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When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

**Acts 4:13**

Now Stephen, a man full of God’s grace and power, did great wonders and miraculous signs among the people.

**Acts 6:8**

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

**Isaiah 43:19**

“When it is a question of God’s almighty Spirit, never say, ‘I can’t.’”

**Oswald Chambers**

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Innovation as worship

So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Genesis 1:27 NIV

During my days as a photographer, one of my greatest challenges was trying to capture on film precisely what my eye had seen. Consider our Rice Bell Tower and its twin spires of Faith and Learning. At night, it beams two shafts of light skyward to a point where they nearly intersect.

But trying to photograph that scene always resulted in frustration. Varying shades and intensities of light from its base to the top of the beams are impossible to capture in a single shot. If you expose for one part of the tower or its light, you lose the rest.

Ultimately, it was a mismatch. Nearly 130 million rods and cones inside each of my eyes transmit data at the speed of light through a maze of nerves to my brain where the data is assembled and interpreted. My old 35 mm camera had only about 3,000 working parts.

We are reflections of our Heavenly Father; the Master Innovator. And one way He has called us to worship Him is through the innovative process.

This issue of Taylor celebrates but a few stories of that kind of innovation. Members of the Taylor community ministered to Haitian earthquake survivors in innovative ways. Innovation is at the center of the job descriptions of four alumni who work for Chick-fil-A. And an alumna innovatively uses the medium of film to awaken the world to the plight of child soldiers in Africa.

In each instance, the innovation was preceded by a joyful reliance on God’s wisdom and power: We hope your imagination might be stirred as you read their stories. And may each of us rely upon God who can do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us.

James R. Garringer
Editor
Science complex name to honor the Eulers
Fundraising effort enters final phase

When it is finished, Taylor University’s new science complex will honor longtime Taylor friends and Upland residents, the late Greg and Mary Fran Euler.

The Taylor University Board of Trustees approved the naming during their February meeting.

Dr. Ben R. Sells, vice president for university advancement at Taylor, said fundraising efforts for the facility, which will house science, technology, engineering and health, has entered the final phase. "As of March 1, we have identified $31 million of the $36.8 million needed to break ground," he said. "We are focused on securing the remaining gifts and five-year pledges with hope of beginning construction this summer."

Among the building’s most distinctive and innovative features is a five-story heliostat designed by Taylor students and faculty members. At its peak, a 12-foot, 250-pound mirror quality reflector will track the sun’s motion and spread natural lighting throughout the central core of the building.

“This is our highest priority. Our fervent desire is to complete the fundraising effort and break ground so this vital project will be underway later this year,” said Sells, who added after the building is completed Taylor officials anticipate a 100-200 student rise in enrollment over the next four years.

“This complex, focused on discovery and innovation, will elevate Taylor’s premier science program that is comprised of distinctive students and dedicated faculty. It also advances Taylor’s mission by graduating globally-engaged men and women for kingdom service,” he added.

The facility will be built on the north side of the current Nussbaum Science Center, which will retain the Nussbaum name. Once groundbreaking occurs, construction is expected to take 22 months.

To learn more or support the project, contact Dr. Ben R. Sells at ben.sells@taylor.edu.
Overseas study numbers surge

University officials say growing overseas study opportunities, and heightened student and faculty interest are all factors in record numbers of students studying in overseas locations.

A record 282 Taylor students spent the month of January serving and studying in overseas locations, nearly doubling the previous high of 155 in 2009.

Taylor students study in nearly 25 countries that include the Czech Republic, Ecuador, Ireland, Israel, the Philippines and Turkey. Taylor’s overseas program has received national rankings in the Institute of International Education (IIE) report, Open Doors, which is published annually with funding from the U.S. Department of State’s Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs.

And the findings of surveys conducted by Taylor’s social science research training program indicate heightened interest in spiritual issues, better classroom performance and an increased appreciation of different cultures.

Dr. Stephen J. Snyder, research training program director, said Taylor’s seven core values — Liberal Arts Grounded, Christ-Centered, Biblically Anchored, Whole-Person Focused, Servant-Leadership Motivated, Vocationally Equipped and World Engaging — are enhanced by overseas cross-cultural experiences. Snyder specifically pointed to Lighthouse, which has a semester-long orientation program prior to the January trips, and then follows up with debriefing afterward.

“This experience is meeting educational goals and Taylor’s core values,” he said. “To me, that is really significant. We think of it as an add-on. What we are finding is that it is essential for helping accomplish these goals.”

“I thought it would be really hard for me to leave all that I loved at Taylor and go somewhere completely different, but I was able to see aspects of God that were easier for Him to show me when I was out of my comfort zone,” said Jenny Stringer ’11, a biology major from Wilmette, Ill., who spent the 2009 spring semester at Taylor’s centre in Cuenca, Ecuador.

“I grew close to my group and had great new friends by the time I got back to Taylor. It motivated me in my work because I was able to see so much of what I was passionate about in my potential profession while in Ecuador. I am even more grateful for the global mind that Taylor supports in its students.”

Abby Diehl ’11, a social work major from Peoria, Ariz., spent the 2009 spring semester in Lithuania.

“Honestly, it was hard coming back to Taylor from being abroad at first and it was hard leaving the people I became close to,” she said. “But now I can look back and appreciate it and how it has changed me and even made me more aware of the beauty of Taylor ... and looking at it from that perspective was eye opening, stretching and beautiful.”
Dr. Chin Chang speaks his native Korean language to his children at home, Spanish to his Taylor students and English to his faculty colleagues. But it is his connections with a large Korean church and passion for his homeland that have led to his appointment as managing director of Taylor’s Institute for English Language Studies.

Eleven students from Chang’s South Korean homeland made the trek to Taylor University this year to participate in an English as a second language (ESL) program administered by the institute. It is one of several initiatives that have been developed between Taylor and institutions in South Korea.

For the third straight summer, the Yum Kwang Presbyterian Church in Seoul will host Taylor students for teaching English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) classes. And new agreements with Handong Global University (Pohang) and Hallym University (Chuncheon) will lead to even more Taylor student and faculty trips to the Asian continent.

“East Asia is a really important place politically and economically at this time,” said Chang, who will continue to teach Spanish at Taylor. “I would like to contribute what I can with my background and knowledge.”

Dean of Enrollment Management Steve Mortland ’85 said the ESL program takes six to 18 months to complete depending on a student’s competency level. He hopes to have 30 Korean exchange students on campus next fall.

“I don’t think I’ve ever been so excited,” Mortland said. “We’ve never done this before, but we’re starting with a sense that 66 percent of the students enrolled in the program will eventually enroll in Taylor full-time. These are great kids and a great representation of their culture, country and the evangelical world.”

Dr. Chris Bennett, Taylor’s dean of international programs, said the influx of Korean students on the Taylor campus is beneficial in every way. “We’ve been very impressed with these students. They are high performers and add diversity to our campus,” he said. “It’s not just education. It is a real engagement.”

“(Taylor) students are so kind and honest,” said Eun Ae Cho, Korean senior majoring in education and Korean language. She said the Taylor community enfolded her following the death of a friend. “If I had a problem, they were willing to help me. I felt the love of God from them.”
Second careers
Program trains professionals for transition to teaching

An innovative program that trains professionals for a new career in teaching now offers its curriculum online.

Taylor’s Transition to Teaching (TTT) program trains people with college degrees to teach in elementary or secondary settings. Applicants must have a bachelor’s degree (for the secondary program the degree must be in the area a person wants to teach) from an accredited college and a GPA of 3.0 or above.

Dr. Carl Siler, director of teacher education and designer of Taylor’s TTT program, said Indiana law requires education programs to have transition to teaching programs. Sixty-five graduates of Taylor’s program have received their teaching licenses since 2002.

“The program is designed to help those people move into the teaching profession in a quality way,” Siler said. “There is a lot of substance to the classes that we teach.”

Dr. Jeff Groeling, dean of online learning, has been instrumental in computer logistics and transitioning classes to the completely online environment. TTT’s online program began in September, 2009.

