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BULLETIN

NEWS FROM TAYLOR UNIVERSITY, UPLAND, IND.

JUNE 1959

Taylor President Announces Resignation To Return to Pastoral Ministry



Pres. Evan H. Bergwall

Dr. Evan H. Bergwall has announced his resignation as President of Taylor University after eight years as head of the college. His resignation becomes effective June 30th.

In submitting his resignation to the Board of Trustees, the President stated that he desired to return to the ministry. He has been a Methodist minister for twenty years and came to the college by special appointment of Bishop Richard Raines of the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees requested Dr. Bergwall to continue serving the college as a member of the Board of Trustees, and will so recommend at their next meeting early in June.

During his fruitful term of office, Dr. Bergwall has gained many friends for the college and has been appreciated greatly for his intellectual and consecrated leadership, deep sincerity, and devotion to the strengthening of Taylor's total program.

EVAN H. BERGWALL NAMED "ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR"

President Evan Bergwall has been named "Alumnus of the Year" for 1959 in recognition of his accomplishments and the growth of Taylor during his eight years as President.

Since coming to the college in 1951, student enrollment has increased from 400 to nearly 700 and a long-range five million dollar development program was launched. The new \$783,000 Storer Food Center and Samuel Morris Men's Residence Hall, which were constructed last summer, represent the first completed phase of this program.

Other significant gains made under his administration, include the liquidation of the debt on the Ayres Alumni Memorial Library and the erection of 39 housing units for married students, known as Fairlane Village. Expressing their confidence in the administration, twenty three members of the faculty and staff have built homes on the campus within the past few years.

In addition, both alumni total giving and the number of alumni donors have nearly tripled during his term of office.

A graduate of Taylor, Dr. Bergwall returned to the college as Administrative Head only 12 years after his graduation in 1939, to become the youngest president in the history of the school.

He was graduated from Taylor with Magna Cum Laude honors, first in his class. He received the Bachelor of Divinity Degree from Yale in 1943 where he graduated Cum Laude, again first in his class. Dr. Bergwall has done graduate work at Yale, New York University, Emory, and Oxford University, Oxford, England, and was recognized with an Honorary Degree from Asbury Theological Seminary.

In 1950, President Bergwall made a trip to Europe as a Good Will Ambassador by appointment of Bishop Raines on behalf of the Methodist work in Germany. He also toured the Scandinavian countries. In 1953

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113TH COMMENCEMENT RITES SET FOR SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Dr. Paul Rees to Give Address

Commencement speaker for Taylor's 113th Graduation Exercises will be Dr. Paul S. Rees, Vice-President-at-large of World Vision Inc. and noted minister and author who gained international recognition as a "Minister to Ministers" during Billy Graham's Evangelistic Campaigns, both in this country and abroad.

Dr. Rees resigned recently as pastor of the well-known First Covenant Church, Minneapolis, after serving there since 1933. For 18 years he maintained a Christian Radio Broadcast and is author of 9 religious books including *If God Be for Us*, *The Radiant Cross*, *Prayer and Life's Highest*, and *Christians, Commit Yourself*.



Paul S. Rees

He is past president and currently a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of Evangelicals, vice-president of the World Evangelical Fellowship, and a member of the Editorial Board of the Evangelical Book Club. He is listed in *Who's Who* in the Mid-West and in *Who's Who* in America.

The commencement exercises will begin at 9:30 a.m. in Maytag Gymnasium.

The Baccalaureate service will be held May 31, Sunday at 7:30 p.m. in Maytag Gymnasium, with Dr. Arthur W. Howard bringing the address.

ALUMNI DAY, JUNE 5

Schedule for the day is as follows:

Alumni Registration, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Class Reunions, Noon Hour
Alumni Business Meeting, 2:30 p.m.
Alumni Tea, 3:30 p.m.
Alumni-Senior-Parents Banquet, 6:00 p.m.
Evening Program, 8:00 p.m.

From the President's Desk . . .

"OUR HOPE"

HALFAST, REDIGER TO RECEIVE ALUMNI MERIT AWARDS



R. W. Halfast

Milo A. Rediger

Dr. Milo A. Rediger, Academic Dean at Taylor, and Dr. Richard Halfast of Kokomo, Indiana, have been selected to receive Alumni Merit Awards during Alumni Day ceremonies on June 5.

These awards will be presented by President Bergwall in appreciation of the outstanding contribution which these men have made to the Taylor program.

Dr. Rediger has been associated with Taylor for fourteen of the past sixteen years. He has given academic and spiritual leadership to the college as a professor of religion and as Academic Dean, and has been a major force in the strengthening of the faculty and the raising of Taylor's scholastic standing to the position of recognition which it now holds in Christian higher education circles. He has been administrative Vice-President of the college since 1954.

