sustaining faith

Mutually inclusive  Ad alta simul  Valuable to Jesus
Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the Lord.  
**Psalm 31:24**

Faith is deliberate confidence in the character of God whose ways you may not understand at the time.  
**Oswald Chambers**

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.  
**Mother Teresa**

To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.  
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During my twenties and thirties, I passionately pursued a high tech career while trying to be a family man and active church leader at the same time. But, in spite of repeated attempts and constant tweaking, I discovered that a “balanced life” was elusive. It sounded good in theory, but proved impossible to actually pull off.

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I cannot imagine a greater privilege than sharing the love of Christ through evangelism and discipleship with these abused children and women. We want children to avoid being lured into these traps and experience the abundant life in Christ. It is time for the children to experience protection and salvation – gifts of grace God is more than able to give to every one of these endangered precious young lives!

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In terms of why I became a lawyer, generally, I just always had this irritating, aggravating desire to make a big difference in the world. I evaluated all the ways that I could do that if God would give me the opportunities. I thought about government and politics; I spent a little bit of time on Capitol Hill during my time at Taylor. But I really felt like one of the best ways to effect change from a Kingdom standpoint was to be a lawyer.

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Decisions are made behind these doors that impact our world in significant, relevant ways. If there are not people of faith behind these closed doors, the Christian perspective is never going to be registered; it’s never going to have influence or protect Christians or Christian organizations.

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Stones of remembrance

He said to the Israelites, “In the future when your descendants ask their fathers, ‘What do these stones mean?’ tell them, ‘Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.’ For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan just what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over. He did this so that all the peoples of the earth might know that the hand of the LORD is powerful and so that you might always fear the LORD your God.”*Joshua 4: 21-24*

It was during a college Bible study that one of our speakers challenged us to look first to our left, and then to our right. He said if statistical information proved reliable, at least one of those people would not be walking as closely with the Lord in 10 years as we were that night.

That thought terrified me. While many consider *Sustaining Faith* to be that which anchors us during tumultuous times, *Sustaining Faith* became to me that which grows and flourishes throughout the course of our lives and drives us to joyful service of our God with a sold-out reliance upon His Holy Spirit.

Each of the stories we have shared in this issue of *Taylor* tell that story. From three alumni who followed God’s leading into one of this nation’s most prestigious law firms to an alumna who ministers to at-risk girls in the streets of Cape Town, their faith both drives them to serve the Lord and sustains them on the journey.

It is God’s Spirit who compels us to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. The stories of our alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents and friends stand today as a type of testimonial stone that points us not to the worker, but rather the Author and Finisher of our faith.
TUFW’s traditional undergraduate program to be discontinued

The Taylor University Board of Trustees has voted to discontinue the traditional undergraduate program at Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW) on May 31, 2009. The vote, which came during the Board’s fall 2008 meeting, followed 16 years of the TUFW operation requiring an average subsidy of $1 million a year to break even, and a five-year downward spiral in student admissions.

The announcement was made Monday, Oct. 13 – first to faculty and staff, and finally to students, by Dr. Eugene B. Habecker ’68, Taylor’s president. The discontinuation of the TUFW undergraduate program will impact:

- 299 full-time and 38 part-time degree-seeking students (213 who live on campus).
- 18 full-time and 24 part-time/adjunct faculty members.
- 56 full-time and 22 part-time staff members.

Habecker said Taylor’s growing online learning program, the Fort Wayne-based MBA program and the WIBC Radio Network are not affected. He added Taylor’s main campus in Upland is academically and financially strong.

"After 16 years of significant effort and investment, we concluded that we have been unable to develop the TUFW operation into one that is financially self-sustaining," said Richard Gygi ’67, Taylor’s board chairman. "After much deliberation, prayer and consideration, the Taylor Board of Trustees voted to end the traditional undergraduate program at the end of the current school year."

"Our goal is to do everything within our power to see that the members of our Taylor community are able to continue their lives with the least disruption possible," said Habecker, who has appointed two task forces comprised of faculty and staff members from Taylor and TUFW. One task force will manage transition-related matters while the second will study and provide recommendations for future opportunities in Fort Wayne.

"The purpose of these task forces is to aid in the multiple transitions faced by our students, faculty and staff and create recommendations for viable future possibilities that exist for our Fort Wayne campus," said Habecker. "We look forward to continuing our relationship with the City of Fort Wayne and hope to share the results of our work together in the coming months."
Number one ... again.

For the second straight year, Taylor University has been named the number one Baccalaureate College in the Midwest in the just-released 2009 U.S. News & World Report survey, America's Best Colleges. Taylor also ranked third among Midwest Baccalaureate Colleges in the Great Schools, Great Prices portion of the survey.

"Nevertheless, it has been interesting to me to watch as I ask students how they feel about the award, that they are almost afraid to say the 'p-word' — pride," said Zach Hunsinger '09, Taylor Student Organization president. "Nevertheless, it's true. They are proud. I am proud, and we balance that with humility."

Taylor earned 100 rating points while second-place Ohio Northern University (Ohio) received 92 points. Augustana (South Dakota) was third with 86 points. Cedarville (Ohio) and Northwestern College (Iowa) tied for fifth, each scoring 80 points.

Compared with other Midwest Baccalaureate Colleges, Taylor was first in its ability to recruit freshmen from the top 25% of their high school graduating classes, average freshman retention rate and average graduation rate; and second in Peer Assessment Score and Alumni Giving Rate.

"This ranking means that Taylor continues to achieve the established criteria at a distinctive level of performance — particularly as it relates to student retention, graduation rates, faculty-student ratios and class size," said Dr. Stephen Bedi '65, Taylor's provost. "These are quality measures that we know are characteristic of high performance institutions. It's high performance, continuous quality improvement and evidence that Taylor is performing at a very high level."

Hunsinger, a pre-law major from Carthage, Ill., said the honor reinforced what he and his student counterparts already knew. "It fosters pride in our school," he said. "We know that Taylor is a good school; the students are proud to receive the recognition. Students are encouraged that they are going to a good school, one nationally recognized as the best in our region.

"Furthermore, when others who don't attend Taylor ask the question, 'Where do you go to school?' students are quick to mention that their school is ranked number one," Hunsinger added. "It's good to know that despite Taylor's relatively small size, the institution packs a large punch in how it educates and develops its students."

"The award shows me that I've made a right choice in coming back to Taylor," Hunsinger reflected. "I'm happy to see a university that has been kind and caring to me receive credit for a job well done."

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Structured for growth

Three schools, one university. University officials say changes to Taylor's academic structure will result in streamlined operations and growth. On June 1, Taylor officially moved to a new three-school academic structure – each with a presiding dean.

Dr. Thomas Jones '71 is dean of the school of liberal arts; Dr. Connie (Hall '75) Lightfoot is dean of the school of graduate and professional studies; and Dr. Mark Biermann is dean of the school of natural sciences.

The move gives each of the schools greater autonomy and flexibility in day-to-day operations that include hiring of faculty and operation of programs, and in the long-range and strategic planning processes that include creation of new programs and facility construction and improvement, said Dr. Stephen Bedi ’65, Taylor's provost.

"We wanted to gain programmatic and administrative efficiencies that really advanced the academic program," he said. "In this new structure, the deans will have greater agility in faculty selection and development and in the areas of curricular advances. We believe this will create a greater synergy in our progress toward the common goals of the University, and give us quicker response times for allocation of resources and programmatic changes.

"The move acknowledges the heart of the academic enterprise as liberal arts, science and professional program-focused," added Bedi. "Each one of these areas is strengthened within the University program. It also provides opportunities for advancing the University through designated naming gifts and establishment of academic chairs within each of the schools. It returns us to the original foundations of Taylor University, when we originally had a school of theology, a medical school and school of liberal arts and sciences."

Bedi said Vision 2016 goals of excellence and growth are enhanced as a result of the change. "The new academic structure will be conducive for enrollment and programmatic growth because each school will have its own enrollment strategy and can examine its own curriculum to determine how best to offer mission-driven programs desired by perspective students," he said.

"What we have designed is something that fits specific needs of Taylor University and is perfectly matched with our University culture," said Jones. "It really does put us on the cutting edge. I think what we are doing is designing and implementing what many have talked and written about – decentralized decision making and department chairs – but in a way that creates unity across the departments."
Engineering programs accredited

Two bachelor of science engineering programs at Taylor University – computer engineering and engineering physics – have been accredited by the Engineering Accreditation Commission of ABET, Inc.

The accreditations are the first in Taylor history for engineering programs. According to Dr. Stephen Bedi ’65, Taylor’s provost, it opens the door for students in those programs to go on to graduate school. “Both employers and graduate school admissions requirements place a premium on students who graduate from ABET accredited programs,” he said. “It helps students as they continue to advance in their vocations or higher learning aspirations.”

Once known as the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, ABET is the recognized accreditor of college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering and technology, according to its Web site (www.abet.org). Accreditation is a voluntary peer-review process in which programs undergo comprehensive, periodic evaluations. Those evaluations are conducted by teams of volunteer professionals working in industry, government, academe and private practice, and focus on areas including program curricula, faculty, facilities and institutional support.

“This accreditation is evidence of ABET’s recognition that our engineering physics and computer engineering programs are operating at a high level of performance,” said Bedi. “The criteria for accreditation are based on outcome measures that reflect student achievement of program goals recognized as necessary within the engineering field.”

One of the key elements of ABET accreditation is the requirement that programs continuously improve the quality of education provided. As part of this requirement, programs set specific, measurable goals for their students and graduates, assess their success at reaching those goals and improve their programs based on the results of their assessment.

“We are grateful for this external recognition of what we have already known – that we have excellent faculty and programs at Taylor University,” said Dr. Mark Biermann, the dean of natural sciences at Taylor. “Our students will benefit because first, it allows potential students to recognize the quality of our programs and second, our graduates will benefit because employers will recognize the importance of ABET accreditation.

“We see this recognition as something that is also beneficial for Grant County and Indiana,” Biermann added.
Signature events bring thousands to campus

Taylor University's two signature fall weekends brought more than 3,000 guests to campus for food, athletic events, concerts and special celebrations.

The campus concert by award-winning Christian performing artist Fernando Ortega, tours, and faculty-parent conferences were featured events for Parents and Family Weekend, Sept. 19-21; and a 100-year celebration of Taylor theatre, alumni awards and athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremonies highlighted Homecoming, Oct. 10-12.

A frequent music award nominee and winner, Ortega performed for a packed Rediger Chapel/Auditorium, blending humor with poignant stories behind his music.

