work. You feel like you have a chance to make a difference for the Kingdom—and that is really neat.”

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Three generations of the Duncan family have created community within community at Taylor University.
If the greatest measure of consumer satisfaction is repeat business, it's safe to say that grandparents, parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and siblings in the Duncan family consider Taylor University a good fit.

Whether they were drawn by the academic program, the strong sense of community or the historic Christian emphasis, a total of eight Duncan cousins and siblings are currently enrolled at Taylor. They include Heidi Babson '08, Elisabeth Duncan '09, Kelly Duncan '07, Kim Duncan '08, Kyle Duncan '10, Ryan Duncan '10, Sara Duncan '10, and Laura Kashian '08.

"My parents met and graduated from Taylor, as did some of my aunts and uncles," said Kim Duncan, a junior international studies major from Batavia, Ill. "When the time came for me to choose which college to attend, I already had two cousins attending Taylor. In a way, I didn't want to go to the same school, simply because so many family members had already gone there before me. But in the end, I knew I enjoyed being at Taylor more than any other university I had visited.

"As a visitor, I was welcomed by the people I met and I enjoyed chapel and my tour, but what most convinced me to come to Taylor were the stories I heard about other students. The stories about the good friends they had made and the holistic growth that Taylor could offer me," she added.

Kim's brother Ryan, a freshman this year, was also a holdout. Not so sure that he wanted to attend a school where he would encounter so many from his family, as well as some from his church, he looked at three other schools—then chose Taylor.

"When I first started college searching I was dead set on not going to Taylor," he related. "My parents had me visit Taylor just in case I changed my mind; and I was drawn by the community and hospitality of the students."

Getting the Duncan siblings and cousins together is like a small family reunion. There is a joyful aura about the group as they enjoy each other's company in the Dining Commons as well as during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

"We try to have one meal together a month," said Elisabeth Duncan, a sophomore communications studies major from Doylestown, Penn. "TU is a constant conversation topic for our family. We are always talking about family (who) have gone to Taylor or what cousin we have to convince next to attend; or we share stories of what we have enjoyed or similar things we have gone through."

For Kelly Duncan, a senior from Oak Ridge, NC, studying business management, her family's Taylor history piqued a desire to find out for herself why Taylor was special.

"I attended Summer Honors the summer of 2002. I was impressed with the program and made some great friends," she said, adding that she met her college roommate there.

"Having been to a few Taylor Homecomings over the years with my parents, it was fun to be on the campus again and in a program that allowed me to experience the Taylor community on a small scale," she continued. "It made me want to be a part of the Taylor community on the large scale."

"Taylor University is a place where both attitudes and atmosphere promote academic, spiritual, social and personal maturity. That is what I love most about Taylor, and that is why so many of my family members are drawn to Taylor," Kim reflected. "However, I don't give this praise to Taylor University; I give this praise to God, who has used this place for His glory and for the preparation and betterment of His church."

"I believe so many of my family have come here because Taylor in general is a wonderful school," she added. "It has a great community and is really a place you can call home."

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what a girl wants

To Be Known, To Be Pursued, To Be Accepted, To Be Known. Why five Taylor graduates are teaching through experience.

Michelle Toy '02
It has been nearly five years since my graduation from Taylor University, and still, the thoughts of life on campus are painted ever so vividly in my mind. The canvas of Taylor memories includes not only a beautiful campus and solid education— but a circle of friendship among five women that created the focal point of my deep appreciation and love of my college days.

My freshman year, I lived on the same wing in Olson Hall with four other girls who became my kindred spirits: Christy (Freed ‘02) Hall, Debbie (Douglass ‘02) Runyon, Becky (Painter ‘02) Kenney, and Kristen Kloosterhouse ‘02. Our deep friendship led us to finish our Taylor experience as seniors under one roof. Although there may have been tense moments about dirty dishes in the sink, loud late-night get-togethers and other specifics about house rules, most precious are the sweet moments—honest discussions over Sunday dinners, crazy dances to make us laugh and road trips to everywhere and nowhere.

Through the safety of our friendship and the orchestration of God, we took the risk of vulnerability and organized a weekly accountability group. We discovered more about the similarities in each of our stories through the struggles, disappointments and triumphs that shaped who we were. As a result, we longed to impart the wisdom from these lessons learned with younger girls.

Just before graduation, Dr. Robert Barnes seemingly spoke to us in chapel when he said, “When God originates, He orchestrates.” That message fueled our desire and vision to seek how God wanted to use our similar stories and passion to reach teenage girls. We felt increasingly convinced that the Lord had originated a plan to use our struggles for His glory.

We prayed specifically, and God answered specifically, in opening doors that we could attribute only to Him. Although our paths took us to Montana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Tennessee, and Colorado after we graduated, this penetrating desire to speak to teenage girls bonded us. A few months later, we converged in Nashville to brainstorm avenues to share these stories. Following a discussion on what we wished we would have known during our teenage years, we decided to create a conference entitled What a Girl Wants with four sessions: To Belong, To Be Pursued, To Be Accepted and To Be Known. We divided the topics to highlight specific struggles teenage girls face such as eating disorders, modesty, identity and relationships.

In 2003, we presented our first conference in Pennsylvania to over fifty girls and mothers. What a thrilling experience it was for us to speak to an enthusiastic audience of teenage girls and to fulfill the dream the Lord had placed in each of our hearts. Their feedback reinforced this as well. One teenager expressed, “I loved the honesty, the stories and seeing God’s love, seeing a good example of women who have messed up in the past but God has transformed into amazing women of God and is using to totally enhance His kingdom and lead girls closer to Him.”

When God originates, He orchestrates.

Looking back, we never dreamed all that God would orchestrate. We have had the honor of presenting What a Girl Wants in Pennsylvania, Colorado, and Ohio and look forward to an upcoming conference in Orlando, Fl., in April. We have witnessed firsthand God’s sovereignty over the big and small logistics in organizing the conference. He’s taught us how good He is at working behind the scenes and showing up in supernatural ways.

While the five of us have experienced many life changes since our college days— marriage, children, master’s degrees—we still desire to share our stories with younger girls. Long before we were aware, God instilled a passion in each of us at Taylor, and He has used this ministry to orchestrate what He has originated.