North Central Coordinator

Dr. Rediger is a Coordinator for the Commission on Liberal Arts Education of the North Central Accrediting Association and is listed in Who's Who in American Education. He is also a member of numerous educational and Christian organizations.

Noted Surgeon

Dr. Richard Halfast has given valuable leadership to the college as a member of the Board of Trustees to which he was elected in 1956. In addition, he has given generous financial support, which has been an important factor in the advancements which the college has realized in the past several years. Dr. Halfast is a specialist in Orthopedic Surgery at Kokomo, where he and his family have been located since 1949.

He is past president of the Howard County Medical Association and has held staff-officer appointments at the St. Joseph Memorial Hospital. Currently he is vice-president of the Howard County hospital now under construction.

As Taylor University anticipates a change in administrative leadership our thinking naturally turns to the future. Wherein lies our hope? The basic answer, of course, is that our hope is in our Lord. This is right and we are glad in that fact.

We must, however, exercise all our human efforts to do our best also for the tomorrows. The past does give us a foundation on which to build. Taylor University has gained strength and stature in the educational world for which we are grateful. Our work with Gonser and Gerber, educational consultants, our internal self-study programs, the splendid cooperation of faculty, staff, and trustees together with our students have all given substance to our academic and spiritual strength.

The organization of Taylor in its Board, its Administration as well as its faculty and students leads us to believe there is an excellent basis for future growth. This in turn has paid great dividends both in terms of morale on the campus and of good will and acceptance in our communities as well as among our publics. This is reason for hope.

Dedicated Faculty

Faculty strength and student admissions further give encouragement. Taylor can be proud of and grateful to a splendid group of committed teachers. May God bless them richly! A fine student body with almost capacity enrollment is a sign of hope.

Our hope must also lie in vision. There are many needs that Taylor faces. An enlarged constituency with greater financial potential will be required to meet the challenge of the Development Program and current operation of the college. But God is able, so we must give our best to cooperate with the Master Teacher to secure the achievement that will help Taylor move along on her course of attainment. Therefore, we have hope in a future plan which has been outlined after much study and prayer and now needs future implementation.

"The Best Is Yet to Be"

Increased and improved facilities are evident on the campus which lend encouragement but "the end is not yet". An enlarged enrollment will require the facilities indicated in the Development Program. But significant strides have been made and there is hope for the tomorrows.

The achievement of "our hope" for the future of Taylor rests in your hands and mine. Together with God I believe we can surely say "the best is yet to be".

ESTERLINE, WRIGHT NAMED APPRECIATION AWARD WINNERS

Dr. John W. Esterline, of Indianapolis, and Mr. Selah G. Wright, of Upland, have been named Appreciation Award Winners for 1959 for their significant service to Taylor University. Both recipients have had a long history of association with the college.

Mr. Esterline, who is the only living Taylor alumnus who went to school with Sammy Morris in Fort Wayne, was graduated in 1893 while the school was still in Fort Wayne.

He is currently sponsoring and directing the landscaping of the campus around the new buildings and in the projected campus addition to the south of the present campus.

Following his graduation from the Purdue Engineering School in 1897, Mr. Esterline taught in the electrical engineering department and became acting head of the department. He declined the offer to head the department in 1907 to develop and market a line of electrical instruments which he invented. The company he founded became one of the most successful manufacturing firms in the United States.

Upland Native

Mr. Wright was born in Upland and is President of the Upland Bank. As a local resident he has been an influential friend of Taylor for many years. He has participated regularly in the annual community campaign to secure local support for the college.

He recently produced a unique twenty-eight page public relations brochure with several pages devoted to Taylor and its personnel and to the Upland community. This brochure has received wide-spread attention and has been featured in *Bankers Magazine*.

Mr. Wright also has developed the new and rapidly growing Lakeview housing addition located on Lions lake on the east edge of Upland.

Mr. Wright is a director and officer in several corporations and is a director of five banks.

The Wrights have three sons, all of whom were enrolled at Taylor at the same time; Ted and Kenneth, who were outstanding basketball stars, and Robert. Mr. Wright's father was one of the committee of three Upland businessmen who negotiated with Thaddeus C. Reade and helped influence the transfer of Taylor to Upland from Fort Wayne in 1893.



S. G. Wright

J. W. Esterline

WALTER OLIVER, ARTHUR HOWARD TO BE AWARDED LL.D. DEGREES

Mr. Walter Oliver, veteran educator and missionary with 37 years of service in Panama and the Canal Zone, and Dr. Arthur W. Howard, Vice-President of Lucknow Christian College, Lucknow, India, will be awarded honorary LL.D. degrees by Taylor University during the 1959 Commencement exercises to be held June 6.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, both graduates of Taylor, first went to the Isthmus of Panama in 1922, where they established the Pan American Institute, a private elementary school, under the auspices of the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions.