"This weekend was a wonderful opportunity for our parents to engage the faculty and staff here at Taylor and for us to salute the vital role they play in the educational process," said Dr. Ben R. Sells, vice president for university advancement. "We heard from a significant number of parents that this weekend was a great time of fellowship with their sons and daughters and for them to experience firsthand the great things that are happening on campus."

According to Terri (Kusler '85) Collins, the Homecoming theme The Colors of Taylor was selected because it represented Taylor's historic commitment to biblical Christianity. "It is based upon our historic anchor points of faith, academic excellence, whole person education and community," said Collins. "In these uncertain times, what a blessing it is to know that Taylor's true 'colors' remain unchanged and vibrant."

During a special Homecoming program, the following alumni were recognized by Taylor's Alumni Association:

- Perry Bigelow '62
  Distinguished Alumnus for Professional Achievement
- Kristie (Kuhnle '90) Jacobsen
  Distinguished Alumna for Personal Achievement
- Kyle Martin '91
  Distinguished Young Alumnus for Personal Achievement
- Wynn and Bonnie Lembright
  Honorary Alumni
- Gene Rupp '58
  Distinguished Alumnus for Service to Taylor University

Taylor University's Athletic Hall of Fame inducted four new members during Homecoming weekend including:

- Justin Heth '00, Football
- Bob Smith, former baseball coach, meritorious service to athletics
- Tom Spahr '86, Baseball
- Phyllis Vance '77, Softball
Faculty accolades

Rukshan Fernando '98, instructor of social work, presented Seva, Sarvodhaya and Transformational Development: One and the Same? at the first Transformational Development Conference at George Fox University in Newburg, Ore. He also provided strategic planning assistance for the National Fadama Development Project, an agricultural project funded by the World Bank and African Development Bank located in 12 states in Nigeria.

Cathy Harner, professor of social work, taught a class entitled Church and Social Work at Russian-American Christian University in Moscow.


Ken Kiers, associate professor of physics, department chair, attended and presented a poster at Flavor Physics and CP Violation in Taipei, Taiwan, titled CP Violation in Hadronic Tau Decays.

Dan King, associate professor of chemistry, has been named the new faculty athletic representative at Taylor University. He replaces Tim Burkholder '63.

Hadley Mitchell, professor of economics, presented a paper entitled Gleanings, Jubilee, and Microfinance at the Transformational Development Conference at George Fox University. He also taught principles of macroeconomics at Lithuanian Christian College.

Lorne Mook '87, associate professor of English, presented two papers at international conferences in Great Britain: The Alba Motif and Byron’s Treatment of the Morning at the International Byron Society conference in St. Andrews, Scotland; and A Small Gesture and a Larger Hardy Canon: Considering The Face at the Casement at the Thomas Hardy Society conference in Dorchester, England.

Philip Mummet, assistant professor of mathematics, was a fellow in the program on Complex Analysis of Several Variables at the Institut Mittag-Leffler in Djursholm, Sweden.

David L. Neuhausser, scholar in residence at the Center for the Study of C.S. Lewis & Friends, had one chapter published in three separate books dealing with topics related to George MacDonald and the Inklings.

Joe Ricke, professor of English, delivered Farmers and Shepherds (Cain and Abel) in Medieval Mystery Plays at the International Medieval Congress, Leeds UK; he also taught Shakespeare at the Russian-American Christian University.

Jeff Sherlock, associate professor of business, spent two weeks in China helping lead a professional development activity for Chinese English teachers. While there he also presented a lecture entitled The Importance of English Communication Competency in the Twenty-First Century.

Rachel Smith, professor of art, participated in a seminar on Christianity, Contextualization, and the Visual Arts in Indonesia in June sponsored by the Nagel Institute for the Study of World Christianity and the CCCU. She also had two reviews published: Tropic of Venice by Margaret Doody for BbWorld; and University-wide e-Portfolio Solution Using Blackboard Learning System.

Quinn White '87, professor of education, has been named the winner of the 2008 Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award at Taylor University.
Lightfoot returns to lead professional, graduate studies

Dr. Connie (Hall '75) Lightfoot has been named the founding dean of Taylor University's School of Professional and Graduate Studies. It marks a return to Taylor for Lightfoot, who once served as a member of the computer and systems sciences faculty and later as associate dean and registrar.

During Lightfoot's teaching career, she served the faculties of Ball State University, Indiana Wesleyan University, Ivy Tech State College and Taylor; she also served as a consultant and systems analyst in several business settings.

From 2000 to 2008 she held several academic leadership posts at Indiana Wesleyan University that included associate vice president for academic affairs, dean of the college of arts and sciences and interim chair of the division of natural sciences and mathematics.

"I've often described it as, 'the Lord reached down, turned me around 180 degrees, and set me down at Taylor.' I wasn't looking to leave IWU," she said. "What drew me were the things that were going on: AQIP, the strategic plan, Vision 2016. My jaw kept dropping open. I was so impressed with the evidence of planning and vision on the part of the Taylor team and I just wanted to be a part of that.

"It never occurred to me that this was what the Lord was preparing me for at IWU. But when I read the description to my husband Paul '74 (the supervisor of grounds at Taylor), he said, 'That pretty much describes you.'" Lightfoot added. "In some ways it is completing a circle – after being here as a student, faculty member and administrator, and given the fact that our three daughters and their husbands are all Taylor graduates, coming here as a dean had a great deal of appeal."

Lightfoot said the Taylor administration is currently considering future graduate programs that could include sport management, electrical engineering, education and computer science.

"Our graduate school just has incredible potential. Our four current programs are diverse and well thought-through," she stated. "We already have over 100 graduate students. Dr. Habecker's goal is 300 by 2016 and I think we will beat that."

"Dr. Lightfoot brings a distinguished record of academic leadership and experiences Taylor needs to inaugurate the school of professional and graduate studies," said Dr. Stephen Bedi '65, Taylor's provost. "Her commitment to the principles of servant and transformational leadership, expertise as a systems analyst and strong Christian faith will enable her to lead with compassion and integrity."

Lightfoot's appointment began July 1, 2008.
Comprehensive athletic review issues commendations, recommendations

A year-long review of the intercollegiate athletic program has concluded while much is working well, there is still room for improvement.

The review was part of an institutional focus on continuous quality improvement at Taylor University, said Dr. Stephen Bedi ’65, Taylor’s provost.

During the process, every facet of the athletic program was reviewed, from facilities and equipment, financial resources and personnel, to academic performance, governance, support services, philosophy and compliance. The review culminated in a visit by a five-member review team in April to conduct interviews with students, faculty, staff and others.

The report yielded several commendations. The findings revealed strong evidence of support from the Board of Trustees, President and Provost, along with adequate financial support. Also commended was what the report called, “an exceptional compliance record with the NAIA, MCC and MSFA.” Current and planned facilities also reflect a strong institutional commitment to intercollegiate athletics.

Recommendations for Taylor’s intercollegiate athletic program included calls to:
- Create a departmental strategic plan.
- Strengthen, refine and update policies and the mission statement.
- Study Taylor’s national affiliation in intercollegiate athletics.
- Strengthen recruiting and work closely with Admissions.
- Enhance and maximize sports information efforts.

“The review provided a framework from which a new strategic plan can be developed - based on the commendations and recommendations of the reviewers,” said Bedi. “It will result in a strategic plan, budgeting resources and assessing on a continual basis. To me, that is the critical part of it. There is benefit to a systematic assessment plan that will continuously improve and strengthen the program for individuals and teams, increase school spirit and advance the purposes of the University."

Dr. Angie Fincannon, Taylor’s former volleyball coach and a member of Taylor’s Athletic Hall of Fame, was named interim athletic director following the transfer of former TU athletic director Dave Pipeline to a new position within the University. She said the process was thorough and fair.

“I’m proud to be a part of a university that believes in continuous quality improvement,” she said. “I believe in Taylor athletics and am committed to helping our coaches and over 300 men and women this year glorify our Lord with their athletic talents, work ethic and teamwork."

Fincannon cited a recent NAIA report that commended 13 of Taylor’s 15 intercollegiate athletic teams for their scholastic success, evidenced by their achieving a team GPA of 3.0 or above.

“Taylor University is an outstanding institution, and the athletic department is filled with coaches and staff who are dedicated to success – both on and off the court,” Fincannon said. “This dedication has resulted in the rich tradition for which Taylor is known.”

For department news, player bios, team statistics and game podcasts, visit www.taylor.edu/athletics.
Volleyball achieves milestone win

Volleyball
The Trojans, recognized by the NAIA as its winningest volleyball program, rolled to their second MCC championship with 28-7 overall and 7-0 conference records and became the first NAIA school to reach 1,000 all-time victories. Head coach Brittany (Huyser '00) Smith reached 100 wins for her career in a 3-1 win over Cedarville.

Men's cross country
At press time, the nationally-ranked Trojans were on the verge of earning a spot at the NAIA National Championships. Michael Pabody '10 dominated the Indiana Wesleyan Invitational as the Trojans ran to their fastest time in seven years.

Women's cross country
The Lady Trojans, led by Alyssa Johnson '10, received votes in national polls. They won the inaugural Ray Bullock Invitational and placed fourth at the Indiana Intercollegiate meet.

Football
Head coach Ron Korfmacher '83 won in his debut as Taylor defeated Anderson. Running back Josh Cook '10 had 213 yards against the Ravens and was named MSFA Offensive Player of the Week. The Trojans' second win of the season came in a 14-13 overtime thriller at NCAA Div. II Urbana. Their press time record was 2-5.

Men's soccer
Facing perhaps the toughest schedule in program history, the Trojans faced five ranked opponents in their first nine outings on their way to a record of 6-11-1 heading into the MCC tournament.

Women's soccer
First year head coach Scott Stan's Lady Trojans finished the regular season in fifth place with an 11-6 record. With 11 goals, the team quintupled its offensive output from 2007, while the defense had posted nine shutouts at press time.

Men's tennis
The men's tennis team finished their regular season with 8-3 and 6-1 overall and conference records to finish second in the MCC. Felipe Bedon '11 finished second in the MCC tournament and seventh at the ITA Championships in Mobile, Ala.

Women's tennis
With 11-1 overall and 7-1 MCC records, the women's tennis team finished second in conference standings and the MCC tournament. Germania Bedon '12 placed seventh at the ITA Championships in Mobile, Ala.
The difference between winning and losing
by Angie Fincannon

During my 13-year coaching career, I used to tell my athletes if championship-caliber intercollegiate volleyball was easy, there were 1,100 other women on this campus who would be doing it. Instead, the 15 women on our team were the only people at Taylor who were able to do the things they did.