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Michelle Toy is a writer and lives in Orlando, Fla. For more information or conference sign-up, visit www.girlconference.com.
community

Jamie Oliver (center) is surrounded by his fans.

super fan

Big-hearted and passionate about his Lady Trojans, Jamie Oliver is more than a fan—he is a family member as well as a friend.
It is hard to say whose feelings run deeper and warmer—Jamie Oliver’s for the Taylor Lady Trojans, or the Lady Trojans’ for Jamie Oliver.

Jamie is a regular at every game at the Odle Arena. From his regular spot in the front row of the bleachers on the southwest side of the gym, he cheers for them, rings the old purple and gold bell his father James ’52 rang during his college years, and makes friends with everyone there.

Whether his gregarious personality is the result of Williams Syndrome or just his warm heart, Jamie knows no strangers. “If you meet a group of them, they don’t have anything but friends,” said James about people with Williams.

“He will say, ‘There’s a friend of mine.’ I’ll ask, ‘What is his name?’ Jamie will say, ‘I don’t know, he’s a friend,’” said Nan (Williams ’55) Oliver, Jamie’s mother.

People born with Williams Syndrome, like those with Down Syndrome, tend to have a distinct physical appearance, learning disabilities and heart abnormalities—(Jamie underwent open-heart surgery to correct Williams-related problems when he was 13). His outgoing persona, love of music and sensitivity to loud, sudden sounds are also Williams’ characteristics.

Jamie is a regular at men’s games too. In fact, his affinity isn’t limited to winter sports—he is an institution at football, volleyball, tennis, softball, track and every other varsity sport fielded at Taylor. But this time of the year, basketball reigns supreme. “I really enjoy the game of basketball; it’s fun to watch,” Jamie said. “The thing I enjoy about this team is that they play together.”

“I really like Coach (Tena) Krause,” he added, referencing Taylor’s women’s basketball coach. “She’s an atmosphere person. She’s one of my favorite people. She’s teaching the girls to play the game.”

For Krause, the feelings are mutual. “He came to (basketball) camp this summer. I introduced him to the girls and he got on the microphone and told them how wonderful the team was,” she recalled. “I always call him my ‘coach across the floor.’ It has been a great thing. The team really loves him.”

His warmth draws many to him at the games as well as the Hodson Dining Commons, where his job is stacking drinking glasses. But Jamie has also been known to direct a certain amount of displeasure toward referees at ballgames—especially when the calls go against his Trojans.

“I think they enjoy him yelling at them,” speculated Nan about the refs, adding that some have even asked if Jamie was alright if they didn’t see—or hear—him in the stands. “He is probably expressing what the other fans are thinking,” she said with a laugh.

Like countless others in the Taylor community, Jamie’s heart was broken in the aftermath of last year’s van accident, which killed five people including his friend and co-worker, Monica Felver. “Monica was one of my friends. I knew the other kids but not as well,” he said with a broken voice. “The hard part for me was when Monica died, it hurt. She was such a friend.”

“We tried to be there for him when he needed us,” Krause said. “I told the girls, ‘When you see him, stop by and tell him hi. Try to pick him up.’

“We feel like he is a part of our family,” she added. “It would be an empty spot for us if we had to look across the gym and not see him there.”

“I love those kids,” Jamie related. “God is a part of their lives. He will always be a part of their lives. I’ve always loved Him and He loves me.”

For Nan, a comment by a former football player who visited campus last year typified the affection shared between her son and Taylor’s athletes. “Now I know where I am; because Jamie is still here,” he said.

“We feel like he is a part of our family, . . . . It would be an empty spot for us if we had to look across the gym and not see him there.”
In 1951, five members of the circuit—Bill Plumb, Ron Woodward, Loren Lindholm, Bob Gilkison and Riley Case—met at Taylor's homecoming.

bob gilkison, taylor, and the circuit

Whatever the season, these Taylor alumni shared their greatest joys and deepest sorrows via the circuit.

Riley Case '56
On January 6, Joan (Lloyd '57) Gilkison called to tell me of Bob Gilkison's death, and then asked if I would contact the "circuit." The "circuit" would want to be among the first to know, she said. I agreed. Each person I reached mourned with me over the loss of a friend.

The "circuit" was a round-robin letter started fifty years ago by several of us in the classes of 1956 and 1957 who wanted to continue the discussions and the good times we had together at Taylor. The first contributions are dated May, 1957, the last in 1997. In the end, e-mail is probably what did us in. We were low-tech types and somehow electronic messages received randomly never quite had the appeal that a welcomed fat envelope from the U.S. mail had. I was the archivist (impressed with the importance of what we had to say, we decided from the beginning that the letters be saved for posterity) and after Bob's death I got out all the old letters, mostly so that I could again remember Bob. Through the years the letters were sent from such places as Washington, Oregon, California, Florida, Rhodesia, Kenya, Alaska, and points in between. They were written on air mail stationary (to cut down mailing costs) and filled to the edge of the paper. They traced the major events of those years, addressed major societal, religious, and political issues, and shared family stories (out of seven of us, six married Taylor girls) and our spiritual journeys. Between the letters we shared visits, reunions, and some of us even vacationed together.

Bob Gilkison '57 was one of the original circuiteers. Bob had come to Taylor because of the generosity of a Christian man who believed God had something different for such an intelligent young man than a life of factory work. So from the streets of Brooklyn, Bob packed his suitcase and made his way west by train; he was introduced to Indiana by way of the Hartford City train station. As he would retell the story in years to come it would pick up a little color with descriptions of cornfields and "downtown" Upland. His classmate and eventual good friend, Ray Isely '57, came from Minneapolis. He too was introduced to Indiana by way of that same train station. Loren Lindholm '56 was also from Minnesota, but from a cattle ranch in the western part of the state. Ed Dodge '57 had not only Indiana to deal with but America itself. He was a missionary kid who came from Angola, Africa. I was from Indiana, Ron Woodward '56 from California, and Bill Plumb '56 from New Jersey by way of the Korean War. Lindholm dropped out, but we were later joined by Joe Grabill '56, also from Indiana, who was part of several of Don Odle's Venture for Victory teams that traveled Asia in basketball evangelism.

We were drawn together mostly because we fancied ourselves as intellectuals, although in retrospect it is probably more accurate to say we were just highly opinionated and vocal. Our group was especially adept at critiquing the Taylor administration, the professors, the quality of incoming freshman classes, the Upland town culture,

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fundamentalists, liberals, Baptists, Methodists, and the Congress of the United States. Out of our group came the student body presidents of 1956 and 1957, the editorship of the Echo in 1955 and 1956, and the senior class president of 1956.