“There's been lots of training, one-on-one work, helping find online instructional materials to help supplement the classroom,” said Groeling.

Brooke West of Newburgh, Ind., focused on starting a family after getting her civil engineering degree from Purdue University. She is currently earning her teaching certificate, which will license her to teach sixth through twelfth grade math. “As a mother of three, I knew whatever program I chose needed to be flexible enough that I wouldn’t be ignoring my most important job – being a mom.”

Although the online courses offer flexibility, participants are required to observe local classrooms and work with current teachers for assignments, in addition to 10 weeks of student teaching, which West believes is beneficial. “It is obvious the program is set up to provide me with the invaluable time with teachers that I would otherwise be missing out on by doing everything online,” she said.

“To complete assignments for many of my classes, I needed to be interacting with the local schools. Because of that, I have great new relationships with local principals, and I was able to have real conversations about topics I was learning in class,” said West. “This will no doubt help me when I am interviewing for positions this spring.”

“Teaching is relational,” added Siler, who spent 27 years teaching in a high school classroom before coming to Taylor. “The programs that I helped design will put effective candidates in the classroom to help kids learn ... The bottom line is helping kids learn.”

For more information, contact Carl Siler at crsiler@taylor.edu, or visit www.taylor.edu/online.
Faculty accolades

Chris Bennett, dean of international programs, Jeff Miller '01, assistant director of off-campus programs, Mark Biermann, dean of natural and applied sciences, and Ken Kiers, professor of physics, traveled to Korea Nov. 2-8, 2009 to visit the Yum Kwang Presbyterian Church in Seoul and Handong Global University (HGU) in Pohang. Taylor is setting up a collaborative program with HGU. (See story on page 7.)

Jeremy Case '87, professor of mathematics, Faye Chechowich '74, dean of faculty development and professor of Christian education, Mark Colgan, professor of mathematics, Phil Collins '82, professor of Christian education, Matt DeLong, professor of mathematics, Carol Sisson '88, assistant professor of psychology, and Patricia Stan, assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, were presenters at the International Lilly Conference on College Teaching at Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, November, 2009.


Randy Gruendyke, campus pastor, contributed to an article called Sharing the Christmas Message in December, 2009, on www.everydaychristian.com. He also taught expository Bible teaching at the Delhi Bible Institute in New Delhi, India, Jan. 12-20, 2010.

Kathy Herrmann '76 and senior art education majors Beka Scheuerman '10, Hannah Small '10, Andrea Elsman '10, Jennifer Warner '10 and Andrew Goedicke '10 presented at the Art Education Association of Indiana Conference in Indianapolis, Ind., in November, 2009.

Steve Hoffmann, professor of political science, gave a presentation titled After 1989: Dreams vs. Realities at the symposium Memories of the Fall of the Wall at Huntington University in December, 2009.


Three generations of hoops, studies and faith

The thing about basketball, says Chris Goeglein ’84, is that you can never take a second off. You have to be prepared — physically and mentally — every moment because you go from offense to defense with little transition.

The same could be said for class work, says his son Justin ’10, an engineering physics major, who, like his father and grandfather before him, has juggled the demands of basketball with the classroom during his four years of college.

“Studying engineering physics at Taylor has stretched me and taught me what it means to fully apply my mind to understanding how our world works,” Justin said. “It has been challenging, incredibly interesting, and it has caused me to focus on balancing my time in all areas of my life.”

George “Moose” Glass ’58, the basketball patriarch who played for the legendary Coach Don Odle ’42, says his son-in-law and grandson are alike in their style of play, off-the-court demeanor and their love of Christ. “I watched Chris play,” he said. “He was fun to watch. They kidded that he picked up a lot of the garbage around the basket. Someone had to do that. He was a hard-nosed, hard working guy.”

“To see Justin come along and watch him all through grade school, middle school and high school, he has the same tendencies his dad has. He goes at it all the time,” George added. “He’s been able to have his basketball experience … and is getting a great degree in engineering physics. He’s getting a balance and that is the key to what Taylor is all about.”

“My relationship with the Lord has grown significantly since I have come to Taylor through the encouragement and influence of my friends and professors,” Justin said. “I am learning what it means to truly follow Christ with my life and have grown in discipline through the example of those around me … It is incredible to worship and live in this body of Christ.”

“There are a lot of things I’m proud of about Justin,” said Chris. “I see the energy he brings to the game and how he can change the momentum … As a father and someone who loves the game, that is what I will miss the most.”

“The common bond for all three of us is the Lord used basketball to get us to Taylor,” Chris continued. “George met Don Odle and it changed his life forever. Justin knew of his parents’ and grandparents’ love for Taylor. He had a love for basketball — the love for Taylor and basketball was the vehicle that got us all there.”

Justin Goeglein takes it to the hoop during Taylor’s game with Spring Arbor.
By the numbers: 2009-10 basketball

Men's Basketball (11-19)

3 - Hall of Fame inductions for Coach Paul Patterson, the latest is the Grant County Hall of Fame.

4 - The ranking then-MCC leader Bethel brought to Odle Arena; Taylor won 79-73.

9 - Games decided by 5 points or less.

9 - Letter winners return for the 2010-11 season.

29 - Points scored per MCC game by Casey Coons '13 and Tommy Peller '13, the most of any freshman duo in the league.

65.8 - Points allowed per game on defense, which ranked 11th nationally.

1,015 - Games coached at Taylor by Paul Patterson (678-337 in 31 seasons at Taylor; sixth on the all-time NAIA wins list among active coaches).

Women's basketball (17-11)

4 - The ranking MCC leader IWU brought to the Odle Arena; the Trojans won in overtime 71-69.

6 - Taylor made its sixth trip to the NAIA National Tournament in Sioux City, Iowa.

7 - Consecutive winning seasons for the Taylor women's basketball program.

8 - The number of underclassmen who played on this year's squad.

10 - The highest ranking the Trojans reached during the season.

90.4% - The nation-leading free throw percentage this season for Allison Resce '11, who made 113 of 125 free throw attempts.

406 - Victories for Coach Tena Krause.

1,146 - Career points for Bethany Hallard '10, number 13 on Taylor's all-time scoring list.

For player bios, game casts, stats and more, visit: www.taylor.edu/athletics.
the village border
Witness and worship through innovation

Professor Mick Bates
Innovative Enterprises Director

Dr. Don Takehara
Center for Research and Innovation (CR&I) Director

Q. What role can innovation play in the witness of our faith?

Takehara: The Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines innovation as the introduction of something new or a new idea, method or device. I believe that this is only part of the definition of innovation.

We have a creative, innovative God who wants to do His work through us. Taylor's mission is to minister Christ's redemptive love and truth to a world in need. We can do that through innovation. We want to train our students to use their research, scholarship and academics to innovatively minister to the world's physical needs such as water, food and shelter. This will then open doors for them to share about Jesus who meets our spiritual needs. Jesus is our model. During Jesus' ministry on earth, He met physical needs first before meeting spiritual needs.

Another way to look at it is that God is calling our students to be the best engineers, doctors, lawyers, scientists, teachers, accountants, professors, etc. God wants to use them in new and powerful ways where the secular world will say, "I respect you for what you have done in your career - I'm going to listen to what you have to say." These students can reach people for Christ in ways no one else can.

Q. How are Taylor students being equipped to reach the world?

Bates: Innovation is a process that can be learned. To that end, the CR&I pursues for-hire business consultation projects where students work as consultants for outside entities to deliver market research, business process analysis, feasibility studies, business planning and technical solutions. It is probably the most effective channel for taking what the students learn in a classroom and making it real to them through actual use.

There is innovative work with our students who are involved in business as mission initiatives. Taylor's SIFE (Students In Free Enterprise) chapter got involved in Nicaragua during last year's spring break where they worked with small Nicaraguan businesses on ethics. Economic and social change can be a platform to deliver the gospel.

We believe Taylor University is on the leading edge of what is going on in this movement.