They learned as I did that the difference between winning and losing is a willingness to reach deep to pull yourself up just one more time and leave everything you have on the court. It is just one of the many life lessons our athletes learn in intercollegiate athletics at Taylor University. Some may question why a school like Taylor needs volleyball, track, football or any of the 15 varsity-level intercollegiate sports. Simply put, I cannot imagine Taylor, with its highly-rated academic program, without an equally robust athletic program.

Those institutions that have learned how to successfully align these two areas are highly regarded and others often look to them as a model in higher education.

There are many reasons for this. In an era when it seems that every child is an honor student, you can’t cheat the process of success in athletics. While some might temporarily be able to sleep through a class or copy a friend’s notes and still do well on a test, there are no shortcuts in athletic pursuit. For instance, if one is a cross country runner, yet is not willing to put the miles in during off-season months, this athlete will probably not develop his or her potential. Athletics done well is a comprehensive, fully-committed process that cannot be cheated.

The challenges of athletics, combined with the rigors of the classroom, can sometimes be overwhelming. But day after day I have witnessed many men and women in Taylor University’s intercollegiate athletic program learn in the deepest way what selflessness and work ethic really entails. Countless student athletes have said to me, “I didn’t know I could work that hard.” Good coaches, like good teachers, tap into a passion to take the God-given talents of our men and women to a level they never dreamed they could reach.

Athletics is the ultimate reality check. Imagine having the ball on the one-foot line; it is fourth down with no time left. You either make it or you don’t. Winning is delineated from losing. Failure is failure; it is non-discriminatory. If you can play as hard as you can, give every last ounce of your energy and passion to the team’s goal, and learn to accept and overcome when a bad call costs a point, you just might win. And those are also lessons that prove so valuable in life.

Relationships go to such a deep level. Together you deal with injuries, set-backs and disappointment. There are shared challenges.

As an athlete or coach, you are with the same people for an incredible number of hours. This type of self-sacrifice and dedication builds character.

It is really like a family. Our athletes practice together day after day after day. There can be conflict as well as resolution. A team is too small for conflicts to be harbored and nurtured. The shared experience of athletics comes during the best and worst of times. I’ve

The difference between winning and losing is a willingness to reach deep to pull yourself up just one more time and leave everything you have on the court.
seen our young men and women collapse in tears in the locker room after a crushing loss. I've seen their fellow teammates come alongside them to comfort and lift them up.

Together, our teams deal with the trauma that comes from everyday living. One athlete struggles with the death of a grandparent while another struggles with academic or roommate problems. You can't spend the entire year sweating and toiling together without building an intense reliance on each other. This model reflects so well Ecclesiastes 4: 9-12:

*Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

Athletics does this in an effective and beautifully unique way.

As coaches, we have our own hurdles to overcome. Some hurdles come in the form of a parent who questions why a son or daughter isn't playing as much as a teammate. Sometimes we must have a hard conversation with an athlete to challenge a poor attitude as a form of Christian confrontation or, as the Bible calls it, “iron sharpening iron.” As our coaches serve in their discipling roles, they help these athletes truly begin to realize their God-given potential.

Even in this post-modern culture, students still honor athletes. We hold our athletes to an even higher standard than the rest of our excellent student body. The intercollegiate athletic program at Taylor University truly creates a sense of school spirit. If you've ever been part of the annual Silent Night game at Odle Arena, a conference game or the playoffs, there is a tangible sense of excitement on campus. It does – and should – bring our student body together.

Taylor University is an outstanding institution, and just as it is throughout our classrooms, our athletic department is filled with coaches and staff members who are dedicated to success – both on and off the court. This dedication has resulted in the rich tradition for which Taylor athletics is known, and I could not have more respect and gratitude for it. Our administration believes – and I believe – in Taylor athletics; and we are committed to helping our coaches and athletes glorify our Lord with their athletic talents, work ethic and teamwork.

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*Dr. Angie Fincannon is the associate dean of human performance and athletics. She is also a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame.*
Taylor University officials have secured a pledge for $1.5 million that will be used to endow the Taylors campus pastor’s position.

According to Dr. Ben R. Sells, vice president for university advancement, the commitment came from donors who recently became associated with Taylor and appreciated Taylor’s evangelical commitments.

“While Taylor has many long-time supporters, we continue to discover new friends,” Sells said. “This family became familiar with Taylor about three years ago; establishing new relationships like this one gives us great optimism for the future.”

While the donors wish to remain anonymous, they released the following statement: “We are thankful that Taylor University continues to not be ashamed of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. By ensuring that Taylor has an endowment for an evangelical campus pastor, the tradition of educating the heart and soul to emphasize a personal relationship with Jesus, and educating the mind with a Christian worldview, will continue to eternally change lives for many generations of Taylor students.”

“We are grateful for this family’s interest in Taylor. This gift is also significant as it establishes the fourth of ten endowed chairs and roles related to Vision 2016,” added Sells.

The campus pastor at Taylor is responsible for facilitating the overall spiritual growth and environment at Taylor, including the design and implementation of chapel and discipleship programs that address the spiritual needs of Taylor’s student body. The campus pastor’s position is currently held by Randy Gruendyke.

“This gift is a wonderful affirmation of the value of our campus pastor, discipleship programs and the spiritual atmosphere that none of us take for granted here at Taylor University,” said Dr. Stephen Bedi ’65, Taylor’s provost.
Advancement fills key assignments

Taylor’s university advancement office has announced the appointments of Donald McLaughlin ’75 as regional director for advancement, Sherri Harter as associate vice president for development, and David Ritchie ’96 as associate vice president for campaigns.

McLaughlin brings 20 years of experience in the financial services industry and nine years in major gift fund raising with Prison Fellowship Ministries and Teen Mania Ministries. He will serve Michigan, Ohio and additional eastern states and is responsible for securing strategic gifts from alumni, parents and friends.

Harter, who served on the TUFW campus for 26 years, will be responsible for supervising development programs focused on the Taylor Fund, fund raising, scholarships, stewardship, athletics and advancement services. During the 2007-08 fiscal year, she led TUFW’s annual fund to a record total of $833,000.

Ritchie has served Taylor for the past eight years – first as editor of Taylor magazine, and later in the development office. Under his leadership, the Taylor Fund has grown over 25% in the last four years while setting a new record each year. His work on the magazine and in development has been honored by CASE. Ritchie is finishing a master’s degree in philanthropy from the Indiana University School of Philanthropy.

In his new role, Ritchie will be responsible for the management of the Science Learning Center campaign and directing campaign approaches for Vision 2016 initiatives.

"With these new appointments, we feel we are strategically positioned for exciting work in the coming days," said Dr. Ben R. Sells, vice president for university advancement. "Donald, Sherri and David each have proven records of success and are well-respected within the University community."

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Joshua 4:6-7
In the future, when your children ask you, "What do these stones mean?" tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. Those stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."
Mark Deiermann, dean of the school of natural sciences
Mutually inclusive

Adherence to biblical Christianity no more shackles a scientist than it does a journalist, accountant or physician – instead it propels that person to excellence. That idea may be out of the mainstream for some, but for Dr. Mark Biermann, it is the bedrock of his worldview.

"I never grew up with the sense that there is a fundamental incompatibility with being a scientist and having the Christian faith," said Biermann, the inaugural dean of Taylor University's school of natural sciences. "By the time people started telling me there was a conflict, I had gone far enough in my studies that I saw it as an artificial argument. It was possible for people to do both – and to do both very well."

Biermann, who holds B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in optics – all from the University of Rochester, said that rather than shackling his scientific discovery, his Christian worldview set it free and even gave it wings. Biermann said that rather than shackling his scientific discovery, his Christian worldview set it free and even gave it wings. "In some ways being a person of faith frees you up to be a better scientist," he stated. "For some scientists who don't have any other belief system, studying science becomes their faith system – their fundamental worldview – so if you start to attack their science, it attacks their personal worldview."

"For Christians doing science, their fundamental belief system is based on the person of Christ. That is their fundamental touch point – their belief system. If they change their science ideas, it doesn't change the belief system in their life," Biermann added. "You are perfectly free to do the science that really needs to be done – it doesn't rip at the basic belief system of your life because you are really secure in Christ."

Biermann's previous academic appointments include service at Eastern Kentucky University, the United States Naval Academy and Houghton College. He takes the helm of a Taylor University science program that continues to gain momentum with newly-accredited engineering physics and computer engineering programs, a growing number of students gaining entry into the world's most prestigious graduate schools and a new Science Learning Center on the horizon.

In fact, he was involved in the design of a new science building at EKU and the renovation of the Naval Academy's science facility. "The A-Number-One, most important goal is to get the Science Learning Center up and running and get people in and using those facilities," Biermann declared. He said additional goals in the coming years will be the expansion of student-faculty collaborative research and the enhancement of international study and service opportunities for Taylor’s science majors.

"The challenge for science students to have a semester abroad arises because science programs are so dense with required course work, all of which is appropriate. I would like to find creative ways for students who are scientists to have a strong global aspect to their education," he said.

Along with facilities' and experiential growth, Biermann said his ultimate goal is a science program that becomes a worldwide model. "We have talented faculty who care about what they do. We attract many talented and dedicated students who really want to make a difference – my vision is that the school of science can be a model for science programs across the country – not just at Christian schools but all colleges and universities.

"We want to engage our world in a way that people would want to imitate and adapt to their own institutions because we just do things that well," he added.

"I think that because of this false dichotomy that you can't be a Christian in science, there is a danger that Christians are going to give up on science and leave it to the secular world and I don't think that is good for science. I know it is not good for Christians," Biermann stated. "I don't think it is good for society in general. Abandoning science to the secular world is not going to advance God's kingdom. "Science, journalism, athletics, English, psychology and social work, you name it. All of those need a Christian perspective," he said. "It is troubling to think Christians could give up on an endeavor and give it to the secular world. It is essential that we prepare really good scientists who are really good Christians."

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Ad alta simul

by Rich Wagner '88
Why in the world do they call this a hill? I asked myself as I pedaled up Yarnell Hill, a woefully misnamed mountain pass just outside of Congress, Ariz. My family and I were on the third day of The Expeditionary Man Bike Tour, a 28-day bicycling journey across the United States. Battling 110-degree temperatures and a relentless grade of elevation, I was struggling to complete the climb. Out in the extreme heat and bleak desert terrain, I felt like I was a million miles away from our home in the woods of Massachusetts. But even that distance seemed tiny compared to the major changes that had taken place in my career and family over the past five years.