After graduation our circuit members scattered to the wind--medicine, the ministry, teaching, business, missionary service. We also scattered in different directions ideologically as we took on new interests and new causes. Despite our diverging views we always respected each other (though not without debate) and gave credit to Taylor as a major influence that gave us the values by which we lived. Bob Gilkison is example number one.

In his first contribution from Florida in 1957 ("To my fellow despisers of iniquity and class conflict...") Bob expressed a theme that would be reiterated many times: he was shocked by segregation in the South, particularly segregation in the churches, and committed himself to doing something about it. His second letter addressed race and added prison reform. He, as well as all of us, had concerns about Taylor. When there was a rumor (in 1959) that Taylor might officially affiliate with the Methodist Church, there was extended correspondence. Though we had believed we were rebels while at Taylor, by 1959 we had become fiercely loyal to the school. Would affiliation affect Taylor's core beliefs and values? A bigger concern was whether Taylor might benefit financially. We were appalled by what we knew then to be the level of Taylor faculty salaries. Someone wrote, "I am tired of Taylor's being poor." Little did we know that one of our group, Bob Gilkison, would do more than perhaps any other one person, at least in recent years, to put Taylor on solid financial footing. In one sense it was Bob's obsession. His special concern would be not buildings but faculty salaries.

In 1964 Bob and Joan experienced the sudden death of their young child, Valarie. The rest of the circuit then saw another side of Bob. His January 17, 1965, letter was as personal and painful a cry of grief as any person could have expressed. He with his methodical and rational approach to life admitted he was absolutely helpless in the face of such tragedy. His expressions of anguish were almost frightening. Then, like Job, he indicated he would submit to God's will. He gave witness to his belief in heaven and then to the idea that somehow in the end good could come from this. He believed that when he was through this dark valley he would have a new perspective on life.

Whether because of Valarie's death or not, in the same letter Bob gave voice to a new perspective, or perhaps, an old perspective now stated forthrightly. He would be committed to what he knew he was good at, namely making and managing money. He would no longer feel

The circuit circa 1969: Joe and Doris Grabill; Riley and Ruth Case; Bill and Dottie Sheets, Ray and Ruth Isely; Bob and Joan Gilkison.
guilty about making this his life work. And he would use his gift for the benefit of others. He never deviated from that commitment.

In 1966 Bob and Joan made their first trip back to Taylor since graduation. He reported:

It has been an exhilarating experience—like a deep breath of fresh air after a few hours in a smoke filled room. The opportunity for fellowship with the Cases and Dodies and to have long extended talks with Miss Olson, Dr. Rediger and others has been truly wonderful. I live in a different world these days for that is what Washington is and at times it is difficult for me to mesh these two spheres—the one I live in now and the one I once knew here in Upland. And yet, if I am to succeed in having any impact on this world I must bring these two things together for the Christian influence that so filled this campus and had an enormous impact on me is one that is desperately needed in my work environment. Perhaps the visit will be of some assistance in another respect of providing some time in a familiar but tranquil place to try to reconcile some of my own difficulties with respect to my relationship with God.

It was on this visit that important groundwork was laid that would later lead to Bob’s becoming a part of the Taylor Board of Trustees.

In the letters since that time Bob was simply Bob. He expounded regularly on economics and foreign policy. He would rail against racism and the culture of the corporate world he was so much a part of. His politics would become increasingly more liberal. This was in large part because of his sensitivity to the poor. He would share his feelings about everything from the death of John F. Kennedy and Viet Nam to Republican tax breaks.

In almost every letter Bob would seek to analyze problems relating to race and what were practical things Christians could do to deal with those problems. He would participate in Martin Luther King’s Freedom March on Washington.

I know I speak for the rest of the circuit and other of Bob’s Taylor friends when I say we have lost a good personal friend, a man of great integrity, who made good use of the gifts God gave him, and who was true to his calling to the very end: to help others even as he had been helped.

Riley Case is an author and retired pastor living in Kokomo, Ind.
For more information on the Gilkison endowed chair, see page 42.
Dr. John M. Perkins' message of reconciliation was warmly received by thousands of students, staff, and campus visitors. The Rediger Auditorium.
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1944
Dr. Paul Clasper received the 2006 Unitas Distinguished Alumnus Award from Union Seminary in New York for teaching theology at a long list of seminaries in Asia and in the U.S. He is known as a great proponent of East-West relations. A prolific author, Paul has worked tirelessly to promote an understanding of Buddhism among Christians.

1952
John Cornell died on Sept. 1, 2006, at the age of 76. He had battled cancer since 1990. John was a missionary in Venezuela from 1958-1990. After returning to the U.S., he ministered with a Spanish correspondence program and at D&D Missionary Homes. He is survived by wife Jeanette (Badertscher) x’54. • Lois (Inboden) Kempton has returned to Brazil on a six-month assignment at Londrina Bible Institute with OMS Intl. She served there for four years over 40 years ago. In May 2005 her daughter Coralie passed away. Coralie was severely brain damaged in an accident when she was almost four; she died at age 41.

1959
(Pictured L to R): Janis (Smith) Bateman, Priscilla (McMahon) Isaacs, Rosanne (Shippy) Wolfe and Sue (Gorrell) Smith, as well as (not pictured) Mary (Maynard) Theaker, Sue (Robinson) Brown and the late Grace Larson ’58 have had a Round Robin letter going since June 1959. At least some of this group of friends have been together once a year since graduation. This year their husbands joined them for a time of renewal at the Batemans’ in Ionia, Mich.

1960
Dr. Charles & Barbara (Hanawalt x’61) Ford returned to Tel Aviv, Israel, in Feb. 2007. Charles, a professor of health sciences, teaches Israeli nurses enrolled in the Univ. of New England BSN program. He also teaches distance education students in the doctoral program for physical therapists, as well as MS candidates who are classroom teachers. E-mail address is une1@hotmail.com.

1966
Dorothy (Kalb) Hsu Seitzinger has authored the book A Praying Grandparent. She & husband Jack live in Lewis Center, Ohio. E-mail is jaxbax1@verizon.net.

1969
Diane (Powell) Hawkins had her second book released last year titled Ordinary People in God’s Hands: A Tribute to God by TEAM Zimbabwe Missionaries. Her book chronicles God’s evident hand working through TEAM missionaries since their first entry into the Zambezi Valley over 60 years ago. Diane & husband Tom lead Restoration in Christ Ministries devoted to the healing of adults severely abused as children. They live in Grottoes, Va. • Harold & Rebekah (Rodgers ’72) Mally live in Marion, Iowa, with children Sarah, Stephen and Grace. They home school and have a ministry to “equip families to be strong in the Lord.” They would enjoy hearing from TU friends. E-mail is Harold@tomorrowsforefathers.com.