Takehara: There are real-world projects such as picosatellite development, the atrium eyelids and heliostat for the new science center, nanotechnology research, hybrid and hydrogen cars, the high altitude balloon program for education and research, an electron accelerator that is being transformed from a medical tool to a research and educational tool, particle physics, a chaos circuit for teaching chaos theory, software development, protein modeling and experimentation, sensors for oil and gas wells, etc.

From the social science side, Taylor's assessment of student intercultural experiences is receiving interest among the CCCU schools. Dr. Steve Snyder has done assessment of student learning from the high altitude balloon program and critical thinking skills in Eastbrook High School (Marion, Ind.) classes. On the computer science side, our students and faculty are developing computer software for Lockhead Martin. Drs. Dan King and Dan Hammond are doing research on protein modeling and experimentation.

Taylor also has developed sensors for oil and gas wells to determine how to operate wells and determine the economic feasibility of orphaned wells. We like to integrate these projects into courses such as our capstone program for engineering physics and computer engineering students.

We've had students working on these real-world projects full time over the summer. Over the past five years, we have expanded the program and tripled the number of students.

We need to continue to give our students and faculty who are specifically gifted in entrepreneurship and research the opportunities to create companies and do research. If we have someone who is gifted in research, entrepreneurship and innovation, we can tell them, "You can come to Taylor and you won't miss out. You don't have to go to MIT or Rose-Hulman or Purdue. Taylor University has something for you." We are giving students these real-world projects that take research to the next level - where they can start up companies that can impact the real world for Christ.

Q: What role does innovation play in Taylor students' future?

Takehara: We believe God has called everybody to be an innovator. For a biblical view of innovation, I always look at Ephesians 3:20: "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us."

It was A.W. Tozer who said "God is looking for people through whom He can do the impossible - what a pity that we plan only the things we can do by ourselves."

God is calling all of us to go beyond what we can do with our own natural abilities. I tell my students that God has great plans for them and wants to do amazing things through them. To do that, you need to go beyond the status quo, the typical. That is what innovation is about. It forces us to look beyond ourselves to God to do amazing things.
Pool, additional research space coming

Construction is scheduled to start this summer on a 3,700 square foot annex to the Kesler Student Athletic Center (KSAC) that will add classrooms, lab space, faculty offices and a two-lane lap pool.

The $1.5 million facility will be named the Eichling Aquatics Wing in honor of William H. and Cornelia Wilson Eichling, the late parents of the project’s lead donors, Ruth Pulliam and her husband Russell, both of Indianapolis, Ind.

Dr. Ben R. Sells, vice president for university advancement at Taylor, said the pool will provide a place where students, faculty and staff members can swim for exercise. He said it will also be valuable for rehabilitation uses for members of the Taylor community. In addition, water aerobics and swimming classes will be possible for the first time on the Taylor campus.

“The need has been there for quite some time for an exercise physiology lab,” said Dr. Angie Fincannon, dean of Human Performance and Athletics. “The exercise science major is one of the fastest growing majors on campus; we’ve increased by over 100 percent. One-hundred percent of our graduates have been accepted to graduate school. Taylor’s reputation is strong.”

The Eichling Aquatics Wing is scheduled to open in 2011. A total of $250,000 remains to be raised for the project.

To learn more or give to the project, contact Brad Yordy at 800-882-3456 or by e-mail: bryordy@taylor.edu.

Taylor magazine, advancement programs earn awards for excellence

Taylor University’s alumni magazine and two advancement programs received two silver awards and a bronze award for excellence during Council for the Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) V winter meetings in Chicago.

Honored for excellence in their respective areas were:

Best Practices in Fundraising and Development, 2,999 FTE or fewer
Silver Award
Taylor Fund

Excellence in Special Events, Series of Events
Silver Award
2009 Heritage Weekend

Best Alumni/Institution Magazine, 2,999 FTE or fewer
Bronze Award
Taylor

“We are grateful for the recognition accorded to our University Advancement professionals during the recent CASE V Circle of Excellence competition,” said Dr. Ben R. Sells, vice president for university advancement at Taylor.

“These honors are the result of dedicated, thoughtful individual and collective efforts that have allowed us to achieve fundraising heights never before seen in Taylor University’s 164-year history.”

According to its Web site, CASE is an international association of education advancement officers, who include alumni administrators, fundraisers, public relations managers, publications editors and government relations officers.

CASE is divided into eight regions throughout the United States. Taylor University is part of Region V, which includes Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin.
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Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

2 Corinthians 5:17

He also brought me up out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my steps.

Psalm 40:2
Hers were the towers “seen far distant when the day is fair.” One stood proudly, six stories in the air, its bell announcing the start of chapel and special events. The second was like a castle turret, its curved windows overlooking the Taylor campus. And the fire that consumed her 50 years ago relegated her proud edifice to memories and black and white photographs in yearbooks.

H. Maria Wright Hall, or “Old Main” as it was affectionately known, was the first building constructed when Taylor moved to Upland from Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1893, and is considered by many to have been Taylor’s most beloved landmark.

Old Main was located between the Helena Building, Ayres Alumni Library, Sickler and Morris Halls. It was Taylor’s largest building and housed the offices of the president, dean and registrar, along with classrooms, a chemistry lab and a small museum. The museum’s relics included the fossilized remains of a pre-historic mastodon unearthed years before near the campus. At one time there had even been a gymnasium and a library.

But Wright Hall’s most distinctive and grand elements were her towers. The bell tower on the building’s east face overlooked the main road while the smaller widow’s peak-type tower stood on the building’s northwest corner. The towers were celebrated in Taylor’s school song, *Up Beyond the Village Border.*

“Dr. (Milo) Rediger’s ’38 office was in (that) corner,” remembered Betty Freese HA ’83, Taylor’s former alumni director who retired in 1992 after more than 30 years of service. “It had rounded windows. They were very nice. He had a beautiful view — a panoramic view across the campus.”

For nearly 67 years, Old Main was the campus centerpiece and the focus of hundreds of photographs in yearbooks, student newspapers and alumni magazines. It also served as the staging area for commencement each spring as Taylor graduate candidates assembled there to march west across the campus to the former Maytag Gymnasium (now the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium) where the services were held.

It was early in the morning on January 16, 1960 that a fire was discovered in the chemistry lab located in Old Main’s basement. The fire department arrived and quickly put the fire out. But as they were leaving, an explosion rocked the building and it was quickly consumed by flames. 

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**dark anniversary**
At that time, Freese and her late husband Bob '60 lived with their son in a small apartment just a few hundred yards north of the doomed building.

"What I remember ... is standing at our front window and watching the flames licking across the sky," she remembered. "We were four blocks away from the building and there were a lot of buildings in between, but the flames were going so high that we could see them over the tops of the buildings. It was a horrible sight."

Future history professor and faculty member Bill Ringenberg '61 was a junior living in Morris Hall at the time. He was roused from his sleep that early morning to be confronted with an image that has stayed with him ever since.

"We could feel the heat," he said. "Modern students need to realize there is no one building now that houses activities as there was then. If we had a fire (today) that took out Reade, Nussbaum and Sickler, all in one stroke, you would have the equivalent of that. It was the most significant fire in Taylor history."

The fire in Old Main burned out of control for several hours until, symbolically, the bell broke free and tumbled through the burning building.

"One of the most heart-wrenching things was when the bell crashed down from the top," remembered Freese. "You heard the bell clanging and clanging as it fell through, until it landed on the ground."

By the time the fire burned itself out, all that remained was the brick shell of the once-beautiful building. "It took a long time for it to cool off - steam rose from the debris for days and days," said Freese. "Never having experienced anything like that before, I couldn't help but wonder in January weather how the heat was just staying like that."

The building’s shell stood for several years before the school could afford to tear it down. Old Main’s foundation and basement remain there to this day.

Ringenberg said Taylor’s president of only a few weeks, Dr. B.J. Martin, called a campus meeting that evening at Maytag to reassure the student body and faculty. "It was an effort to rally the troops after a trauma," Ringenberg said. "It was like the president speaking to the nation after 9-11 - we will survive this."