During my twenties and thirties, I passionately pursued a high tech career while trying to be a family man and active church leader at the same time. But, in spite of repeated attempts and constant tweaking, I discovered that a “balanced life” was elusive. It sounded good in theory, but proved impossible to actually pull off.
The greatest thrill for each of us, however, was having the opportunity to live out *ad alta simul* as we suffered, conquered and persevered together from coast-to-coast.
As I searched scriptures for a biblical alternative, another word began to rise when I read about the role of fathers: pausing. As long as my boys were growing up inside of our home, I became convinced that I could not act upon my career and ministry aspirations in the same way as I am free to during other seasons of my life. Instead, I concluded that my career dreams needed to be placed on hold and ministries needed to be limited for a time. My primary mission field was my family after all. As God worked in my heart to transform me as a disciple, father and husband, I decided to write about my experience in a book that was released this summer entitled The Expeditionary Man (Zondervan).

Instead of a typical author tour, my family and I believed that a cross-country bicycle trek would be the best way to spread news about the book and to reach out to Christian men and families across the United States. So we decided to partner with my publisher Zondervan and actually do it.

Early on in planning, the five of us came up with a family motto for the tour - ad alta simul - which is Latin for "to the summit together." To that end, my son Jared (15) and I would cycle the full coast-to-coast route. My other two sons, Jordan (17) and Justus (14), would ride part of each day and head up other responsibilities. My wife, Kim, would drive the support vehicle behind us. During evenings, I would speak with men and families in churches across the country about the core messages of the book.

We began the tour just outside San Diego on June 28. The first three days were dominated by temperatures of well over 110 degrees as we traversed the California and Arizona deserts. Next, we spent a week bicycling through the Colorado Rockies, highlighted by an ascent up the highest auto road in North America on Mt. Evans (14,270-feet). After the wind almost blew us across New Mexico and Oklahoma, we continued eastward over the next couple of weeks across the southern states to finish up in Charleston, S.C., on July 25.

The stories of the tour could easily fill a book, and we'll certainly take memories of this once-in-a-lifetime family adventure with us into eternity. The greatest thrill for each of us, however, was having the opportunity to live out ad alta simul as we suffered, conquered and persevered together from coast-to-coast. And no day symbolized that truth more than Day Three.

I considered myself the patriarch of the tour and was its strongman during its first 2.5 days. Yet, as I pedaled up Yarnell Hill on that third day, my pace got slower and slower. With the heat zapping all of my strength, I eventually cracked about two-thirds of the way up the mountain. Maybe it was pride, but I did not want to get off the bike and into the van - even for a mile. But, at that point, I knew that I had no other choice.

That moment would prove to be the low point for me physically for the entire tour. But, even then, God was clearly working through the situation. When the boys realized that I just could not continue on, they told me to rest, that they could take charge for awhile. The three formed a paceline and rode their legs off so we could keep on our tight schedule. After a dozen miles, I got back on the bike, but I was still uncertain how I could possibly make it over the final climb of the day - a twisty, 15-mile mountain pass into the city of Prescott. To help me out, Jared volunteered to set the pace up the mountain for the rest of that day. "To the summit together," he boldly proclaimed.

Instead of looking at the awe-inspiring scenery, I kept my eye squarely fixed on his rear wheel, making sure I kept up with him. But then, as the miles passed one-by-one, something remarkable happened - I began to regain the strength I had totally lost earlier in the day. With five miles left to climb, I had fully recovered and even began to help Jared out by setting the pace at the day's end.

As I look back today on that third day, I sense that God must surely have planned that struggle all along. The day was the perfect symbol of the unity and servant-like attitude that we would need as a family - not only for the rest of the tour, but also our normal lives back at home.

Rich Wagner on his Taylor experience:
"Taylor really gave me a solid foundation in terms of how I applied my faith to everything I did - from career to family to ministry. The friendships I made with my professors and fellow students have proved to be lifelong relationships and I have many warm memories of my time there. Most special was both my time in 2nd West Wenzell and the tight-knit group of political science majors who were in my class."
Editor's note: “Rape” and “prostitution” are not words that you are likely to hear in polite conversation. But for Jodi Jacobsen ’89, the time for polite conversation has come and gone. The following is her firsthand account of ministry to the most downtrodden members of South African society. JRG

For many, the term “prostitute” connotes someone who is dirty and rejected. But that is not how God sees these souls who live in the streets of Cape Town, South Africa. It was God who called me there – to love and work among these women and girls whom Jesus called “the least of these.” In my work with Straatwerk (Street Work) and a campaign called Valuable to Jesus, we are working with South African women and girls to warn against sexual abuse, prostitution and pornography. Even now, children as young as nine-years-old are being “groomed” for prostitution during the World Cup soccer games coming to Cape Town in 2010. We love these women, whose ages range from 13-62, and are working to show them that they are indeed of great value to a God who loves them. ♠
Jodi Jacobsen on her Taylor experience:

"Dr. Faye Chechowich, Dr. Jay Kesler and many other professors and their wives influenced me for life and in various ways as they invited me into their homes for fellowship, caring for their children and times of discipleship. This is always the first thing I think of when I brag about Taylor to others: the professors don't simply put in work time. They invite you into their lives, families and homes, and use every teachable moment to honor Christ and shape the students holistically."

Get involved in the Valuable to Jesus campaign by knitting dolls, praying or through your financial support. For more information, contact Jodi Jacobsen at jodija@gmail.com (please write TAYLOR ALUM in re: line) and/or visit Straatwerk's Web site: www.straatwerk.org.za.
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An article that was published in the Aug. 15, 2008, issue of People magazine contains the following statistics and explains the South African situation well:

• According to an international BBC report, "a female born in South Africa has a greater chance of being raped in her lifetime than learning how to read."
• In South Africa, a child is raped every 24 minutes and a woman every 26 seconds.
• The South African Police Service said that in 2006, there were about 54,000 rapes that are reported – countless others resulted in the victim staying silent.

The task is overwhelming. I am one of only four full-time women on the Valuable to Jesus team. There is an urgent need for people who will love these women (and in some cases, men) for whom Christ died. Straatwerk first reached out to women in prostitution in the 1980’s when we asked the captains of the Taiwanese ships in the harbor for permission to come onboard to speak with the women who were under the deck. Later, the harbor closed and women moved to the street corners of the Main Road in Cape Town. Our strategy has always been relational evangelism, no matter where the women are. More than 30 women have professed faith in Christ through the last 10 years or so.

After many of our “family members” received the gift of salvation, we changed our emphasis to discipleship of these new believers. The Valuable to Jesus campaign came about so our team’s efforts could be poured into reaching many more children.

In the past year, more than 11,500 children have been touched thanks to the Lord’s open door into the public primary schools where we have been able to hold school-wide assemblies. Every child receives a hand-knitted doll gift after assembly to remind them they were knit together in their mother’s womb by the God of the universe (Psalm 139). Straatwerk has already received more than 16,500 dolls! We need many more to reach each vulnerable child.

A discipleship program for new believers coming out of the lifestyle of prostitution hosts up to five women, two days a week for 9-12 months. Various home visits occur each week to children and to women still in the lifestyle, or learning to walk with Jesus as they depart the lifestyle. Our team goes on two outreaches weekly to street corners where, on a typical night, we share the love of Christ with anywhere from four to twenty people.

There is so much need. Two of our new believers experienced the death of their mother, who was only in her 20s, from AIDS just two weeks after she had received Christ in the hospital. We spend much time in hospitals and clinics with the women who often have contracted TB and/or HIV. One of our young believers comes from a family of three generations of women in prostitution – a teenage member of her family was murdered recently. When she was asked what she wanted to be when she grew up, her answer was, “A Christian.” She was eight years old at the time of conversion on that beautiful day when she realized her sinfulness and received the Savior into her life! But her grandmother has admitted that all the men in her family were sexually abusive while all the women in her family were involved in prostitution. Do you think there is hope for this young new believer?

So many of our children have already been traumatized. Either they have lived with mother as she prostituted or they’ve seen their mother deteriorate with AIDS or repeated suicide attempts. Sometimes they themselves have been sexually abused. Many are too young to express what they have seen, so they act it out on other children. How can the Church of Jesus Christ help these hurting children, especially those who have become little brothers and sisters in Christ to us?

I cannot imagine a greater privilege than sharing the love of Christ through evangelism and discipleship with these abused children and women. We want children to avoid being lured into these traps and experience the abundant life in Christ. It is time for the children to experience protection and salvation – gifts of grace God is more than able to give to every one of these endangered precious young lives!

May the Lord of love mobilize His followers to get involved in His eternal purposes so many more high-risk children can be spared from the harm their mothers and grandmothers have experienced from childhood. Who will be available to God to actively initiate efforts that will contribute to breaking the cycle of abuse?

Jodi Jacobsen ’89 is a member of Straatwerk, a ministry to at-risk girls in Cape Town, South Africa.
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Influencing a profession: impacting the world

Lowell Haines '75 still smiles as he remembers the day he told his parents that he was leaving his vice presidential post at Taylor University to enroll in law school. "I remember my mother – a wonderful Methodist missionary who, if I ever knew a saint, she was the saint – saying, 'Oh Lowell, not the law.'"

"Well fortunately, she lived long enough to see the Lord can even use lawyers," he related.

In the years since that day, Haines, along with fellow Taylor alumni Joe Miller '89 and Ted Hollis '93 have seen the evidence of God's leading in their lives – and legal careers – which have converged at Baker & Daniels LLP, one of the nation's oldest and most prestigious law firms, where they serve as partners.

Founded in 1863, Baker & Daniels employs more than 370 lawyers worldwide, serving clients from Fortune 500 companies and regional businesses to non-profit entities, local governments and individuals. The firm has offices throughout Indiana, and in Chicago, Washington, DC, and Beijing, China. Some of the firm's client-counselor relationships are more than 100 years old and men who eventually became U.S. vice presidents, governors and senators served there in years gone by said Haines, who along with Miller works in the firm's Indianapolis, Ind., office with non-profit organizations. Hollis, who also works in the Indianapolis office, is an employment law lawyer.

"I do think Joe, Ted and I have had, in many ways, the privilege of being the Lord's representatives in a very unusual place ... Ted is growing in influence with the Christian Professional Chamber of Commerce and serves a variety of Christian churches and organizations. Joe also has developed a growing practice with churches and other Christian ministries. I work primarily with Christian and secular colleges and universities from across the country. We serve many faith-based organizations of all kinds," said Haines. "Of course, the firm is a business and these organizations are only some of the firm's many clients. But it has allowed us to take a skill that we have, and the vast resources of this firm – which really are considerable – and use them to help Christian organizations advance their purposes; whether it is a Christian college in Florida or a seminary in Kentucky, a church on the north side of Indianapolis or a church denomination that has worldwide missions."