1970
Ricardo Vega, husband of Carol (Hilt) Vega, passed away on Nov. 7, 2006, of illness. Please pray for Carol who lives in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

1974
Greg & Jeanine (King x) Childs were honored as Business of the Year by their local chamber of commerce. They are the owners of Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, Ind. Oldest son Drew ’05 is the choral director at Decatur Central HS in Indianapolis and twins Perry and Joel are both juniors at Anderson Univ. The Childs’ address is 208 N. Main St., Churubusco, IN 46723. E-mail is cggregory@aol.com. •

1981
Paul Sanford was promoted to COO of Roomful Express Furniture based in Pittsburgh, Pa. He is responsible for all retail and corporate operations for the retail

1982
Jennifer (Braun) Zuri completed her first book entitled The Pond Builder’s Guide to Break Even. The book is used for financial training for contractors and retailers. She is working on a second book addressing time/project management for contractors and retailers in the green industry. Jennifer is marketing communications manager for Aquascape, Inc.

Dr. Lisa Calvin was named the University Level Teacher of the Year by the Indiana chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. Recently she was also awarded the highly competitive 2006 Indiana World Language Teacher of the Year (collegiate level) by the Indiana Foreign Language Teachers Association. She is grateful for the foundation in Spanish that she received on a Taylor J-term trip and four years of outreach to Latinos through TWO. E-mail is lcalvin@indstate.edu. • Andy & Martha (Sitler) Windisch live in Chatsworth, N.J. Andy works as an ecologist for the N.J. Dept of Environmental Protection. Previously Martha worked for the N.J. Natural Lands Trust, but she has now expanded her dog training company to full time. An in-home dog training discount is offered to TU alumni in her service area.

1986
Dean Amann has been named executive vice president of Orleans Homebuilders, Bensalem, Pa. He is responsible for directing the operations of the Northern and Midwest divisions of Orleans Homebuilders and assisting the company in expanding in these regions as well as expansion into new areas. He, wife Alicyn (Jacobus) and family live in Solebury, Pa. • Michael Cira is environmental, health and safety manager for Affinia Group in Mishawaka, Ind. • Looking for a challenge and perhaps to prove they are still young, Brent ’83 & Beth (Johnson x’87) Jacobus, have won the Pond Builder’s Challenge Cup a record nine times, including 2006. The Penguins have also had six 1,000-yard rushing performances in a single season and have gone to the playoffs four times, winning national championships in 1994 and 1997.

Eddy wins coaching honor

Sam Eddy ’78 was named the 2006 American Football Coaches Association Division 1-AA Assistant Coach of the Year. He serves as assistant head coach and running backs coach at Youngstown State University, Youngstown, Ohio.

Since becoming an assistant coach at Youngstown State in 1994, he has coached seven first-team All-Gateway Conference running backs and two of the conference’s offensive players of the year. Under Eddy, a YSU running back has run for 200 yards in a single game nine times, including three in 2006. The Penguins have also had six 1,000-yard rushing performances in a single season and have gone to the playoffs four times, winning national championships in 1994 and 1997.

Before arriving at YSU, Eddy served on the coaching staffs at Virginia Military Institute, Northeastern and Wisconsin-Platteville.

A former Beloit Memorial High School (Wis.) quarterback, Eddy was a standout football and baseball athlete at Taylor before graduating magna cum laude with a bachelor’s degree in business and computer science. He was inducted into the Taylor Athletic Hall of Fame in 1989.

Eddy and his wife Connie are the parents of two children, Jessica (19) and Andrew (13).

Steve & Sara (Henley '99) Baarendse give thanks for children Abigail (3) and Jacob (1). Steve is an English professor at Columbia Int'l. Univ. and Sara enjoys staying at home. E-mail is s.baarendse@juno.com. • Johnny Bollow married Lori O'Keefe on Dec. 31, 2005. Johnny just released on iTunes Music Store his third CD More Stations which was co-produced in Nashville by Johnny Bird '92. Lori teaches high school art in Pasadena, Calif. They can be reached at johnnybollow.com.

Kristen (Berry '92) Lewinski was diagnosed with a rare form of lymphoma in October of 2005. Three months later on Dec. 15, 2005, she went home to be with the Lord. Kristen married Todd Lewinski '93 in May 1999. They have two boys: Sam (4) and Charlie (2). Kristen was a stay-at-home mom after a career with Marshall Fields. Siblings who graduated from Taylor are Michelle (Berry '93) Hernandez and Jennifer Berry '00. Please pray for Todd and the boys during this difficult time. Todd, Sam and Charlie's address is 4323 Elmwood Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073.

Rev. Michael Alexander is associate pastor at the Oxford Free Methodist Church. E-mail is pmalex@sbcglobal.net. • Eric Hofmann received his master's degree in social work at Southern Illinois University after a career with Marshall Fields. He lives in St. Louis, Mo., with wife Viseleki and daughter Stella. His first book, a novel, titled Ozymandias and Other Stories was recently published. • Mark & Amy (Keeton) Wagner announce the birth of Emma Joy on June 21, 2006. The family lives in Dacula, Ga.
1994
Jeff & Krista (Hasenmyer) Burden are the proud parents of Justin Scott born Oct. 26, 2006. Siblings are Kaitlin (3) and Jordan (2). Krista is a stay-at-home mom while Jeff practices dentistry in Goshen, Ind. E-mail is jkburden@verizon.net. • Tracy & Heather (Hunt) Brown are
blessed to announce the arrival of Stuart Alan on Nov. 21, 2006. He was welcomed by brother Foster (4). • Chris & Laura (Polk x) Marsh and their six great kids recently moved from Nashville to Knoxville, Tenn. Chris is district sales manager for The Berry Company/AT&T. • Hal & Charity (Smith) Paddock welcomed Violet

1995
Tim & Shelby Drake are the thankful parents of Grace Margaret born Sept. 5, 2006. E-mail is tsdrake@hotmail.com. • Herb Harjes and Cara Gosney
were married on Nov. 5, 2005, in Denver, Colo. Herb is a graphic designer and Cara is a therapist. E-mail is denverherbie@mac.com. • Susan Kay Miller-Cochran is associate professor of English at Northern Carolina State Univ. in Raleigh, N.C. E-mail is susan_miller@ncsu.edu. • Mark & Kristi Reed joyfully announce the birth of Marshall Scott on May 23, 2006. Brother Walker is 3. Mark, an ordained PCA pastor, ministers to Trinity College students in Hartford, Conn. through Reformed Univ. Fellowship. E-mail is mreed@ruf.org. • Eric Twietmeyer married Erica Bauer on Oct. 21, 2006. They live at 1837 Park Ave. #4, Minneapolis, MN 55404. Eric is the worship/ connecting pastor at First Evangelical Free Church in Minneapolis.