The Taylor University that emerged from the disaster regrouped, survived and went on to thrive. The traditional uses of classrooms and offices changed as existing space and materials were shared and repurposed to cope with the reality the administration faced. Freese and her colleagues took up residence in the cramped basement of Ayres. Her husband graduated that spring and went on to a long career as a professor in Taylor’s education department. He died in 1995.

Yet after 50 years, the memories of a flaming Wright Hall are still real to Freese. "It was a disaster. It was the heart of the campus," she said. "It was Old Main."
From left: Andrew Stohrer, Brent Bolton, Andrew Shaffer and Josh Vanderwalker
Four Taylor grads' careers intersect at the company that encourages us to “eat mor chikin.”

A restaurant that closes on Sunday? And its bottom line is not profit but serving God? How could that work? Well, last year it worked to the tune of three billion dollars in sales.

It’s Chick-fil-A, the company whose clever marketing scheme uses cows with sandwich boards imploring us to “Eat Mor Chikin.” And four Taylor University graduates – Brent Bolton ’01, Andrew Shaffer ’05, Andrew Stohrer ’04 and Josh Vanderwalker ’03 – each play a role in the company’s success and growth.

The four are graduates of Taylor’s computer science and systems department (now computer science and engineering). They work in Chick-fil-A’s Atlanta, Ga., headquarters’ information technology area where their responsibilities vary from application development and infrastructure support to the integration of new technology. And each credits their Taylor education with helping them excel in the Chick-fil-A environment.

So does Buck McCabe, senior vice president and chief financial officer. He was introduced to Taylor when his daughter Karen (Metzger-McCabe ’02) Brummond attended 10 years ago.

“It’s interesting. Some of the best computer grads that we have are from two schools. The first is Georgia Tech, which has a national reputation for computers. But we also find that graduates from the Taylor computer tech program are their equivalent,” said McCabe. “All the folks we hire from there are really sharp and well prepared. You get people with a great work ethic; but you also get great character and a good value system ... They are incredible affirmations of the program at Taylor. And we are actively looking for some more of them.”

Bolton was the first to join Chick-fil-A, although it took some persuasion on McCabe’s part. After telling McCabe he didn’t know if he and his wife Heidi (Hasbrouck ’01) wanted to move to Atlanta to take the job, Bolton mentioned his wife was looking for a graduate program in counseling. By the time he returned home, McCabe had called a school in Atlanta, and in turn the school had called Heidi.

“I had an option for a consulting company in Indianapolis, but as soon as Chick-fil-A said ‘yes,’ I told them ‘no,’” Bolton remembered.
Back: Susan Stehrer, Sarah Shaffer, Heidi Bolton and Kim Vanderwalker
Front: Andrew Stehrer, Brent Bolton and Josh Vanderwalker

pose in the lobby of Chick-fil-A’s corporate headquarters in Atlanta.
"I had the opportunity to experience an internship at Chick-fil-A and see firsthand the corporate purpose lived out in leadership from top to bottom," he said. "Instead of a focus on profits, the focus is on serving God by serving our customers and sales and profit will take care of themselves.

"The best part about my job is that I’m tasked with finding innovative ways to solve problems for people so that they are able to more efficiently and effectively do their jobs and focus on serving customers. My time in the Taylor computer science program provided me with the same types of opportunities for innovative problem solving.

"Because Taylor helped us 'learn how to learn,' we aren't restricted to the tools already in our toolbox because we can continue to add more tools as necessary and develop technology solutions that may not even have been possible two or three years ago."

Stohrer agreed. "Technology is always changing, and Taylor taught me how to learn and apply my learning quickly. It was not just learning technologies, but also concepts, patterns and ideas. There is always something new, and my education taught me how to interpret and apply." Vanderwalker describes Chick-fil-A as the Taylor community inside a corporation. One of his first impressions is also one of his most lasting memories. It came six-and-a-half years ago after his interview as he waited for a ride to the airport, when he was approached by Chick-fil-A President Dan Cathy. There was no agenda. He just wanted to know how his day had been.

"It was amazing to me that someone so high up in the company would take the time to ask me how my day was going," Vanderwalker reflected. "Since then, I have come to understand that it is one of the many amazing parts of the Chick-fil-A culture."

"Chick-fil-A treats its customers with a very high degree of respect and takes very good care of its employees," Shaffer said. "I like Chick-fil-A’s emphasis on providing second-mile service to their customers and using their influence to change lives in the form of our WinShape ministries and other charities. It’s not just about profiting from chicken sales.

"We have a very challenging, yet supportive and stable work environment," he added. "A lot is expected of you, but you are allowed to learn from your mistakes and are constantly pushed to further develop personally and professionally."

"Business is about more than profits," said McCabe. "Forbes magazine did an article and estimated it costs $500 million to close (on Sunday), but we know better. We think actually closing on Sunday contributes to how well we are doing the other six days."

Technology is always changing, and Taylor taught me how to learn and apply my learning quickly
This fortune could solidify with a single word. My sister was kidnapped by the Mai-Mai.
The music is ethereal. The images are of children. Some are playing. Some are crying. One is talking on a cell phone while another is skipping, laughing and showing off for the camera.

But context is everything. Interspersed amid the shots of the children are images of helicopters, United Nations troop transports, young men with assault rifles and crying mothers holding photographs of their missing children.

"Then they appointed me as a child soldier. I killed 14 people," says one boy in such a flat, matter-of-fact way that it sounded as if he had merely performed a household chore. He could not have been more than 15 years old.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo is located in central Africa. Sixty-eight million Congolese are scattered throughout 250 ethnic groups according to the State Department. It may not be possible to determine why the country has continuously struggled with strife between armed factions, incursions from neighboring countries and numerous human rights violations in the 50 years that have passed since the country gained its independence from Belgium.

Neither can it be determined why children as young as nine years old have been recruited, or in some cases kidnapped, by the Mayi-Mayi paramilitary group, to a life of murder, rape and lawlessness.

Considering the fact that more than five million people have died in fighting that began 12 years ago, there are those who believe the situation is hopeless. Heidi Burkey '05 is not one of them.

Burkey is a filmmaker who tells the stories of a handful of these child soldiers in a documentary titled No More Tears. She works for Los Angeles-based Discover The Journey, a nonprofit organization she joined in 2008.

"The film is about peacemaking in one of the most dire, impossible situations that peace could find a place and forgiveness could occur," she said. "We want to shine the light of hope in the midst of this chaos."
Our approach to storytelling is not narrative. We wanted the children’s voices to be heard.
Burkey tells the story of young men with names like Hertier and Mwisha, both are former child soldiers she either met or became aware of during a trip to the town of Goma in the eastern portion of the country. Through community intervention and rehabilitation, Hertier’s life has seen a total transformation. Mwisha was later kidnapped by the Mayi-Mayi; through Hertier’s lead they were recently able to locate him and are working with UNICEF to bring him home.

“You have to be incredibly intentional about having balance outside work,” Burkey said. “All of us have been in some form of counseling. We would gather together, debrief, pray. I wish I could say I have this great way of processing it ... It is a continual battle to cling to the hope in Jesus Christ and the hope of His kingdom coming back. It is a battle to cling to that when I’m continuing the story and revisiting it constantly.”

She had an answer that echoed those of so many others when asked what drew her to Taylor. It was the late Ollie Hubbard. She was in several plays directed by the beloved faculty member, who died from cancer in 2004. She also served as student director for Tom Sawyer and received the Oliver Hubbard Service Award, an award created to honor students who have been in every theatrical performance while at Taylor. It was her time in theatre that honed her abilities in storytelling, a craft she uses in No More Tears.

“Our approach to storytelling is not narrative. We wanted the children’s voices to be heard,” Burkey related. “We are trying to contradict the views of these children as killers by showing the hope and restoration that can happen.