"In terms of why I became a lawyer, generally, I just always had this irritating, aggravating desire to make a big difference in the world," related Miller. "I evaluated all the ways that I could do that if God would give me the opportunities. I thought about government and politics; I spent a little bit of time on Capitol Hill during my time at Taylor. But I really felt like one of the best ways to effect change from a Kingdom standpoint was to be a lawyer."
From left Ted Hollis, Lowell Haines and Joe Miller.
But Hollis, who during his college years thought about going into coaching or attending seminary, said his choice of the legal profession was ultimately not his own. “God steered me in the direction of law school, which is not something I anticipated doing,” he recalled. “In fact, I remember when I was a very young child my parents used to tell me, ‘You’re going to end up as a lawyer because you like to think about things and argue about things and figure out things,’ and I said, ‘No, one thing I’ll never be is a lawyer.’”

For Haines, the law represents a second career. Following graduation from Taylor, he obtained an MA from Ball State University and then worked for ten years in various administrative capacities at Taylor. It was only toward the end of his time at Taylor that he began to consider a legal career.

The television representation of lawyers is often misleading said Haines, who added that a successful practitioner often accomplishes more behind closed doors and in writing than he or she ever does in open court.

Haines noted that lawyers endure an extensive vetting process before landing a job at a firm like Baker & Daniels. Such was the case for Haines, Miller and Hollis.

Hollis stated, “All these qualities that we have been discussing about Baker & Daniels lawyers, the things that we learn during the interview process, and during the summer clerkship process for the folks who are seeking us out and want to work here come down to this: it is usually the folks who made top grades at law school who get the interview,” Hollis said. “That comes from a lot of hard work at law school; but it’s based on skills and learning that you have already obtained. In other words, it doesn’t come about just at the law school stage. You’ve got to have an excellent foundation, and for me, that foundation was laid while I was a history major at Taylor. The skills I acquired through the history department and the professors there served me very, very well.

“I think about the ability to analyze things that I learned from Dr. (Bill) Ringenberg ’61. I think about research skills and writing skills that I developed in classes with Professor (Tom) Jones ’71. I think about the public speaking skills that I developed in working as a teaching assistant for Dr. (Steve) Messer (and) a broad range of experiences I benefited from in working with Dr. (Alan) Winquist, including the opportunity to travel Europe during J-Term in 1992 on a Reformation Heritage tour,” Hollis added. “All of those professors contributed things to me: skills that I took away and knowledge that I acquired from them served me very, very well at IU law school. Without my Taylor experience I wouldn’t be here, I’m quite confident.”

Miller related details of one conversation during his first year of law school with a classmate who had graduated from one of the nation’s most prestigious liberal arts colleges. “I let slip to him that I had been accepted at his alma mater, but had chosen to go to Taylor for undergrad, and he looked at me like I had three heads,” Miller remembered. “He said, ‘Big mistake buddy. Big mistake.’ I remember thinking, ‘How so?’ I felt equally well prepared by Taylor, and I had a life-changing experience along the way.” The friend later came to appreciate Miller’s abilities during shared project work, and the two developed a mutual respect and friendship.

“I think all three of us feel that we went to law school with extremely talented people, very skilled, proven people, and we all did just fine with our Taylor background,” echoed Haines. “Our Taylor background – and I of course graduated years before these guys did – really did prepare us to go and compete with the best.”

Beyond case studies, client meetings and preparation, Haines said a watchful, anticipatory attitude is critical for a lawyer today. He related one instance in which vigilance by lawyers who were alumni of a single sex institution led to establishing that institution’s exemption from state gender equity laws. He said a similar vigilance is a must for those who represent Taylor and other Christian colleges and universities.

“We need to be very vigilant to make sure, when new laws are being considered by Congress or legislatures around the country, that we have people alert and watching to make sure that laws are not passed that, intentionally or unintentionally, create tremendous difficulties for Christians and curtail religious freedoms,” he said. “Fortunately, there are people who are becoming more aware of this concern. Indeed, there are some Christian organizations in Washington, the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCCU) for example, that are realizing that we must become more aware, and more involved and active in making sure that Christian colleges are not inadvertently harmed by legislation. There is always an active group on the other side of each issue of importance to Christian higher education that aggressively is working to impose its beliefs on the Christian college.”

“Decisions are made behind those doors that impact our world in significant, relevant ways,” continued Haines. “If there are not people of faith behind those closed doors, the Christian perspective is never going to be registered; it’s never going to have influence or protect Christians or Christian organizations. Every year we are involved in legislation. Every year we are discussing with clients the things they want to see put into the laws that affect society, and then we work with the government in all kinds of situations to effect those desires. We must have people of faith involved in that.”

“We have an opportunity to influence for the good a sector of professional life in our economy that really has been deservedly chastised in the media and popular culture,” reflected Miller. “Lawyers have an uphill battle to reclaim their reputation as a profession but we’re sort of agents of change, and of the Kingdom, within that group. That’s a pretty humbling opportunity; it provides the opportunity to take a gospel stand in a professional field where sometimes it’s not expected.”

“It’s always good to remember that being here in my practice can’t be about me,” Hollis added. “It’s about serving the needs of our clients. It’s about supporting colleagues. It’s about taking care of my family; and it’s about being where God has chosen to place me.

“We put in a lot of hard work to get here,” Hollis continued. “But we wouldn’t be able to do that without God having opened and closed various doors in each of our lives. We each took different paths to get here, but we ended up exactly where God wanted us to be.”
Homecoming 2008

From upper left: Paul Passiales '09 makes the tackle during the Homecoming game. Airband performances, speakers, a special Class of '58 class gift presentation and music from Homecoming programs in the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium. Alumni and students alike enjoy the Homecoming fun run. The Class of '58 poses near the Memorial Prayer Chapel. Athletic Hall of Fame inductees Tom Spahr '86, Justin Heth '00, Bob Smith and Phyllis Vance '77. Kyle Martin '01 was featured chapel speaker and physics professor Dr. Robert Davis leads worship from the piano.
alumni notes  
keeping connected with friends

1928
Helen (Brown) Hamilton x entered into the Lord's presence in April 2008 having celebrated her 101st birthday the month before. She lived at Westminster Village in Muncie, Ind. Her daughter Phyllis '59 preceded her in death. Taylor graduates surviving include daughter Virginia (Hamilton '57) Tobias and grandchildren Scott Pugsley '82 and Joy (Pugsley '83) Maas.

1940
Doris Noreen (Brown) Blake died on Aug. 5, 2008, in Newton Centre, MASS. She was the first in her family to go to college and paid for her tuition by working as a secretary at Taylor, eventually for Dr. Burt Ayres. She & husband Charles '40 served the Methodist Church and for ten years were missionaries in Angola, Africa. When they eventually returned to the U.S. and the Boston area, Doris engaged in a number of charitable activities including being the assistant director of the Salvation Army Harbor Light Center, teaching English as a second language and running a home for wayward youth. • Omar Buchwalter died in his home on Dec. 9, 2007. He was a former Presbyterian minister who was active in civil rights causes. Though he retired in 1984, Omar served as an interim pastor at a number of community churches in W.Va. and N.Y. Surviving is wife Doris (Brackbill x'42).

1941
Nettie (Lewis) Leach was ushered into her Heavenly home in April 2007. She left a Taylor legacy behind in her sons Charles '66 and Melvin '70, as well as her grandchildren. • Dr. Gerald Foster was a named finalist for the 2008 Jefferson Awards, an initiative of the American Institute for Public Service.

1942
Dr. Merlyn Arthur Grant died Aug. 25, 2008, in Warsaw, Ind. He arrived at Taylor on a student visa from Hong Kong where his parents were missionaries. Arthur was an anesthesiologist for Marion General Hospital (Ind.) for many years. His hobbies included photography, audio equipment/music, computers and flying his private plane. Surviving is wife Ruth (Boller '41).

1953
Max and Dorothy Andrew celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 2, 2008. Seven Taylor alumni attended the event. Pictured are: back row (L-R) David Pelton '54, Bruce Brenneman '61, Jacob Erb '12 (Kay's grandson), Doris (McBride x'58) Knoblock and Martha (Hayden '55) Woodward. Front row (L-R): Brenda Brenneman '69, Kay (Brenneman) Erb and Gail (Brenneman '54) Peoples.

1956
Richard and Kay (Brenneman) Erb celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Aug. 2, 2008. Seven Taylor alumni attended the event. Pictured are: back row (L-R) Nancy (Smith) Reznik, Freda Riddle; (back row L-R) Carolyn (Bennett) Wheeler, Marilyn (Yerks) Harp, Rosalie (Closson) Valutis, Marlene (Wilcox) Roth, Marian (Lehmer) Linhart and Lois (Van Meter) Pettet.

1961
Audrey Berndt died of cancer on Aug. 20, 2008, with her entire family by her side. She began her career as a librarian at Taylor University for six years. She retired in 1997 after 28 years as a librarian at Winona State University. She was an avid reader and enjoyed sewing and cooking. Her lifelong battle with multiple sclerosis resulted in many deep relationships with those around her.

1964
It was a great time of fellowship for "old" college friends who met for dinner in Toledo, Ohio. L-R are Carolyn (Williamson) Burkholder, Mary (Wells) Dennis, Jeanie (Wills) Weeks, Marilyn (Miller) Schneck and Nan (Buecker) Fancher. • After 35 years at Taylor, Walt Campbell has been retired for four years as dean of students. He still meets with Taylor students and cares for elderly people in a local nursing home. He is busy collecting Tonka toys, Louis L'Amour books, building wooden toys for his grandchildren, fly fishing, playing racquetball and taking care of wife Mary (Baker '55) who is in her last year of teaching fifth grade.
David and Marcy (Minks) Mays
dlive in Brownsburg, Ind. For over 20 years David has been a church missions consultant, helping church leaders develop and strengthen their outreach ministries. He has published several missions resources for local church leaders and writes weekly book notes that are distributed free to a subscription list. Marcy is part of the Class of ’64 Legacy Team that is working toward the class 45-year reunion. You can see their ministry at www.davidmays.org. They are the parents of three married children (including four Taylor grads): Trent ’89 and Jennifer (Grenneman ’89) Mays and Mark ’95 and Amy (Booth ’95) Mays and grandparents of seven. • Wil and Gloria (Callaway) Regier reside in Yorba Linda, Calif. Wil is partially retired, still consulting for Boeing and part-time director of church health for the Evangelical Free Church of American West District. Gloria is a hospital volunteer and part of the local church Stephen Ministry team. Son Scott and family live in Los Angeles, and son Jeff is a biology professor at Taylor. They enjoy being grandparents and traveling to see the world.