1996
Jason & Melana (Gonyea '97) Bontrager are the thankful parents of Hollis Irving born June 20, 2006. Brother Culver is 3. The family resides at 1909 24th St., Everett, WA 98201. E-mail is unusualhello@hotmail.com. • Kevin & Kristin (Lee) Book and family have moved to 310 Kane St, Fall River, WI 53932. E-mail is kkmjbook@hotmail.com. Kevin is a HS social studies teacher at Fall River School. He completed an MAE from Wright State Univ. in June 2005.

1997
Michael & Jennifer (Hendrickson) Averill recently moved to Monroe, N.C. and would love to hear from long-lost Taylor friends! E-mail is mikeandjen@carolina.rr.com. • Heath & Holly (Judicello) Lynch proudly welcome Ava Josephine born March 13, 2006. Sister Sophia is 2.
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• Jon & Sara (Williams) Molendorp have moved to Fishers, Ind. Jon is a computer programmer/analyst with Kaplan Financial in Indianapolis and Sara stays home with their two children, Anna (5) and Dayton (2). Their address is 11916 Weathered Edge Dr., Fishers, IN 46037. E-mail addresses are jmolendorp@gmail.com and smolendorp@gmail.com. • David & Traci (Baker) Noble are excited to share the birth of Clark Daniel born June 12, 2006. Brother Bryce is 3. • Jonathan & Anna (Hyndman) Williams are the grateful parents of Samuel (4) and Nathan (2). Anna is at home with the boys, but maintains her occupational therapy license. Jonathan works for Hewitt Associates. The family lives in Kenosha, Wis. E-mail address is jonathan_ann@yahoo.com.

1998

Bryan & Anna Cate (McWhirter) Chapman and daughter Abigail have moved to 520 Carin Pl. #2, Anchorage, AK 99504. E-mail is cateandbryan@acalaska.net. • Timothy & Ann (Hartman) Deering are the proud parents of Sophie Grace born April 12, 2006.

Sister Susan is 3. They live in West Grove, Pa. • Nita Jones married LCDR Rob Suh on April 1, 2006. They are on a two-year tour in Naples, Italy. • Adam & Ronda (Vanest) Myers live in Marion, Ind., where Adam is the executive director of the Boys & Girls Club of Grant County. Their sons are Elijah (6) and Cyrus (3). • Lindsay Naramore is a HS math and Spanish instructor at Boston Mountain Education Ctr. E-mail is lrn@post.com. • Daniel & Myndi Rohweder were blessed by the arrival of Colton David on Feb. 1, 2006. Brother Joshua is 2. They have moved to California where Daniel practices as a board certified family physician in the U.S. Air Force. • Mike & Cindy (Broberg) Smucker are the proud parents of Kyle Michael born Aug. 14, 2006. They live in Naperville, Ill. • Ann Snow married Mark Schmidt ’94 on April 8, 2006. Mark teaches 8th grade social studies at Summit Country Day in Cincinnati, and Ann works as a student support specialist at Northern Kentucky Univ. Ann worked as the English Hall director from 2000-04. They reside in Cincinnati, Ohio. E-mail

Man of letters

Whether it is a letter to a congressman, CEO or a celebrity, if it is sent from the President of the United States, there is an excellent chance it began in the office of Matthew Johnson ’02.

Johnson serves as director of presidential personal correspondence—he is one of nine such directors in an office of over 60 people who work closely with President George W. Bush and his aides handling the voluminous correspondence needs of the Oval Office.

It is not unusual, Johnson said, to get a letter sent to President Bush for review back from him with handwritten instructions and changes.

He said among the most difficult-to-write letters are those to bereaved family members of servicemen and women. “It plays a part in the healing process to know the Commander in Chief of the United States will acknowledge their son or daughter and what they have done,” Johnson stated. “Every letter we prepare is seen and signed by the President.”

Although he is away from his Frederick, Md., home for 12-14 hours on a typical work day, Johnson said it is worth it. “It’s pretty exhausting when you are going 100 mph all day,” he said. “You sacrifice for a short period of time because it’s so special.”
is schmidts4806@yahoo.com.
• Rochelle Stokka and Bryan Schmidt

Mark ‘94 & Ann (Snow ’98) Schmidt

Shannon were married on July 1, 2006, in Garden of the Gods, Colo. The couple resides at 1324 Chapel
Royal Ct., Monument, CO 80132. E-mail is Rochelle.shannon@adelphia.net. • Timothy & Jennifer Walston are the proud
parents of August David born July 10, 2006. Timothy recently earned a PhD in genetics from the Univ. of Wisconsin-Madison. He has
had papers on research published in the journals Current Biology and Developmental Biology. He is now an assistant professor of
biology at Truman State Univ. in Kirksville, Mo. E-mail is tdwalston@gmail.com. • Ped & Lindsey (Elliott) Wilson joyfully
welcome Kierra Grace born April 14, 2006. Brothers are Jarrett (4) and Kolton (2). E-mail is trigger@comteck.com.

1999
In Aug. 2006, 3rd Center English wingmates Lori (Nye ’00)
Cramer, Leslie (Clarke) Royer, Kellie (O’Connell) Alvarez,
Chris (Almond) Negley and Sara (Henley) Baarendse held a
mini-reunion in San José, Costa Rica, where Kellie ministers with
Christ for the City Intl. • Xergio & Meredith (Isgitt) Chacin proudly
announce the arrival of son
Robinson Ly through adoption from Guatemala. He was born
May 6, 1999, and arrived in their
home on May 25, 2006. The family
lives in Fort Worth, Tex. • Taylor
alumni gathered in Davao,
Philippines, for a reunion. Pictured
in the back row are (L to R): Joy
Manda x’80, 4th grade teacher
with New Tribes Mission; Nate ’02 & Jessica Becker supporting
Bible translation as teachers with
Wycliffe Bible Translators; and
Rachel (Oliver ’05) Stevenson
serving with husband Micah as
teachers to missionary kids. Front
row: Valerie (Wilson ’87) Boado
and husband Michael serve at
NEOS Fellowship Center in
Tagum City; Veronica (Loss ’00)
Coombs, holding son Adam (1),
and Jonathan Coombs, holding
daughter Lydia (3), work with SIL
Indonesia. • Liana Eulberg
Ryan & Liana (Eulberg ’99) Mangan
married Ryan Mangan on Feb. 25,
2006. The couple lives in Portland,
Orc. E-mail is lianaemangan@gmail.com.