“I think it can impact the cultures in the villages – a lot of times they are rejected when they come home. A lot have missed their education and learning a craft or trade,” she said. “I think it can also put pressure on the government to provide assistance for these children. There need to be more programs initiated and funded to provide them with education or provide a trade so that they can survive once they have been released.”

“We do it because we want to bring light to these issues and show there is hope,” she added. “Even if there is only one story of hope we will share it as loud as we can, and point out the good that God is doing in the midst of this tragedy ... I can’t say I’ve ever lost hope to where it would make me want to quit or stop doing what I do. If we aren’t speaking up, how is justice ever going to be realized for these children?”

“We are not out to end the war in Congo – I don’t believe it will end until Christ returns. But I believe a person’s life can be changed; I’ve seen it in Hertier. I will work on behalf of them to make sure there are more Hertiess out there. And I will work for other children so that it can turn out unlike the way it was determined for them when they were children.”

To learn more and see the trailer for No More Tears, visit: www.discoverthejourney.org.
An estimated 250,000 Haitians perished in the 7.0 earthquake on Jan. 12.
I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” He will cover you with his feathers, and under His wings you will find refuge; His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart ... A thousand may fall at your side, ten thousand at your right hand, but it will not come near you.

... excerpts from Psalm 91

First there was a thunderous boom that shook their small radio station. What followed was a rolling, side-to-side movement that got faster and faster. After perhaps 60 seconds the shaking stopped. Dazed and not quite sure what had happened, they ventured out of the building into the street where they were met by silence. Then they began to hear the cries for help.

Taylor staff member Leon Amstutz and student Jared King ’12 had gone to Haiti to work in a Christian radio station for the month of January. They were in Pétion-Ville, a small southern suburb of Port-au-Prince that was just a few miles from the epicenter of the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that shattered Haiti’s capital city on Jan. 12. Nearly a quarter of a million people died during the earthquake or in its aftermath. Some estimates say the number could rise to 300,000.

“It felt like you were standing in a rowboat in the open sea,” Amstutz said. “It got faster. Then (there was) a jarring with things flying off shelves. The electricity failed. We were trying to hold onto the equipment. I was keeping an eye on the ceiling to see if anything was going to fall down. Then it quit. I looked over at Jared and said, ‘Are you okay?’”

“Everybody was very frightened. The kids left immediately and went home,” said Dickman. “We tried to continue in our mission, but students did not come to school on Wednesday or following days.”

Dickman said the focus the team switched from education to whatever they could do to help. They repurposed birthing kits for triage uses and sawed scrap wood to make splints for broken limbs; they later visited a hospital to pray with injured survivors and left clothing behind to be distributed to refugees who were fleeing Port-au-Prince.

“As we left Haiti and were driving to the border, we had to skirt around Port-au-Prince. You could see the smoke rising from the city and floods of people walking out,” she said. “I never really was fearful, but very sad ... I wish we could have done more and helped more.”

Members of the Taylor community tell their stories of the Haitian earthquake.
Thousands of children were orphaned during the catastrophe.
Amstutz and King were evacuated from Haiti; Bishop, Barton, Dickman and Rook crossed the border to the Dominican Republic and were flown out from there. It was as they were all leaving that Trina Helderman '00 arrived.

"Haiti was a disaster before the earthquake. It is very tragic; the lack of food and other issues were there before. Now they are worse," said Helderman, a doctor who specializes in international emergency medicine and public health. Helderman spent 11 days in Haiti, witnessing looting in the streets, and treating children and adults for injuries that in some cases had become infected from lack of treatment and clean surroundings.

"When we got there, there were lots of fractures, traumatic injuries and major wounds. With large wounds, you can't just close them; you have to let them heal. And it would take more than a week for them to heal, so it is an ongoing infection risk," she said.

Along with numerous shattered bones, some of Helderman's patients died from a malady that has essentially been eradicated in the U.S.

"I had a couple of people who died of tetanus. It is something that no one ever dies from here because we are all vaccinated," Helderman said.

"Some had major facial injuries because of rubble falling on their face," she added. "It was like the same story. They were inside, things started shaking, they ran outside and they got hit ... I think for everyone there was posttraumatic stress disorder. We were in a building and there was a very mild aftershock. Everyone started screaming and trying to get out of the building."

"The worst thing I heard was from a translator," Helderman continued. "He was seeing destruction outside of town and the piles of bodies. He was having a hard time. He asked, 'Why do earthquakes happen?' I gave him the explanation about tectonic plates.

"But he said, 'God is angry with us. I am very scared. I don't know how to make God happy.' That was the hard part for me," Helderman said. "I told him that God doesn't set out to destroy people. He is a loving God – it says that all throughout the Bible. I can't explain why this earthquake happened and why so many people had to die, but I was sure there was a greater good and that we would be able to see it one day."

"Once the initial onslaught of physicians starts to die down I will probably go back," said Helderman. "Haiti is probably the worst place I have ever been. I've also been to South Sudan, and it was bad. But there was a different kind of tragedy in Haiti.

"For some reason, I feel really called to go to those bad places. When I look at Haiti I see that need. If I can provide a little, a little will go a long way."
With the Rice Bell Tower’s commissioning in 1986, Taylor again had the towers referenced in the school song.
If your graduation year ends with a "0" or "5" call Taylor's alumni office at 800-882-3456 for reunion information.
1918
Rev. Arthur Dahlstrand died on December 18, 2009, at Crestwood Nursing Home in Warren, Mass. Following graduation from Taylor, he earned his bachelor of theological science from Harvard University in 1943. He served as a Methodist minister since 1938 and performed 499 baptisms, 311 weddings and 458 funerals. Arthur was also recognized by the Golden Cane Award for being the oldest clericperson in the New England Conference with the longest number of years serving the local church. He was predeceased by his wife of 69 years, Effamay. • Dr. Richard Halfast died on January 9, 2010, at his home in Rochester, Ind., surrounded by his family. He earned his medical degree from Indiana University Medical School and served as a chief medical officer of general surgery, participating in the Rhineland and central Europe campaigns during World War II with the U.S. Army. His MASH unit (74th General Hospital and 1st Auxiliary Surgical Group) was the first medical unit behind active lines. He opened Kokomo Orthopedics (Ind.) in 1949, which eventually expanded to four doctors, and he performed the first knuckle replacement in Indiana. Richard served on the Board of Trustees for Taylor for more than a decade. He enjoyed fishing and creating custom heirloom clocks for his children and grandchildren. His survivors include his children, Karen (Halfast ’68) Ewen, Rick and Greg ’76, as well as five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Clarice (Bell), after almost 64 years of marriage. • John Miles passed away on November 3, 2009. He earned his master’s degree at Dallas Theological Seminary and was a pastor of the Calvary Church of Wayland in Wayland, Mich., and Hull Methodist Church near LaGrange, Wyo. John served as president of the Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music from the late ’40s until 1988. His lifetime motto was “Preach the Word, and love the people!” Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Evelyn (Nyswander ’40), four children, 15 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

1945
Lawrence “Larry” Brown of Nashville, Tenn., died on January 4, 2010. He was formerly a Methodist minister and also a missionary in Brazil for 41 years. His wife Nancy (Fox) Crecraft survives.

1946
Marion Brown passed away on August 22, 2009. She is survived by her daughter, Mardy.

1949
Leon Fennig passed away on December 4, 2009, at the age of 86. Prior to attending Taylor, he served as a riffe sharpshooter in World War II. He earned a master’s degree in divinity from Fuller Theological Seminary and was ordained at Valley Baptist Church in Burbank, Calif., in 1952. His family moved to Camarillo, Calif., in 1963 when he opened Leon’s Upholstering and retired after 37 years in business. Leon is survived by his wife of 59 years, Roberta, three children, 12 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. • Jean Van Horn died on January 17, 2010, in Hartford City, Ind. She earned her master’s degree from Ball State University and was a teacher for over 40 years. Jean was a member of the First Christian Church and the Retired Teachers Association.