1965
Dan and Judy (Englund) Kastelein moved to Germany in August to begin work at the Black Forest Academy. BFA is a boarding school primarily for the children of missionaries who are serving in difficult fields around the world. Dan is teaching in the science department and Judy works in the elementary school front office. They are serving with Janz Team Ministries.

1966
Denny Buwald retired April 1, 2008, as the vice president of the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan. He served 44 years in Christian ministry. Some of his other responsibilities

within the United Methodist denomination included pastor, district superintendent and director of new church development. He and wife Carol (Stroup ’67), a retired teacher, live in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. • Bob and Carolyn (Gromer) Losch and Don ’68 and Jean (Gates) Schaffer

served for nearly three weeks at Crossroads International in Hong Kong. At their 40th class reunion in 2006, Bob and Carolyn shared about the ministry of Mission Possible, an organization they founded, which resulted in the Schaffers joining them for this trip. Crossroads is a Hong Kong-based, nonprofit organization serving global need. • Dorothy (Hsu) Seitzinger has written a new book A Praying Grandparent which is available on Amazon.com. Her previous publication is titled Mending. Dorothy lives at 282 Chardonnay Lane, Lewis Center, Ohio 43035.

1967
Russell Potter went to be with

the Lord on Feb. 16, 2008, after a valiant fight with lymphoma. He was employed by Auto-Owners Insurance Company in Lansing, Mich., for 18 years in the actuarial department. Before that he had been a math teacher at Lansing Christian HS. He is survived by wife Connie, two sons, a daughter and five grandchildren. • Barry Wehrle retired from ministry with the United Methodist Church after 40 years of service as of July 1, 2008. Phyllis retired from the Rainbow Nursery School, which she cofounded

Continue the Taylor experience in your community—get involved!

Alumni chapters are being revitalized and will give alumni, parents and friends the opportunity for fellowship, spiritual growth, networking and continued University involvement. To be included in one of these groups please ensure the alumni office has your current e-mail address and contact a chapter leader.

Chicago, Ill., chapter leader - Ryan Linenger ’91
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“Lunch & Learn” - 3rd Wednesday of each month

Parent prayer groups

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Columbus, Ohio, chapter leader - Kelly Neer ’93
kmcrafhly1993@walmart.com

Seattle, Wash, chapter leader - Matt Bryant ’97
mbryan316@suddenlink.com

Coming soon: Washington D.C. and Western Michigan

Taylor University Health Professionals Association (TUHPA)
The purpose of TUHPA is to provide networking and global outreach opportunities to Taylor alumni, TU parents and family, and Taylor pre-medical students in the area of medicine and health. The Taylor University office of alumni and parent relations will help develop and maintain a database of members while providing communication through newsletters and opportunities for interaction in reunions and international involvement.

TUHPA members will consist of any Taylor alumnus and/or any TU family/alumni member including but not limited to: physicians, nurses, dentists, optometrists, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, physical therapists, occupational therapists, podiatrists, paramedics, mental health, and public health workers as well as Taylor pre-medical and allied health students.

Taylor Veterans Group – This group supports Taylor University military veterans and their family members, and baseball their connections with each other and Taylor University.

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The Office of Alumni and Parent Relations.
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Lives remembered

Mark Coy '78

Mark Coy '78 died March 1, 2008, following a brief illness. An Indianapolis-area attorney, Coy was instrumental in bringing a number of Kenyan students and athletes to Taylor, assisting with needed financial support and serving them as a friend and mentor in the 1990s.

“Mark and (his wife) Vicki came to my home village; they got to see a totally different side of my family,” Murage (James) Njoroge '97 reflected. “He insisted on visiting every single family.

He was very committed to our families as well. That was one aspect of Mark Coy that a lot of people at Taylor didn’t realize.”

“(His) impact was in the example he set for us. Sometimes when someone gives you something you don’t realize its value until down the road,” Njoroge added. “He contributed a lot of his time and resources.”

Coy is survived by his wife Vicki, six daughters, and family members who include his brother Chris, the former head coach of Taylor’s track and cross country teams.

Modelle (Holt ’45) Metcalf

Modelle (Holt ’45) Metcalf confided to family members that one of her great regrets was not being able to complete her education at Taylor University. But it was also a source of joy that the campus’ visual arts center was named in her honor.

Metcalf died on Aug. 8, following a brief illness. She was 89.

She enrolled as a student at Taylor in 1941 but later withdrew from school and was married a year later. She was later named an honorary alumna and the Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center, dedicated in 2003, was named in her honor as a result of a $1.5 million gift to the Taylor Tomorrow Capital Campaign by the Metcalf family.

Bishop Ralph Dodge ’31

Bishop Ralph Edward Dodge ’31, the United Methodist Church’s last white bishop in Zimbabwe and an outspoken advocate for justice during that country’s colonial era, died Aug. 8, in Inverness, Fla. He was 101.

Dodge’s 1956 election as a Methodist bishop for central and southern Africa marked the only time that an American Methodist missionary was elected bishop by the denomination in the colonial territories of Angola, Mozambique, Rhodesia (now Zimbabwe) and Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo).

Following his graduation from Taylor, Dodge earned a master of arts degree from Boston University in 1933 and a bachelor of sacred theology degree in 1934. He later earned a doctor of philosophy degree in 1944.

Dodge authored three books and also pastored churches in Mohall, N.D., and East Longmeadow, Mass. He was the first of four generations of his family to attend Taylor University. He was preceded in death by his wife, Eunice (Davis ’31).

Source: United Methodist News Service

Jennie E. (Andrews) Lee

Jennie E. (Andrews) Lee died Aug. 8, at the age of 102. She served as director of teacher education at Taylor from 1951 until her retirement in 1975. During her tenure, the education department moved to a professional semester format.

Prior to her arrival at Taylor, Lee was a teacher and high school principal. She also taught at Kletzing College, University Park, Iowa.

She was born in Manchester, Iowa, the daughter of the late Freman B. and Laura Ellen (Lindsey) Andrews. She married fellow Taylor professor Herbert G. Lee, who preceded her in death on May 9, 1994.

Lee held B.A. and B.S. degrees in education from Marion College (now Indiana Wesleyan University), a masters of arts (University of Iowa), and additional coursework at the Universities of Minnesota and Arizona. She was a member of Pi Lambda Theta and Delta Kappa Gamma professional honor societies.
25 years ago. They now look forward to time with son David ‘93 and daughter Emily and their families. They also plan on volunteering for Habitat for Humanity or a similar organization.

1969
Rick Poland, a professor and director of the pre-law program at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Fla., was selected by the student body as Professor of the Year for 2007-08.

1971
Merrill and Barbara (Peterson) Skinner reside at 25014 729th Ave., Dassel, MN. 55325. Merrill is retired from secondary teaching and coaching of basketball after 32 years as head coach at Howard Lake-Waverly-Winston HS located in Howard Lake, Minn. During his final year of coaching, Merrill was inducted into the Minnesota HS Basketball Hall of Fame. His teams have compiled an overall record of 526 wins and 363 losses under his direction. Two of his teams competed at state basketball championships.

1973
Both Arthur and Pamela (Brown) Keister died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on Aug. 20, 2008. Arthur retired from BAE Systems in Fort Wayne, Ind., after 38 years of employment. Both of them were AWANA leaders and active in their church. They are survived by a daughter and son, as well as their parents.

1974
Jeanine (King) Childs received her Ph.D. in psychology in June 2008 from the Institute for Transpersonal Psychology in Palo Alto, Calif. She is a licensed mental health counselor and teaches at Ivy Tech Community College in Fort Wayne, Ind. She and husband C. Gregory Childs ’74 own Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, Ind. Jeanine may be reached at wcchild175@aol.com. • David Young received the D.Min. degree from Trinity International University in May 2008. He has been the lead pastor of the Westfield Evangelical Free Church in Westfield, Mass., since 1981.

1976
Rev. Karen Blomberg, an associate pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Alexandria, Va., who also was a teacher, writer and counselor, died July 21, 2008, of a pulmonary embolism while on a spiritual retreat near the Sierra Nevada Mountains in Calif. In addition to her role as pastor, she was a private-practice pastoral counselor in the Washington, D.C. area for 15 years. Karen co-developed and taught 11 courses called the Authenticity Series to help give people new insights into themselves. She was completing a book on the subject. • John and Wanda (Smith) Kawadza established the Kuumba Foundation Trust in 2006, a non-profit Christian organization to enable youth, adults and families to respond effectively to life challenges (economic, HIV/AIDS and psychosocial). It accomplishes its work through training activities and intends to set up a youth camp, conference center and family retreat on a 500-acre scenic and contemplative site outside of Harare. Kuumba works with and through churches. Pictured from front row L-R are: daughter Danai (25), Wanda, adopted daughter Charlotte Nheta (TU freshman), Shingi Nheta (Charlotte’s brother); back row L-R John, son Tendai (23) and son Munyaradzi (27). • Keith Thompson is regional vice president of American First Insurance – Liberty Mutual. He earned an M.S. in insurance management from Boston University in Jan. 2008. E-mail is keithompson@aol.com.

1977
May (Hays) Patalano went home to be with her Lord on March 6, 2008, following a short and courageous battle with cancer. May served as the secretary for the district executive of the Northern Ohio District Church of the Brethren since 1995. Prior to that she was a teacher and served with her husband as volunteer church and community workers. May is survived by husband Robert and five siblings including Kathy (Hays ’74) Hess.

1978
Randy Crist has been named cross-country coach at Asbury College. He is a Hall of Fame member of the Kentucky Track and Cross Country Coaches Association and has 22 years of coaching experience. He and wife Sarahlynn (Crouse) live in Wilmore, Ky. • M. Frances Ringenberg graduated May 24, 2008, with an M.Div. from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Ind. She is pursuing pastoral ministry. Frances is married to Ron ’77 and they have two sons Joe ’06 and Ross ’05.

1979
Mark and Paula (Frank) Davis joyfully announce the adoption of Reagan and Riley (both 17 months-old) from Hanoi, Vietnam, in April 2008. They also have three other children: Drew, Lindsay ’04 and Brittany ’07. Paula, previously a teacher, greatly enjoys being a stay-at-home mom again. She would love to hear from Tus friends at pldavis@hotmail.com. • On July 26, 2007, Terri Everett celebrated 26 years serving adolescents and their families in crisis through the Stopover program. Terri lives in an historic neighborhood at 560 Middle Drive, Woodruff Place, Indianapolis, IN. 46201. • B.J. Freese x, his wife Elayna, and their three daughters have opened Oven Stone Pizzeria in Columbus, Ohio, a family-run, family restaurant.

1980
Lori (Barnes) Fox became a National Board Certified Teacher, awarded in November 2007. She represented the state of Arizona at the 2008 National Education Association Convention in July. She and husband Stanley currently have three children in college.