During the next twenty years, Mr. Oliver added a secondary school, and increased the student body from 150 to 800. These accomplishments attracted the attention of officials in the Canal Zone who, in 1942, asked him to teach in their public school system.

In 1954 he was assigned the responsibility of converting the elementary and secondary schools for native children in the Canal Zone, from English-speaking to Spanish-speaking schools. Mr. Oliver's task was to bring about a revolutionary cultural change effecting 4,200 students in nine schools. His efforts resulted in the reorganization of the curriculum from kindergarten through twelfth grade.

In recognition of their pioneer work in education, the Oliver's received Panama's highest honor in 1956, membership in the Order of Vasco Nunez de Balboa.

Last year Mr. Oliver was also awarded the Merit Citation from the National Civil Service League in the United States, in appreciation of his outstanding career in public service.

"We are delighted to honor this distinguished Taylor graduate in recognition of his many years of devoted service in the fields of education and missionary endeavor", Dr. Bergwall stated.

Dr. Howard has been associated with Lucknow Christian College, under the sponsorship of the Methodist Board of Missions since 1944, and has given leadership to Christian athletic programs both in the United States and in India.

He is currently President of the National Track Coaches Association in India, and has been named Coach of the All-India Track team to be entered in the 1960 Olympics.

He is also President of the Lucknow College of Physical Education, and is one of the founding members of the India National Physical Education Federation.

Dr. Howard began his career in 1934 as teacher and assistant coach at Jefferson Township School, Upland. He was named Athletic Director at Taylor in 1936, and from 1938-44 was Athletic Director at Huntington College. During this period he also served with the YMCA as summer Camp Director, and in 1944

College Receives \$25,000 From Kresge Foundation



President Bergwall is shown receiving a check for \$25,000 on March 25 from the Kresge Foundation. The funds were presented by E. O. Joy, second from right, Manager of the S. S. Kresge Store in Marion, Indiana. Acceptance of the check marked the high point of the campaign for \$185,000 for furnishings and construction costs of the new Storer Food Service Center and Samuel Morris Men's Residence Hall. Looking on are William Resneck, Chairman of the Retail Division of the Marion Drive; Robert Harmon, Executive Vice President of the Marion Chamber of Commerce, and Francis Davis, Chairman of the Marion Drive.

MAJOR CAMPUS LANDSCAPING PROGRAM NOW UNDER WAY

The major project of landscaping the campus area surrounding the new buildings and the extended acreage at the south end of the campus, which is included in the long range development program is now well under way.

This extensive program which is sponsored by Mr. John W. Esterline of Indianapolis will include the planting of 110 shrubs and 30 large trees. The campus will be enhanced by five varieties of evergreen shrubs including arbor vitae, juniper, blue spruce, Scotch pine and Norway spruce. The shrubs will range in height from 2-6 feet.

Fifteen large trees, averaging 15-20 feet high, will be planted this year, including red bud, three varieties of oak, and sugar maple. The plans also call for 15 flowering crabs of various colors, which will be planted next fall.

Mr. Esterline estimated that the project will be completed in three years and will cost approximately \$10,000.

served as Physical Director.

He was graduated from Upland High School in 1930, and from Taylor in 1934. Later he received both the M.A. and the Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan.

ADDITION OF NEW FACULTY MEMBERS TO STRENGTHEN ACADEMIC PROGRAM

To provide a strengthening academic program for Taylor's expanding student body, several new professors are being added to the faculty for next year. Five recent additions have been announced by Dr. Milo Rediger, Academic Dean.

One of the new faculty members is Robert Hayes, who has been head of the Division of Education and Psychology at Asbury College, and is now completing his doctoral program at the University of Kansas. At Taylor he will assume the post of chairman of the Division of Education and Psychology and also will be head of the Education Department.

Dr. Donald Porter, who has served as chairman of the department of Mathematics at Marion College for twenty five years will head the Math Department at Taylor next year. He also will assist Dr. Nussbaum in the Physics program. Dr. Porter received the Ph.D. degree from Indiana University.

Prof. Ralph Thompson, returning to Taylor after a three year leave of absence, will resume the position of head of the Religion Department. Mr. Thompson is completing his dissertation for a Doctor of Theology Degree at Northern Baptist Theological Seminary in Chicago.