1950
Rev. Harold Jenkins passed away on October 23, 2009, after a brief illness. He earned his divinity degree from Drew Theological Seminary and served as a pastor after being ordained through the Methodist Church. Harold also accepted a position on the General Board of Global ministries of the United Methodist Church and acted as treasurer and comptroller of the Commission on Education and Cultivation. He is survived by his college sweetheart and wife, Marguerite (Roberts ’47), and their two daughters.

1951
Milo Nussbaum mourns the death of his wife, Violet, who passed away on April 15, 2009, after a 10 year struggle with Alzheimer’s disease. Their children are Carole Nussbaum ’69, Stan Nussbaum ’71 and Gloria Nussbaum ’74. Their family once lived in the upstairs apartment of Dr. Burt Ayers’ home, and Ayers served as an adopted grandfather for Carole and Stan. Milo and Violet lived in Morton, Ill., since 1958. • Floyd and Patricia Sheppard have retired in Russellville, Ark., and they have been married for 56 years. They have spent those 56 years working with the Christian and Missionary Alliance, serving pastorates in Helena, Mont., Pound, Wis., Mt. Lake, Minn., Chicago, Ill. and Russellville, Ark. They have also ministered through teaching at a Christian school in Baytown, Texas, chaplaincy in nursing homes and interim pastorates. Floyd and Patricia have four children and 10 grandchildren. • Dr. Rev. Theodore “Ted” Smith died on September 26, 2009, at his residence. He graduated from Providence Bible Institute, Gordon Divinity Theological
Seminary, New York Theological Seminary and received his doctorate from Eastern Baptist Seminary. Ted served as a pastor for over 30 years at various American Baptist churches in Maine. He also served as civilian chaplain of the 776 Radar Squadron, Northeast Air Defense Sector, U.S. Air Force prior to his retirement. He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Doris, four children, 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

1952

Ruth (Dixon) Truman published two books in 2008 titled *To Life: A Book of Poetry and Songs and No Safe College*, which is a fictional story of four roommates during their freshman year of college. She is the author of five other books. Ruth can be reached at rtruman896@gmail.com. • Lois (Imboden) Kempton published a book of poetry titled *Poems, Sublime and Ridiculous*.

1953

Rev. Donald “Don” Wilks died on October 18, 2009. After graduating from Taylor, Don earned a degree from Christian Theological Seminary and served several churches in eastern Indiana. He was active in the Lion’s Club, the Rotary and various United Methodist conference and district programs. Survivors include his wife, Carmen (Justice ’54) and their four children, including Pam (Wilks ’79) Walcott.

1956

Dr. Lilian Hope (Farrell) Huffman passed away on September 16, 2009, at a health care facility in Houlton, Maine. She taught preschool through eighth grade in public and Christian schools, teacher education at the college and university level, special education seminars and courses for employed teachers and worked as an elementary school administrator. Lilian was named the Outstanding Elementary Teacher of America in 1974 in recognition of her contributions to the advancement of elementary education and service to community. She is survived by her husband, Durward, and two children.

1957

Esther (Classen) Ratzlaff passed away on December 6, 2009, at the Schowalter Villa in Hesston, Kan. She worked as a librarian for Newton Public Library, and she taught as an elementary school teacher and for the Newton Weekday Bible School for 17 years. Esther was a charter member and longtime Sunday school teacher of the Hesston Mennonite Brethren Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Edwin, and is survived by four daughters and six grandchildren.

1959

Bradley Duckworth passed away peacefully on November 23, 2009, in Port Charlotte, Fla., following a short illness. He taught chorus and band for children in high school, middle school and elementary school for a total of 42 years. He also directed the church and bell choirs for First Presbyterian Church for 22 years. Brad will be greatly missed by his wife of 52 years, Sylvia (Hines ’57) and daughters, Ruth Ellen and husband Bruce, as well as Lynne (Duckworth ’84) & Delbert Gibson ’83, and one grandson. • Russ and Eleanor “Nell” Ruch’s only request for their 50th wedding anniversary on August 15, 2009, was a new family color-coded T-shirt photo shoot. All 27 family members gathered together in January for the pictures! Russ and Nell live in Hatfield, Pa., and they can be reached at russandnell@gmail.com.

1960

Dr. Charles & Barbara (Hanawalt ’61) Ford returned to Tel Aviv, Israel, for their 10th spring semester. Charles, a professor of health sciences at the University of New England in Portland and Biddeford, Maine, teaches Israeli nurses enrolled in the University of New England BSN completion program. They would be happy to meet with any Taylor grads visiting Israel. Their permanent home is in Lake Wylie, S.C. where they entertain 20 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Their e-mail is uwe1@hotmail.com, and they are looking forward to joining the 50th reunion celebration at Taylor for Homecoming, 2010.

1961

Irvin “Irv” Polk died on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, in Elkhart, Ind. He was the Boy’s Club director for 46 years at Youth for Christ/Lifeline in downtown Elkhart. Irv was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, an honorary member of the Elkhart Rotary Club and a U.S. Army veteran. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, as well as his son, Marshall Simmons ’95, his sister Marceil (Polk ’63) Gathany and two granddaughters.

1962

Nelson Gould was inducted into the Lockport High School Athletic Hall of Fame in Lockport, N.Y., on September 18, 2009. He was a starter in football, basketball, baseball and tennis and was the only athlete to play two sports in one season. Nelson lives in Montrose, Colo., with his wife, Sara (Owens x ’63). • Dr. Melvin Moeschberger received the Statistician of the Year academic award from the American...
Amanda Schaffer ’02

NAMED DIRECTOR OF PARENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

Amanda Schaffer ’02 has been named director of parent and family programs at Taylor University.

In her new role, Schaffer will coordinate the efforts of the advancement office to engage Taylor families. She will oversee events including Parents and Family Weekend and Grandparents Day, work with the Parents Council, and partner with many offices on campus that work with families of currently enrolled students.

In addition to her Taylor degree in communication studies, she has completed two graduate degrees: Master of Public Affairs in Nonprofit Management and Master of Arts in Philanthropic Studies – both from Indiana University.

“I am thrilled to be home again,” she said, “I want to learn from current Taylor parents, former Taylor parents, students and Taylor leaders about what we have been doing well in our parent programming and where there is room for growth.”

She can be reached at 800-682-3456 and by e-mail at amanda_schaffer@taylor.edu.

Public Health Association in 2007. He was recognized for his contributions to survival analysis methodology, with a particular focus on human health data, for fostering and developing biostatistics and public health education programs, and for his commitment to improving public health. Melvin also became a fellow of both the American Statistical Association in 2006 and the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2007. He is a retired professor from The Ohio State University. Melvin and his wife, Sandra (Rupp ’63), live in Columbus, Ohio. • Terry Reichardt passed away on November 8, 2008, at Bay Area Medical Center in Marinette, Wis. He returned to his native Menominee, Mich., after earning his degree at Northern Michigan University. Terry taught high school history, sociology, economics and psychology in Menominee. He is survived by two sisters.

1964

Mark Bayert died following complications from heart surgery on December 9, 2009. He attended the University of Chicago Divinity School, Yale Divinity School and received his doctorate of ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago. He pastored churches in Iowa, Ill., N.D. and Minn. before retiring in 2007 after 39 years of ministry. Mark is survived by his wife, Carol, who lives in Bloomington, Minn. • Dr. Marion Brown passed away on August 22, 2009, in Largo, Fla. She earned her Ph.D. from The Ohio State University and was a retired professor.

1965

01 Bob and Mary Kay Ransbottom currently live in Rockford, Ohio. Bob serves on the school board at Parkway Local Schools where he was an administrator for 25 years. He previously taught mathematics and coached football for 11 years. They are shown with their two daughters, Holly (Ransbottom ’94) Miller and Heidi (Ransbottom ’97) Miller and their families. Bob can be reached at mkranny@bright.net.

1969

03 Suzanne (Forte) Herron is working as the office manager at Meadow Springs Community Church in Portland, Ore. She and husband Don became grandparents on August 30, 2008, after the birth of Asher Ericson Herron. Suzanne is pictured (right) with a friend after they successfully completed the 26.2 miles in the Portland Marathon on October 4, 2009. Suzanne can be e-mailed at suzanneherron4@ymail.com.