1981
Steve Burton died of liver cancer on Aug. 24, 2008. He was a teacher for 22 years at Monroe Central HS in Parker City, Ind. • Sandy (Jett) Chipka recently became a published illustrator of a children’s book. OK, said Carrie Katherine has been published by PublishAmerica and can be found on the publishamerica.com website. She is working on another book to be out by spring. • Dwight Jacobsen has been named executive vice president and head of intermediary sales for The Dreyfus Corporation. A senior executive with more than 25 years of experience in financial services industry, Jacobsen joins Dreyfus...
from Pioneer Investments where he headed relationship management and strategic alliances.

1982
Janet (Klann) Kraft moved near Ft. Hood, Texas, to be a guardian for one of her best friend’s children who are two and nine years of age. Her friend was deployed in July 2008. Janet’s oldest son Brendan just returned from serving as a preventative disease specialist in Afghanistan and is now a junior at the University of N. C., Charlotte. Janet married Greg Pesicka in May 2005.

1983
Dave Moe x and his son T.J. share Friday nights together as Dave coaches defensive backs while T.J. plays quarterback at Fort Zumwalt West HS. The Moe family, including wife Becky (Black ’86) and daughters Chelsea and Lexie, lives in St. Peters, Mo. • Harvey Warwick lives in Palm Harbor, Fla.

Harvey Warwick
E-mail is hhwarwick3@yahoo.com.

1985
Dan and Annette (Shipley ’86) Bragg are praising the Lord that they would love to have contact from Taylor friends at dbragg@cincinnatichristian.org.

1988
Angie (Smith) Bergeson has worked passionately to found and head The IDEA School of Manhattan. More details about this school are available at www.theideaschool.org. Their unique philosophy of inclusion instills students with respect for differences and develops empathy, social responsibility and world stewardship. In addition to starting this school, Angie now has four children ranging in age from 16 to 2 and is happily married to Soren Bergeson. They continue to live in Manhattan.

1989
Jodi Jacobsen continues to work at Street Work Ministry in Cape Town, South Africa. This team does evangelism with women trapped in prostitution. They work with their families as well, mainly targeting their children. They are facilitating a campaign called “Valuable to Jesus”, which goes into primary schools and shares the message of Christ’s love. Please pray for Jodi’s ministry. She can be contacted at jodija@gmail.com.

1990
John and Lori Bollow welcomed Samuel Robert born Jan. 25, 2008. E-mail is contact@johnbollow.com • Toby Shope is care pastor at Flatirons Community Church in Lafayette, Colo. He works with people wrestling with various issues of brokenness such as addictions, divorce and anger. E-mail is tobyshope@gmail.com. • Jenna (Clark) Rupp is membership services coordinator for the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum in Mich.

1991
Dan Embree is a 10-year veteran of Choices, Inc. in Indianapolis, Ind. He is the director of the Dawn Project, one of the country’s most noted systems of care programs. Dan is also a consultant for many organizations and governmental agencies serving youth and families throughout the U.S. He provides leadership and training in innovative practices related to systems of care, wraparound, child welfare, education, juvenile justice and mental health.
1992
Dr. Eric Jenkinson has been named to the board of trustees of Indiana Tech. Eric is a non-operative musculoskeletal physician with Orthopedics Northeast specializing in sports medicine. He is the head team physician for Indiana Tech as well as Taylor University, Indiana-Purdue University Fort Wayne and Elmhurst HS. • Dr. Kenyon Knapp, a professor at Troy University and Pathways Professional Counselor, began providing family and individual counseling on Aug. 4, 2008, at the Autauga Baptist Association office (Ala). • Nathan and Beverly Koch announce the birth of son Jasper G. on June 15, 2007. They live in Findlay, Ohio. • Tim & Lynn (Warden) Nygaard are the proud parents of David Timothy born in May 2007. Big brother John is excited too! Lynn works part-time as a worship arts designer for her church. John continues his work as a control systems engineer. They live in Minnesota. • Brad and Jennifer Koch

(Howell '97) Smith are delighted to announce the birth of twins Linnea Ann and Eleanor Faye on Jan. 16, 2008. Brother Isaac is 3. Grandparents are Jim '64 and Faye (Wolf) x '65 Howell. Brad continues his role as team leader at Eli Lilly in Indianapolis. Jennifer resigned her job as communications director at Faith Missionary Church to stay home with the children.

1993
Both Jason and Kari (Jordan '95) Diller earned Ph.Ds in linguistics from Arizona State University in May 2008. Kari's research was supported by a Fulbright fellowship. They are thankful to be finished! They look forward to returning to work with Wycliffe Bible Translators in Southeast Asia and continue to work with The Linmer Society, a non-profit artist organization. E-mail is Jason-kari_diller@sil.org. • Michael Gundy married Ruth Seydell on April 28, 2007. Taylor participants were Michael Moore and Stephen Gundy '94. In addition to working as a custodian at Spring Arbor University, Mike is an income tax preparer. • Stacie Shopp works for International Teams and is serving in Athens, Greece. She would appreciate prayers for her ministry there.

1994
Brian and Christi (Deetjen) Berrier

Tips for juggling a chainsaw

For 15 years, Jesse Joyner '92 had juggled everything from tennis balls and clubs to flaming torches and a bowling ball. But he had never juggled a chainsaw—until now.

Joyner, who lives in Richmond, Va., with his wife Sarah (Borgwardt '92), routinely performs for churches, youth groups and other assemblies, weaving a Christian message with his visually stimulating juggling feats. "I guess I was tired of having people ask me, 'Can you juggle a chainsaw?' I would always have to say, 'No, but I'd like to try someday,'" he related. "Now I can say, 'Yeah, and then casually move on to some other subject.'"

Deciding to attempt the feat was one thing. Going to the hardware store in search of a chainsaw suited to that use was another. "I don't go shopping for chainsaws to juggle while wearing sandals," he advised. "It makes your feet feel very nice, and vulnerable!"

Joyner settled on a lightweight, battery-powered Black & Decker with an "S" handle, then tried some cautious, practice flips before his performance before a live audience.

"Maybe the chainsaw and I have a love-hate relationship. It's the audience that loves the chainsaw—not the juggler," Joyner quipped. "After a few attempts at chainsaw jokes, I went ahead and did the real thing—juggling a live, running, sharp chainsaw. I did my nine catches and stopped. Everybody cheered. I became a chainsaw juggler—What a life!"

To learn more, visit www.jessie,lhejuggler.com.
New 2009 Alumni Directories

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You may also submit information to Marty Songer at (800) 942-3156, ext. 5212. Thanks for keeping in touch with your alma mater!

and children Caleb (7), Ethan (5) and Elisabeth (3) have accepted a position as houseparents to ten teenage boys and girls at Christian Children’s Home of Ohio. This position allows them to pursue their passion of ministering to broken, abused and neglected children. Their new address is 2685 Armstrong Road, Wooster, OH 44691. Jeff and Heather (Swinburne) Hall welcomed Natalie Rose into their family on Jan. 17, 2008. Brothers are Johnathan (6) and Michael (3). Heather teaches psychology at Mona Shores HS in Muskegon, Mich. E-mail is hallmummy2@aol.com • Brent and Shannon Holbert are the proud parents of Ann Stewart Adams born June 17, 2008. Sister Molly is 3. E-mail is brent.holbert@fahlgren.com. • Tim and Melodie (Ringenberg ’96) Smith relocated to Mount Pleasant, S.C. Tim has taken a new job as a special agent with the government. Their address is 1924 Hall Point Road, Mount Pleasant, SC 29466. Tim can be reached at xcorpstim@yahoo.com. • Travis Vanest is a teacher at Quality School International in Tirana, Albania. He can be contacted at travisvanest@
Legacy64 is a project initiated by members of the Class of 1964 whose mission is "To present a God-honoring, 50-year legacy gift to Taylor University, which demonstrates support of Taylor’s commitment to instill wisdom and to build Christ-like character in students, reflecting "His immeasurable power at work within us" (Ephesians 3:20-21)."

Help Us RECOGNIZE Noteworthy ALUMNI

Annually, the Alumni Office seeks to identify noteworthy alumni who have achieved significant personal and/or professional accomplishments who have brought recognition to Taylor University; but, more importantly, have brought glory to God through their lives. Please help us in this process by submitting your nominations for 2009 Alumni Awards online at www.taylor.edu/alumni/awards.shtml.

1995

Holly Hilger and Adam Loos

were married at the Indiana State House on March 8, 2008. They live in Greenwood, Ind. • Todd and Amy (Smith) Miller are pleased to announce the adoption of son Josiah who was born on June 24, 2007, in

Joseph (7), Jonathan (4) and Thomas (4 months), are moving to remote northeastern Cambodia to begin work with people who speak a minority language, assisting them in creating an alphabet and printed educational and religious materials. • Joel Weir x was ordained to the Holy Diaconate of the Orthodox Church in America on June 1, 2008, and is now continuing his M.Div. program at St. Tikhon’s Seminary. Joel, wife Maria Reynolds (TUFW x), and children Ophelia (12) and Liam (7) live in Simpson, Pa.

1996

Kevin and Kristin (Lee) Book are

welcome Jonathan Mark born July 13, 2008. Brother Jayden is 2. • Jesse and Danielle (Jarrett) Holt are the proud parents of Micah Jesse born June 26, 2008. Brothers are Elijah (6) and Ezra (3). Jesse is a systems control engineer for First Light Power Resources, a hydro and coal power generation company. Danielle stays home with the boys. They live in Granby, Conn.

• Beth Ockers married Warren
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Esdale on April 19, 2008, in Columbia S.C. The couple lives in Chatswood, a suburb of Sydney, in New South Wales, Australia. Warren is the associate minister at a multi-ethnic Presbyterian church. They would love to hear from any Taylor alumni in the area! E-mail is bethesdale@yahoo.com.

1997

Robert and April (Prast) Brown joyfully announce the birth of Kathryn Joy on July 8, 2008. Brothers are Robert (8) and Daniel (6). The family lives in Oswego, Ill.

1998

Clinton and Jacklin (Beard) Green are pleased to welcome son Brody born Dec. 3, 2007, who joins Malik (8) and Duncan (4). Their address is 1320 East Beardsley Ave, Elkhart, IN 46514. • Kelly (Kerans) Lyndgaard has been program manager for IBM’s Blue Gene/P supercomputer. This is currently the world’s fastest supercomputing technology and is ranked #2 of the Top500.org official list of most powerful supercomputers. Kelly resides in Rochester, Minn. • Lindsay Naramore has accepted a one-year position as instructor of Spanish at John Brown University in Siloam Springs, Ark.