2000
Torrey Barger and Christopher Ray were married on Dec. 3, 2005,
in Wheaton, Ill. The couple lives
in Fishers, Ind. Chris is a social
worker at the VA Medical Center
working with homeless veterans.
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Duncan. • Julie Charles has started a master’s degree program at the Entertainment Technology Center at Carnegie Mellon Univ. She’d love to hear from friends and alumni in the Pittsburgh area. E-mail is creekpilgrim@yahoo.com.

• Jennifer Fosnaugh and Matt Converset were married on April 29, 2006. They live in Decatur, Ind. • Adam & Danae Gee are the thankful parents of Alayna Shantel born Oct. 2, 2006. They live in Grand Rapids, Mich., where Adam is an IT project manager for Spectrum Health and Danae is a homemaker. • Heather Lorimor

• Tara McCoy married Ryan Lindsey on June 10, 2006. E-mail is tara-lindsey@hotmail.com.

• Daniel & Melissa (Holtje) Richeson joyfully announce the birth of Isaac on Sept. 24, 2006. Melissa works for Campus Crusade for Christ on the field staff of Marshall Univ. The family lives in Chesapeake, Ohio. E-mail is taylor_grad1178@yahoo.com.

• Tim & Tara (Hodapp) Tang announce the birth of Mali Anne on Sept. 15, 2006. Tara continues to work part-time at Eli Lilly as a systems analyst in Indianapolis.

• Tim & Brooke Walter live in Mount Joy, Pa. E-mail is timothyjwalter@hotmail.com.

2002

Tab Bamford married Kristin Johnston on June 10, 2006, in Oak Brook, Ill. Tab works at Chase Bank in Oak Brook and Kristin is a special education teacher at Riverside-Brookfield HS. They live in Westchester, Ill. • Eric Davis has begun a ThM program at Dallas Theological Seminary. E-mail is ewdavis1@gmail.com.

• Andrew & Kristen Fennig live in Zionsville, Ind. Andrew is project manager in the Office of Community and Rural Affairs in Indianapolis. • In July 2006 Erica Haessler competed at the USA Taekwondo Nationals and took first place. In Sept. she competed for a slot on the 2007 U.S. National Team and won. She is currently the middle weight 2007 USA team member and will represent the U.S. in tournaments around the world.

• Mike & Becca (Speicher) McBride are both teachers at Forest Glen Intl Elementary School. Mike is a music teacher and Becca is the Spanish immersion kindergarten teacher. She completed her MA in teaching from Marian College in May 2006. E-mail is indymcbride@hotmail.com.

• Keith & Abbi (Rundus) McDaniel are the proud parents of Hannah Elizabeth born July 8, 2006. The family lives at 6422 Vann Road, Newburgh, IN 47630.

• Christina Mitzel married Dave Borowicz ’01 on Sept. 2, 2006, in Marco Island, Fla. They live in West Bloomfield, Mich. • In Dec. 2006 Trent Schrader put together a reunion of Taylor men’s basketball players at Hamilton Southeastern HS in Fishers, Ind. where Corey Jackson ’00 is the assistant varsity basketball coach. Bottom row L-R: Corey Jackson ’00, Mike Parsons ’05, Scott Unger ’00, Brian Bickel ’00, Josh Meyer and Eric Ford ’06. Top row L-R: Alan Jones ’02, Adam Musters ’03, John Miles ’04, Trent Schrader and Nathan Epple. In attendance but not pictured were Matt Traylor ’04, Matt Lettinga ’04 and Jason Morgan. They hope to make this a yearly event. • Heather Stevens

Rob & Heather (Stevens’02) Hughes and Rob Hughes were married on Oct. 21, 2006, in Upland, Ind. The couple resides in Byron Center, Mich. E-mail is heatherhughes06@yahoo.com.
Adam & Sila (Hill '03) Renbarger

Sila Hill and Adam Renbarger were married Oct. 8, 2006, in Xenia, Ohio. Sila is an art teacher. The couple lives in Fishers, Ind.

• Josh & Kristen (Kendall '04) Levitt live in New Albany, Ohio.

E-mail is kjlevitt@insight.rr.com.

• Jackie Loerop married Michael Thies on Aug. 27, 2005. The couple lives in Ballwin, Mo. where Michael is studying chiropractic and Jackie is an attorney.

• Christina Ostan and Brock Maxwell were married on Oct. 20, 2006. They live in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

2003 Friends Reunion

• Alex Pinegar and Laura Torrey were married on Sept. 30, 2006. Alex graduated from the IU School of Law in 2006 and is now an associate at Church, Church, Hittle & Antrim. Laura is the associate editor of Indianapolis Monthly Home magazine. They live in Indianapolis. • Nicole Sampley married Nathan Parker

2004

• Alex & Laura Pinegar

Brock & Christina (Ostan) Maxwell

Nathan & Nicole (Sampley '03) Parker

Carlos Hernández & Sheila Sanjaime'03

• Rebecca Hasbrouck and Toby Siefert were married on May 27, 2006, in Beaver Dam, Wis. The couple lives in Wheaton, Ill. E-mail is tobysiefert@comcast.net.

• Brit Jensen married Nate Elwell '03 on Aug. 12, 2006. They reside in Atlanta, Ga. E-mail is missbright10@hotmail.com.

2004 Friends Reunion

• Brit (Jensen) Elwell

• Dan '04 & Shelley Enarson

2004 Friends Reunion

Thanksgiving together in Cincinnati, Ohio. They had a great reunion! • Dan Enarson and Shelley Zeiger were married on June 22, 2006, outside of Tel Aviv, Israel. The couple now resides in Chicago. E-mail is enarson3@hotmail.com.
Endowed chair honors Loy

The R. Philip Loy Chair in Political Science has been created through a gift by late alumnus and Taylor University Board of Trustees emeritus member Robert C. Gilkison ’57 and his wife Joan (Lloyd ’57). Gilkison’s gift of $1.5 million, given just a month before his death in January, endowed the chair of long-time political science faculty member Professor Phil Loy ’62. It was the second such award by the couple, who in 1998 created the Gilkison Family Chair of Art History.