1970

04 Greg Watson, chairman of Business Excellence Solutions, Ltd. and president of the International Academy for Quality, received the W. Edwards Deming Medal from the Union of Japanese Scientists and Engineers (JUSE). This is the first time a non-Japanese individual has been awarded this honor in a new category called the Deming Distinguished Service Award. JUSE honors individuals from outside Japan who have made significant quality contributions. Greg earned his master’s degree from the University of Southern California in systems management and another master’s degree from Oklahoma State University in industrial engineering. He is also a past president and fellow of the American Society for Quality. Greg lives in Finland.

1971

05 Ken & Renny (Tweddell) Snare have been serving as missionaries in Sao Paulo, Brazil, under the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism since 1982. Both teach in the Regular Baptist Seminary of Sao Paulo, with Ken in the area of music and Renny in Christian education. For the past three years they have been part of a team planting a new congregation where Ken is pastoring. Renny also co-edits a state ladies’
magazine. They can be contacted at snare@attglobal.net. • **Ruth Yocum** is currently living in Hilliard, Ohio, for a year-long furlough following her time in Bangladesh. She can be reached at ruthyocum@hotmail.com.

### 1975

**Warren Feces** died on June 27, 2009, at the Valparaiso Care and Rehabilitation Center in Valparaiso, Ind. Survivors include his brother, Ed, sister-in-law, Linda, and nephews, Matthew and Michael.

### 1976

**Matt Branam** has been elected president of the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology by the college’s Board of Trustees after serving in an interim capacity. He becomes the 14th president in the 135-year history of the college. Matt spent 24 years working with UPS (formerly United Parcel Service) and climbed to the position of vice president of public affairs in Washington, D.C. He graduated from Rose-Hulman in 1979 and also attended Indiana State University and Georgetown University. • **Kent Engle** is a senior assistant prosecutor for Ottawa County, Mich. After graduating from Taylor, he attended the University of Detroit-Mercy Law School and was admitted to the Michigan State Bar in 1979. He has been a prosecutor for 21 years and trains law enforcement personnel on legal matters. He lives in Park Township, Mich., with his wife, Whitney, and they have three children. • **Randy Unger** was named the men’s basketball coach at Salem International University (SIU) in Salem, W.Va.

He has five years of experience as an assistant coach and 23 as a head coach. Randy is also the coordinator of physical education at SIU.

### 1983

**Robert Auer** is the senior portfolio manager for the Auer Growth Fund at SBAuer Funds, LLC. He previously worked as vice president of investments for Morgan Stanley from 1986 until 2007. While at Morgan Stanley, he received the National Sales Director Award, which is granted to the top 10 percent of financial advisors at Morgan Stanley. • **Andrew Borgstrom** was appointed president and chief executive officer of Analysts International Corporation, an information technology services company. He has been a member of the AIC Board since May, 2008, and has more than 25 years of experience in the IT services industry. Borgstrom has also served as the CEO for other technology companies, including Debs IT North America and Technology Asset Management. • **Dr. David Entwistle** received the Malone University Distinguished Faculty Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2009. David and his wife, **Debbie (Sheron)**, traveled to Poland in May, 2009, where David was a visiting professor and presented the keynote address for an international psychology conference. The second edition of David's book, *Integrative Approaches to Psychology and Christianity*, was published in 2010. Debbie works for a local CPA and does accounts payable work for their denominational headquarters. They can be reached at dentwistle@malone.edu.
1990
Shawn (Mulder) Newhouse, assistant professor of business at Cornerstone University, won an award for "Best Practices in Teaching" for the marketing discipline at the annual Christian Business Faculty Association conference. Shawn and her husband, Peter ’91, live in Grand Haven, Mich.

1991
Rocky Vecera was promoted by Dot Foods Inc. to assistant warehouse manager at its Cambridge City, Ind., facility. Dot Foods Inc. carries 83,000 products from 500 food industry manufacturers and is the largest food redistributor in the United States. Prior to joining the company in 2009, he worked for the Palladium-Item newspaper and the Convenience Store Distributing Company, both in Richmond, Ind. He currently serves as the assistant football coach at Northeastern High School in Fountain City, Ind.

1992
Julie Fredeen married Rick Clerc on July 7, 2009. Rick is an owner/operator for McDonald's and was widowed when he met Julie. Julie said she is blessed to join Rick in raising Ethan, 12, and Colin, 10. The family lives in Windom, Minn., and Julie can be contacted at julie.clerc@hotmail.com. Brad & Deborah (Rampona ’93) Oliver have moved for the 13th time! Brad is a Lt. Colonel select in the Air Force and is flying the F-15C in the 19th Fighter Squadron, Elmendorf AFB. Deborah is working as an adjunct professor of microbiology, human anatomy and physiology at the University of Alaska at Anchorage. They currently live in Eagle River, Alaska, with their children, Jacqueline, 11, and Jonathan, 7. They can be e-mailed at droliver99@yahoo.com.

1992 Graduates from the class of 1992 got together in November, 2009. Pictured are Fred & Alisa (Stephens) Knoll with their four children, Rob and Kris

**1994**

David and Karen (Conrad) Balmer joyfully welcomed Colton William and Jackson Alfred on November 8, 2008. Karen continues to serve as executive director for the Minnesota Board of Teaching while David finishes law school to complete a career change. Karen can be e-mailed at kc_balmer@yahoo.com. • Rob and Jessamy Bright are pleased to announce the birth of Lucia Riley, born on July 2, 2009. She joins big sister, Siena, 6. Rob is currently practicing law in West Virginia and Ohio at Story Law Office in Pomeroy, Ohio. Jessamy runs a business selling handmade boutique jewelry, tutus and hair accessories at http://www.jessamydesigns.com. The Bright family can be reached at robwbright@yahoo.com.

1995

Gerrit Ayers has become a partner and shareholder at the law firm of Burgess Fitz, P.S., in Tacoma, Wash. Gerrit’s practice focuses on civil litigation with a special emphasis on medical malpractice defense. Gerrit and his wife, Carrie (Bauer ’96) reside in Puyallup, Wash., with their two children, Audrey, 7, and Austin, 5. They can be e-mailed at gncayers@comcast.net. • Cassie Boyd married Brian Baker on May 23, 2009. The couple lives in Sylmar, Calif., and Cassie can be e-mailed at cassie.baker@me.com. • Jason DeRouchie was recently named associate professor of Old Testament at Bethlehem College and Seminary in Minneapolis, Minn. Jason and his wife, Teresa, are blessed with three children, Janie, 11, Ruthie, 8, and Isaac, 6. They can be reached at jason.derouchie@bscmn.org. • Mark & Amy (Boothe) Mays are happy to announce the arrival of their son, Andrew Alan, who was born on November
29, 2006. Andrew was adopted from an orphanage in Moscow, Russia, on June 29, 2009. He was welcomed by sisters, Abigail, 7, and Lydia, 4. The Mays family is living in Fort Wayne, Ind., and they can be contacted at markanymays@verizon.net.

1996
01 William Ensinger married Becky DiLella on August 1, 2009. The couple lives in Dayton, Tenn., and they can be reached at Bill22E@aol.com. • Jason Francis died on January 11, 2010, after a short but courageous battle with cancer. He resided in Lincoln, Neb. He was completing an MFA at the University of Nebraska where he was a promising teacher and artist. He leaves behind his wife, Linda (Weisenbeck '93) and daughter, Michaela, 7. • Will & Elizabeth (Bowler '96) Hobbs are now living in Milledgeville, Ga., where Will is teaching outdoor education and leadership at Georgia College. He completed his Ph.D. from Indiana University last fall. Liz works full time as a mother/educator/nurse for Porter, 4, and Elsie, 3. They can be e-mailed at we2hobbs@hotmail.com or at willhobbs@gmail.com. • Mark & Kathy (Caldwell) Johnson are pleased to welcome Avery Victor into their family. Avery was born in Kaluga, Russia, on June 3, 2008 and arrived home exactly two months later. Proud siblings are Wynn, 10, Kallie, 9 and Miles, 7. The Johnson family lives in Spartanburg, S.C. • Edward Smith x died on November 30, 2009. He worked for 12 years at Sogeti and most recently as an independent consultant at Procter and Gamble. His wife Darcey (Hunt) resides in Cincinnati, Ohio.