1999

Wayne and Jennifer (Andrews) Chen welcomed Kai Nathan to their family on Oct. 21, 2007. They reside in Derwood, Md. • In July 2008, Third Center English held a mini-reunion, along with their spouses and children, in Indiana. Pictured are (back row L-R) Orlando and Kelly (O’Connell) Alvarez Hernandez, Doug and Lori (Nye ’90) Cramer, Paul and Leslie (Clarke) Royer, (front row L-R) Steve ’90 and Sara (Henley) Baarendse, and Darrell and Christie (Almond) Negley. • Tom TUFW ’01 & Michelle (Long) Hephner welcomed Mason Roscoe into the world on May 27, 2008. Tom is the youth pastor at Lombard Gospel Chapel and Michelle is a family physician at Glenbard Family Medicine. E-mail is m.hephner@yahoo.com.

2000

Travis and Jessica (Miner) Carpenter, along with son Austin James (almost 2), live in Charleston, S.C. E-mail is jess.mariecarpenter@gmail.com. • Jerod and Elizabeth (Hamilton) Dejong have moved to Knoxville, Tennessee. Elizabeth runs her own business and takes care of Jonathan (2). • Jared and Lana (Habegger) Hart rejoice in the birth of Morgan Joy on July 24, 2008. Jared is dean of students at Metamora Township HS and Lana is at home after eight years of teaching first grade. • Jaci Miller joined ARS Advertising in July 2008. ARS is an award-winning firm in St. Joseph, Mich. She is also successfully pursuing a freelance writing career. E-mail is jacį_sue22@yahoo.com. • Matt and Susan (Vandersluis x) Nelson have been blessed with the birth of Whitney Anna on Jan. 7, 2008. Sister Fiona is 2. Before Whitney was born, she was diagnosed with spina bifida. As a result, Whitney has limited use of her legs, but more than makes up for it with a winning smile. For those who are interested in more about their story, visit their blog at www.whitneynelson.blogspot.com. • Joel Hephner and Karen Top are the proud parents of Connor Willem born Jan. 30, 2008. Joel is a financial advisor with Edward Jones and Karen is now at home full time.

2001

Ed Czyzewski had a book published in September 2007 titled Coffeehouse Theology: Reflecting on God in Everyday Life. It is an introduction to the basics of forming theology in context, rooting our reflections on God in the guidance of the Spirit while taking careful account of culture, Christian traditions and global christian voices. • David and Susanna Martinez live in Madrid, Spain, where David is employed by FIBA (the Federation of International Basketball) as a contractor sports writer. He travels quite a bit but Susanna works for Lufthansa Airlines; they hope to meet often during their respective travels! E-mail is dsmartz1212@gmail.com. • Kenny and Carla Overton joyfully welcome Lydia Hu were married on Aug. 4, 2007 in Upland, Ind. They are currently studying language at IU in Bloomington. Taylor participants
Walt Campbell stands in front of the apartment complex that will be named in his honor during Heritage Weekend.

2009 Heritage Weekend features Campbell Hall dedication

A Heritage of Intentional Community is the theme of Taylor University’s 2009 Heritage Weekend, scheduled for May 1 and 2. Highlighting the second annual event will be the dedication of Campbell Hall, a new apartment complex on Reade Avenue.

The complex was so named in honor of Walt and Mary (Baker ’65) Campbell ’64 during Taylor’s Board of Trustees fall 2008 meeting. Unassuming, loving, and a tough disciplinarian when he had to be, Campbell served Taylor for 32 years, the last 17 as dean of students. He retired in 2004.

Official naming ceremonies will take place Saturday, May 2.

“It’s pretty scary to have a building named after me. It’s very humbling,” Campbell said. “Of all the people around the world who should, or deserve, to have a building named after them, it doesn’t seem appropriate for me.”

“I knew Walt before I came to Taylor through professional circles,” reflected Campbell’s successor, Dr. Skip Trudeau. “I just loved this guy. I only got to work with Walt for five years — but during that time, he was a great friend and a good mentor. He integrated his faith into everything he did.”

Along with the Campbell Hall dedication, organizers say interest group reunions will be held at all seven Taylor residence halls. Organizers say former hall directors have been invited and there will be cookouts on the halls’ respective lawns.

“I think Taylor’s emphasis on community makes it unique,” stated Campbell. “I have visited almost every Christian college in the U.S. and Canada. Taylor is definitely unique.”

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were Derek Hoffmann ‘98, Jon ‘01 and Sandy (Hubley ‘00) Duncan, Adam Bennett ‘01, Sarah Newsom, Ed Cyzewski ‘01, Robert Cosgrove ‘01, Vinnie Manganello ‘01 and Dr. Tom Jones ‘71. • This summer ten women from the class of 2002 who lived together on Third Gerig (plus one from English Hall they grafted in) gathered in Evans, Colo., for their sixth annual reunion weekend. The women came from five states, plus China and Zambia, to be together again. They had a wonderful time of sharing their hearts, praying for one another and having fun! Participants were (front row) Lynn Kenny, Janelle (Gomes) Bierdeman; (second row) Cheryl-Lynn (Cardinal) Lerew, Rebekah Doerksen, Michelle Session; (third row) Lisa Andreasen, Lori (Jackson) O’Rourke, Allison Pizzi; and (back row) Suzanne Johnson, Becca (Speicher) McBride. • Rob and Ashley (Armbruster) Livingston

Third Gerig Reunion

2003
Matt and Heidi (Lesner) Thomason announce the birth of Aubrey Ashley born July 13, 2008. • Jenna (Kellser) Wheeler earned her M.D. degree from Wright State University in May 2008. She and husband Joe ‘02 have moved to Macedonia, Ohio. Joe works for National City as a branch manager in Akron and Jenna is a pediatric resident physician for Rainbow Babies & Children’s Hospital in Cleveland.

2005
Michael Cox ‘05 is pursuing a two-year European Master in Business management program between EM Lyon, Lyon, France; LMU, Munich, Germany; and Aston University, Birmingham, England. E-mail is michaelscox@gmail.com.

2006
Nate and Abby (Seward ‘05) Clark are the proud parents of Isabelle Deborah born Oct. 14, 2007. They work with a high school youth group at their church. Nate continues to work on the networking team at Tyndale House Publishers. • Kirby Hall recently left her environmental consulting position and has accepted a Woodrow Wilson Indiana Teaching Fellowship, a new program to recruit talented college graduates and midcareer professionals to teaching in science, technology, engineering and math. • Bethany Howard and Neil Pattison announced wedding plans. • Seth Pietrini & Becca Miller were married June 7, 2008, in Minn. They reside in Palatine, Ill. • Matt and Cassie Wiseman were united in marriage on Aug. 14, 2008. Matt is taking classes at Anderson University for his teacher’s license, and Cassie teaches health and physical education at Hamilton Southeastern HS. They live in Lapel, Ind.

2007
Rachael Cusack married Joe Ringenberg ‘06 on June 14, 2008.

2008
Daniel Carty married Elsbeth Hott on May 25, 2008. They live in Canton, Mich. E-mail is dcarty@gmail.com. • Michael Goodrich is now a sales engineer for Sweetwater, the fourth-largest music instrument and pro audio retailer in the world. • Katie Markham married Konstantin Yeliseyevich on July 18, 2008. The couple lives in Arvada, Colo.

The Livingston Family

joyfully welcome Robert Jack born March 15, 2008. The family lives in Wheaton, Ill. • Jason Minich recently opened Seattle Sutton’s Healthy Eating, a food service business offering fresh, healthy meals at a specific calorie level for a week at a time. This operates inside Catalyst Fitness, also owned by Minich.

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A building of God's design

During the 14 years Marylou and I served the American Bible Society, we grew accustomed to the hustle of traffic, the press of humanity and the majesty of New York City's skyscrapers. Always fascinating to me was the construction process of those great buildings. At first, you could see only a protective barrier. But soon, steel beams began to rise above that fence. Finally, the tower would climb skyward until it had taken its place on the city skyline.

I am reminded of those rising buildings as I reflect on the things God has been doing in our midst in the three years since Marylou and I joined you here at Taylor. When we arrived, we did so with a great sense of anticipation as we began to unpack some of the dreams and visions we believed God had given us for this sacred place. Since then, all of us have dreamed, prayed, trusted, wept and grown together. And today, in the same way that we first noticed the steel of those towering buildings starting to rise above the construction fences, we are beginning to see the fruit of the work that God is doing.

God has been at work at Taylor University in three distinct areas: the structure of the University, the physical plant of the University, and the financial resources of the University.

The structure of Taylor has changed to prepare for growth we have begun to experience. Behind the scenes, we have been rebuilding admissions, financial aid, intercollegiate athletics and academic support.

The University now operates within a three-school structure: the School of Liberal Arts, the School of Natural and Applied Sciences, and the School of Graduate and Professional Studies. It marks a return to our historic roots that gives each school its own dean and ability to hire faculty, develop cutting edge curricula, and move synchronistically with their various disciplines and external opportunities.

The recognition of our academic program continues to grow. In addition to the number one rankings by U.S. News and World Report for the past two years, four of the best professional accolades this University has ever received have come in the last year in the form of AQIP (part of our ongoing institutional quality improvement and Higher Learning Commission/North Central Association accreditation), and ABET (engineering), NCATE (teacher education) and NASM (music) accreditations.

In terms of capital improvements, three of our most beloved historic structures - Ayres, Wangatz and Olson Halls - have undergone renovations totaling $12 million and our new Memorial Prayer Chapel has emerged as the centerpiece for our campus. It has attracted many visitors with no previous association with Taylor, and yet their lives were impacted by the story it represents.

God's hand has been especially evident in the area of finances. It is with a profound sense of gratitude to God - and to you, our collaborators - that I can report that over the past three fiscal years, our total assets have risen by 60%, and we have booked $50.174 million in total gifts!

My friends, this is an unprecedented development. While the news media abounds with fears of a financial crisis, God has begun to do an amazing work in our midst that transcends human effort and imagination.

For the past three years, we have been prayerfully working to lay the foundation for an effort that will honor our Lord and grow even more the amazing legacy of the great things He has done at Taylor University. It is a joy for all of us to be about the work to which our Father has called us.

As exciting as it was to see the steel towers rising from beyond the barriers, it is even more so to see this work that our Lord is doing here at Taylor University. We ask that you join us as together we watch the Lord build this house.

Dr. Eugene P. Halecker '58 serves as president of Taylor University.
Leon Adkison, PhD  
World-Class Professor of Systems  
Professor Emeritus (34 years of service)  
Taylor University

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