Gilkison was chairman of Gilkison Patterson Investment Advisors, Inc. of Williamsburg, Va., and served on the Taylor board of trustees from 1976 to 2005. For over 40 years after his graduation, he participated in the circuit, a round-robin letter shared between Gilkison and several of his class friends (see story on p. 28).

“This gift is especially meaningful as we contemplate Bob Gilkison’s legacy of sacrificial love for and dedication to Taylor University, her faculty, staff and students. It memorializes not only his desire to see Taylor’s faculty achievements recognized and rewarded, but also honors the contributions of one of our most revered faculty members. Professor Phil Loy,” said Dr. Eugene B. Habecker ’68, Taylor president. “For the past 50 years, we have been the beneficiaries of the Gilkison family’s wise counsel and prayerful support.”

Loy, who has served as a member of the Taylor faculty for over 40 years, said his long friendship with Gilkison gives the endowed chair in his honor special significance. “It certainly is a great honor to have a chair named in your honor, but it meant so much more to me, personally, since it came from Bob and Joan Gilkison,” Loy said.
2005
Tim Jeffers is an admissions counselor for McKendree College. He lives in O'Fallon, Ill.

2006
Kyle Baltes and Leanne Nussbaum ’07 were married on June 23, 2006. E-mail is kmbaltes@gmail.com. • Adam Foote married Bethany Webster on May 25, 2006. Adam is a behavioral specialist for Family Support Services. They live in Spokane Valley, Wash. • Trista Hartman is a producer at WLMB TV-40 in Toledo, Ohio. As a producer, she writes commercials, shoots footage for programs and does program editing. • Jennifer Kappel married Ben Toll on July 22, 2006. Jennifer is a 6th grade teacher at Summit Christian Academy. They live in Cedar Park, Tex. • Allison Riddle is a clavinova marketing specialist for Yamaha Corp. of America. She lives in Fullerton, Calif. E-mail is allison.riddle@gmail.com.

Hiking the north country

Joan (Leary ’69) Young held a book-signing event for her recent publication North Country Cache: Adventures on a National Scenic Trail at Taylor University on February 9. The book describes hiking adventures on the North Country National Scenic Trail, a meandering footpath that winds its way from through the Great Lakes region from North Dakota to upper New York. “It’s fun to be back on campus,” she said. “It has been 10 or 12 years since my last visit.”

An avid hiker and outdoors person, Young has covered 3,166 miles of the North Country Trail, but has walked many, many more miles on other hikes, walks with her dog or long walks to school as a child. “It could be 10,000 miles,” she said. “If you take anybody and calculate the number of miles they have walked they might be astonished.”

North Country Cache is the winner of the 2006 Independent Publisher’s Honorable Mention Award and is the latest in a series of her writings which include Prayers for Hikers and Would You Dare? Young has also used photography from her various hikes to produce a series of greeting cards.

She is married to Omer Young x70. The couple has three grown sons.

For more information, visit www.booksleavingfootprints.com.

Joan Young
What is “queue?”

If you’re well-versed in the category of Word Oddities, you might recognize it as a Britishism that sounds the same as a letter of the alphabet. It is also the word that ended Cory Hartman’s ’99 short reign as champion on the popular television game show Jeopardy!

Hartman, a Baptist pastor in Passaic, NJ, led his two competitors going into the Final Jeopardy! round. Although he missed the question, he got a $1,000 consolation check that boosted his two-day total winnings to over $30,000.

“I can’t tell you how many times I would daydream in seminary about going on Jeopardy! and winning a huge pile of money to pay off my student debt,” wrote Hartman on his blog. “Even before I took the initial online test, I prayed both that God’s will would be done and that I would be content with it.”

Prior to his trip to Los Angeles for the program’s taping, Hartman studied online in subjects ranging from wagering (taught by former Jeopardy! champs) to buzzer technique. On the first night, his Final Jeopardy! question, “What is Notre Dame?” to a clue about Catholic universities allowed him to enjoy the spotlight as champion.

After his winnings check arrives in April, Hartman’s plans include the payment of student loans, charitable giving and purchase of a computer for his wife Kelly ’99.

“I give all credit, honor, and thanks to God who designed me to be as I am and planned this journey since before I was born,” he added. “No one is deserving of this prize, and certainly not me, but I am exceedingly grateful and give him the glory for making this dream of mine a reality even before I dreamed it.”
Marrelli gift will fund Global Engagement Centre

Taylor University’s new Global Engagement Centre will be funded by a lead gift from an alumna with a passion for world engagement.

Cindy L. (Spencer ’84) Marrelli, a businesswoman living in Raleigh, NC, gave $1.5 million that Taylor officials will use to establish the Cindy L. Spencer Centre for Global Engagement.

University officials place the Centre’s program costs at $5 million. Marrelli has pledged up to $1 million in additional funds when the university raises $1 million for the project. The Lilly Endowment Inc. has also provided $1.5 million.

According Taylor’s president Dr. Eugene B. Habecker ’68, the Spencer Centre will be the first of ten planned Global Engagement Centres worldwide, and will enable Taylor to pursue course offerings and outreach on a global scale. “I believe that global engagement is Taylor’s future. I have often told our students that they need to be prepared to lead and serve, not only in Indianapolis, Chicago, Los Angeles and New York, but also in Bangalore, Bangkok, Beijing, Bogotá and Beirut,” he said.

Marrelli graduated from Taylor University in 1984 with a major in business administration and systems. She has been employed by the IBM Corporation, Accenture and the Electrolux Corporation where she was North American senior vice president. Marrelli later went on to serve as a buyer’s consultant and relocation specialist with Re/MAX One Realty in Raleigh, North Carolina.

“I have been fortunate in both my personal and professional life to see large parts of the world and serve as a member of a global leadership team,” said Marrelli. “I believe that in order to effectively compete in today’s marketplace, Taylor University graduates will need global exposure. To that end, having multiple global satellite Christian university locations will broaden the perspectives of Taylor students, enabling them to truly see the needs of our global community.”