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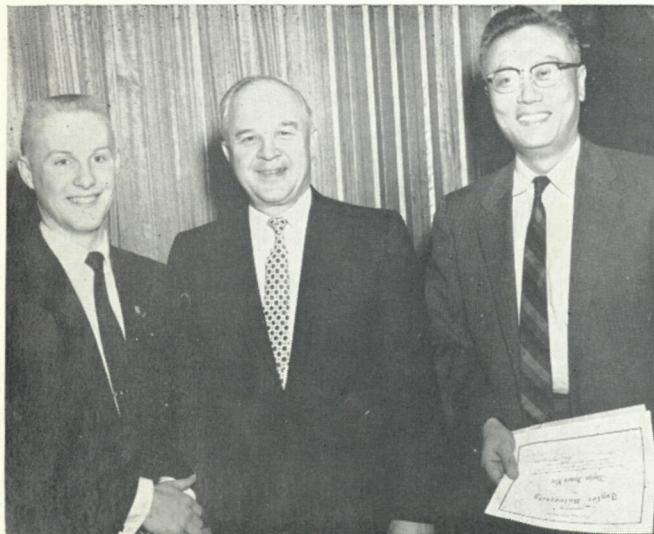
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Physics Professor Teaches RCA Scientists, Civil Defense Leaders



Dr. Charles W. Shilling, center, awards certificates to R.C.A. scientists Ralph Hamilton, left, and Dr. James Lee.



Dr. Elmer Nussbaum discusses Civil Defense equipment with Roy McKee, Grant County Civil Defense leader.

Two research scientists from the Marion, Indiana plant of the Radio Corporation of America were presented certificates marking the completion of their special radioisotopes course, which was conducted at Taylor University by Dr. Elmer Nussbaum, Professor of Physics.

The certificates were presented to Dr. James Lee and Ralph Hamilton, by Dr. Charles Shilling, Executive Director of the Division of Biology and Medicine of the U. S. Atomic Energy Commission, during a banquet which marked the conclusion of the science lecture series held March 8-10.

Speaker for the banquet was Dr. Ernest McCormick, industrial psychologist from Purdue University. Other participating scientists in the two-day event were Dr. William Polard, Executive Director of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, and Dr. Bently Glass, Geneticist at Johns Hopkins University, and President of the American Association of University Professors.

NEW FACULTY

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Another new faculty member is Professor Charles Carter, who taught Philosophy and Missions at Marion College for 11 years and is currently Editor-in-Chief of the Higley Press. Mr. Carter will head the Philosophy department and also will teach in the field of Missions.

Miss Betty Tutton will join the English department as an Assistant Professor. She took her undergraduate work at Houghton College and received the Masters Degree from the University of Buffalo.

DODGE EXECUTIVE PRESENTS COLLEGE WITH NEW CAR

Taylor was recently presented with a new automobile by Mr. M. C. Patterson, Vice President of Chrysler Corporation, and General Manager of the Dodge Division.

President Evan H. Bergwall flew to the Detroit plant where he was given the keys to the new car by the Dodge executive.

Mr. Patterson, who is also a well known churchman in the Detroit area, visited the Taylor campus last December, when he spoke at a special guest convocation and lectured to business students.

"We are grateful to Mr. Patterson for this generous gift, and for his expression of confidence in Taylor's program of Christian higher education," Dr. Bergwall stated.

"The increasing support being given to private liberal arts colleges by corporations and businesses across the country, is a vital factor in the strengthening of our colleges at a time when this is so urgently needed," commented Dr. Bergwall.

ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR

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he toured the Middle East in conjunction with the New York University special study of the state of Israel, the Arab states, and the Religious shrines of the Holy Land.

He holds membership in the Chi Alpha Omega Scholastic Honor Society and is listed in Who's Who in America and Who's Who in Higher Education.

A special course in radiological monitoring is being offered under the auspices of the Grant County Civil Defense Organization, with Dr. Elmer Nussbaum, Professor of Physics at Taylor, teaching the course.

This course is one of the first of its kind to be taught in this area, and the county unit was one of the first in Indiana to request such a class.

The 28 members of the group are being taught how to handle and check various instruments used in determining the amount of radiation from radioactive substances.

The course, which consists of 20 hours of instruction, is meeting for eleven successive Wednesday evenings in Gas City. Equipment for the course is being provided by the state and federal offices of the Civil Defense Organization.

In charge of the training program are Roy McKee, Grant County's Civil Defense leader, and Capt. Warren Smith of the Grant County Civil Defense Council.

The course will be concluded with a banquet June 3rd at Taylor, when those who have taken the course will be awarded certificates.

He has held pastorates at the Bethelship Methodist Church, Brooklyn, New York, the Grace Methodist Church, Waterbury, Connecticut, and the Lexington Avenue Methodist Church, New York City. He began his ministry in Indiana as associate pastor at the High Street Methodist Church, Muncie, and came to Taylor after serving as pastor of the First Methodist Church, Kendallville, Indiana.