Alumni notes guidelines

Taylor welcomes all submissions to the alumni notes! Due to space limitations, however, we may not be able to publish all news items or photographs. We apologize for any disappointment this may cause, and we will make every effort to print as many timely news items and photographs as we can. We reserve the right to edit submissions for space and content.

Have info for the Alumni Notes?

Send your update information to the alumni office at 236 W. Reade Avenue, Upland, Ind. 46989. Please include clearly labeled pictures (which will only be published if alumni are in the photo). We will return prints if requested.

You may also submit information to Marty Songer at (800) 882-3456, ext. 5212, or mrsonger@taylor.edu.

Thanks for keeping in touch with your alma mater. We love hearing from our alumni!
Collecting Jefferson

When Paul Millikan ’58 opened his display The Sciences... My Supreme Delight on the Taylor University campus last fall, it was a meeting of two of his life's great passions—Taylor University and his collection of Thomas Jefferson-era antiquities.

Millikan, a professor of history emeritus from Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Kalamazoo, Mich., began collecting shortly after his graduation nearly 50 years ago when he worked for Youth For Christ and his assignment led him to the boyhood home of George Washington in Virginia. During visits to neighboring historic locations including Williamsburg and Monticello, his fascination with the nation's third president was piqued.

"I had always been interested in the founding fathers," he said. "In the process, I developed an interest in Jefferson himself."

Thomas Jefferson was an extraordinary combination of statesman, public servant, surveyor and architect. Millikan’s first Jeffersonian acquisition was an 18th-Century compass, similar to one used by the late president. Following that purchase, he continued his quest, buying items that today include two chairs actually owned by Jefferson and built in the Monticello foundry.

The idea for the Taylor exhibit came during a visit from fellow Taylor alumnus, Dr. Bill Ringenberg ’61. Dr. Jay Kesler ’58 built some of the wooden stands used for the display.

"It was just a real thrill to have it (at Taylor) and share it with people I care about," said Millikan, whose daughter Patti (Millikan ’82) Hansen and son Jay ’87 are also TU alumni. "Those are ongoing relationships that you really can't measure the value of."

Winter wonderland

"It's been fun."

When life gives you lemons, the sage advice is to make lemonade, but what happens when you get more than a foot of snow and frigid temperatures?

For the 32 students in Taylor assistant art professor Matthew Tailford’s three-dimensional design art classes, the answer was obvious—3-D snow sculptures.

"It was neat. We thought we would take advantage of the gift of snow as a medium," said Tailford of the assignment that was due the Monday following the February 13 Blizzard. "They wanted more time. They were talking about using lemons and mashing blueberries for color!"

The Blizzard of '78 may not have measured up to the Blizzard of '70, but it did force the cancellation of classes and office closures for two days, marking the second time in the past three years university officials were forced to take such action. In January, 2006, an ice storm downed power lines and cut electrical power for nearly a week in some areas of Central Indiana, forcing Taylor to close.

The storm dumped over a foot of powdery snow on Upland and the surrounding communities before giving way to below-zero temperatures. Even though Taylor "closed," the Zondervan Library, Kesler Student Activities Center and the Hudson Union Commons remained open for business. Spiritual Renewal Week chapels were conducted at the Kesler Chapel/Auditorium, albeit in a fluid schedule necessitated by the weather.

Tailford’s only stipulation was that the students not use anything other than natural ingredients for their sculptures, which when finished included the hands, pillars of salt and concrete designed to be illuminated at night.

"I broke them up in groups and they did their own thing. Saturday was really difficult; the snow didn't pack well because it was so cold. That is part of the lesson as well."
Finding the “Home” in homecoming

By his own admission, David Wells ’56 was a homecoming veteran when he arrived at Taylor for his 50-year reunion, having already attended various college and high school reunions. He reveled in getting reacquainted with old friends, remembering former teachers and laughing at old jokes. At Taylor, he found something different.

“The Taylor reunion in October put all my previous ones in the shade,” he related in an e-mail circulated to class friends. “As I remember it, I had a sense of being in the right place at Taylor, such as I have not had anywhere else. I spent more time there with more people I admired than I ever have anywhere else before or since. I imagined all students at Taylor were as awesome as the ones I knew well.”

While in town, Wells and his wife Beth visited some of his favorite places and people, including his former professor Jennie Andrews Lee HA’77 and also took advantage of a full slate of activities.

“The festivities began with chapel in the former Maytag Gym. I hope you all heard Jay Kesler. He was splendid! They should never have let him retire,” Wells declared. “I mentioned this to several people who had been on campus during Jay’s presidency … all spoke warmly about how good he had been for the college. They made me sorry I hadn’t come to see for myself.”

But reconnecting with old friends was the crowning event of the weekend. “The banquet itself was a feast in more ways than one,” he said. “Since we go to class reunions to talk with one another, it was a brilliant stroke to have us do more of what we came to do. It was wonderful to hear all of you review your experiences and thank the dear Lord for the way all things work together for good to those who love Him.”

“After the speeches we moved around talking and laughing,” he added. “That was absolutely the most exciting two-and-a-half days of my life.”

To read David Wells’ letter, visit www.taylor.edu/magazine.
Humble, unassuming, the consummate team player and a follower of Jesus Christ—Sid Hall ’77 was all of these. There is one more description that is appropriate here.

Hall was a volunteer firefighter in Upland. On January 3, he rushed into a burning house, believing someone was trapped inside. In the darkness and smoke, he fell through a hole in the floor and was trapped for over 20 minutes as his fellow firefighters worked to rescue him. Three days later, he died.

Well-known and loved at Taylor University and in the Upland community, he was in every way a beloved community member—serving his church, the fire department and the Taylor buildings and grounds department, the latter for 20 years after his graduation.

His funeral on in Odle Arena on January 13 was attended by hundreds of his brethren: firefighters from across the United States and those from the community upon whom he had made such an impact. Amidst the ceremony and pageantry of ordered rows of firefighters and other first responders, flags and music were tributes to his quiet, cooperative spirit and his deep, life-changing faith.

In the same way the beloved Keith Green sings, “Make my life a prayer to you,” Sid Hall’s life was not only a prayer, but also a challenge to those who knew him for a lifetime or just in those moments.
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Culturally Relevant Academically Meaningful
Winter wonderland: For more details, see page 46
When a blizzard dumped nearly a foot of snow on Upland and most of Central Indiana, it led to the cancellation of two days of classes at Taylor.

And the sign said: For more details, see page 5
The venerable Taylor sign will give way this summer for new, updated entrance signs at the campus’ main entrance.