1997
02 Christy (Drummond) Brain and her husband, Allan, are now living in Happy, Texas. They spent several years in Africa with Africa Inland Mission and have also lived in Roanoke, Va. Allan is working as an operations specialist at Ceta Canyon Camp and Retreat Center. They have two children, Gavin, 5, and Chase, 1. Christy's e-mail is acgbrain@gmail.
Elizabeth (Germann) Lewis wrote a book called Covered in Chocolate under the pseudonym Lizzie Lou, which was released nationwide in November, 2009. Her book gives easy-to-follow chocolate recipes specifically for kids. Elizabeth taught elementary education for 10 years and also served as an education consultant and seminar leader for two years. She resides in Brownsburg, Ind., with her husband, Kevin. • Elizabeth Morris married Francis Olympio on July 11, 2009. The couple lives in Oak Park, Ill. and Elizabeth can be reached at eliziolympio@gmail.com.

- Chris & Janyre (Stockinger) Tromp joyfully welcomed Micah John on November 3, 2008. He joined his sister, Bryanna Grace, 4, Janyre wrote, photographed and published two board books for a series titled All About God’s Animals. Scott Weldy also contributed photos to the books.

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- Scott and Erin (Rediger) Magnuson live in Antioch, Ill., with children David, 3, Jonathan, 18 months, and Maggie, six months. Their e-mail is erinnmags@hotmail.com.
- Darrell and Christie (Almond) Negley gratefully announce the birth of Tristan Michael on July 5, 2009. His proud sisters are Charis Lynne, 7, and Felicity Paige, 5. Darrell is financial analyst for PSEG Nuclear, and Christie is thankful to be a stay-at-home mom. The family resides in Wilmington, Del. • John & Rachel (Goeking) Rea proudly announce their birth of their first child, Elizabeth Grace, born on March 3, 2009. The family resides in Woodbridge, Va., and they can be e-mailed at ReaGlobal@gmail.com.

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- Kip and Christina (Rutigliano) Blohm announce the arrival of their daughter, Kylah Mae, on May 19, 2009. The family is living in Lake Zurich, Ill. • Steve & Rachael (Lieberman) Morley joyfully announce the birth of Grace Elizabeth on May 6, 2009. She joins big brother Jacob, 3. Steve continues in his role as associate dean of students/director of residence life at Taylor. Their family feels blessed to be a part of the Upland and Taylor community. • Peter and Kim (Smith) Sorrel are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Elizabeth, born on November 7, 2009. The family lives in Colorado Springs, Colo., and Kim can be contacted at hiskimgrace@yahoo.com.

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- Natalie Cook married Brian Simper on June 6, 2009. The couple lives in Granger, Ind., and they can be reached at simperbn@comcast.net.
- Michael and Amanda (Hicks) Feiock are proud to announce the
birth of their third daughter, Jillian Claire, born on August 24, 2009. Jillian was welcomed by her older sisters, Elizabeth, 4, and Kate, 2. The Feick family resides in Brownsburg, Ind., and can be contacted at thefeicks@hotmail.com. • Michael and Audrey (Liljestrand) Fultz welcomed Peter Zachary on January 24, 2009. Audrey received her Ph.D. in French Linguistics from Indiana University Bloomington in 2009. She can be reached at alljest@indiana.edu. • Kylie Martin is starting a radio and revival ministry called Time to Revive, which can be found at www.timetore vive.com. He has been on the air in Albuquerque, N.M. (1000 AM) and Santa Fe, N.M. (94.7 FM). • 01 Jonathan and Whitney (Cross) Mires are pleased to announce the birth of their second son, Asher Michael, on March 31, 2009. He was welcomed by big brother, Elijah, 4. Whitney teaches high school Spanish in the Douglas County School District. She earned her master’s in counseling/school counseling in June, 2009, from the University of Phoenix, Colorado campus. Whitney is also teaching as an affiliate Spanish faculty member at Colorado Christian University. Their family lives in Highlands Ranch, Colo., and they can be reached at wamires@gmail.com. • Dr. Jill Oline welcomed Sean Titus on December 28, 2008. Jill is the associate director of the Starr Center at Washington College in Chestertown, Md. Jill and Sean reside in Chestertown and can be reached at jill.titus1959@gmail.com. • 02 Eric Olson married Christina Brown on August 22, 2009. Taylor participants were Kari Olson ’06, Jason & Amber (Kostelny ’02) Cussen, and Tim ’02 & Kelli (Bowers) Hoeflinger. The couple lives in Madison, Wis., where Eric is employed as an account executive for Beacon Technologies Inc. Christina is an attorney with a private law firm. They can be reached at edson23@hotmail.com. • Greg and Amy Beth (Croft) Spraul joyfully welcomed their second daughter, Ella Grace, born on February 17, 2009. Ella’s big sister Kate is 3. The family lives in a suburb of Washington, D.C. Their e-mail is spraul@gmail.com. • Ben and Susan (Beebe) Thomas moved to Bangalore, India, for 14 months in 2006 to train Campus Crusade staff in sports ministry. They have moved back to the United States, and Ben accepted a position as Athletes in Action International Director, while still focusing on international sports ministry in Asia. For the past four summers, they have led a team of around 20 athletes to coach sports camps at major universities in three southern Indian cities. • 2002 03 Shawn Alspaugh married Lauren Hanger on July 31, 2009. Shawn teaches math and coaches basketball and golf at Sullivan High School. The couple lives in Terre Haute, Ind. Shawn can be reached at spocktongue@hotmail.com. • 04 Suzanne Johnson married Travis Satterlee on October 3, 2009, in Wheaton, Ill. Allison (Pizzi) Tan was Suzanne’s matron of honor. The couple resides in Oak Park, Ill.
Award from the University Continuing Education Association. This award recognizes the scholarship, leadership and contributions of a person who has recently entered the profession. Dumond is the program coordinator for the University of Southern Indiana’s Center for Education Services and Partnerships. Jaclyn and her husband, Joseph, live in Evansville, Ind. • Don and Amy (Young) Savona are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Emma Grace, born on October 7, 2009. The Savona family can be contacted at amyeyoung1229@yahoo.com. • Lindsey Smyth is working as the area director of Metro Philadelphia for Coalition for Christian Outreach (COO). She can be contacted at smyth.lindsey@gmail.com.

Kyle & Sarah (Kurtz) Dufendach are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Connor William, born on July 16, 2008. Kyle is working as a video editor/visual effects supervisor at Storytelling Pictures. The family resides in Grand Rapids, Mich., and they can be reached at sarah.dufendach@gmail.com. • Eric Spaulding married Emily Kluesener on March 14, 2009, in Cincinnati, Ohio. Taylor attendants included Andrew & Susan (Steiner) Stohrer, Kevin Sparks, Grant Hollis, Drew & Becca (Mong) Childs, Jon Smyrl ’05, Bill Green, Dave Turner, Austin & Linda (Brate) Kirchhoff ’05, Jeremy Otten, Krystal Jelich, Hilary Whitaker, Shelley (Fetchero) Noel, Dawnielle Miller, and Matt & Rachel (Barr) Hoppe. The couple lives in Madison, Wis.

Heather Docter married Matthew Amargo on September 27, 2009, in Royal Oak, Mich. Taylor alumni in the bridal party included Rebecca Runyon, Gloria Fahim ’04, Bethany (Riggs) Gisel and Matthew Docter. The couple now lives in San Diego, Calif. Heather can be reached at heather.docter@gmail.com. • Brianne Hillesland married Nathan Loftsgard on August 16, 2009, in Maple Grove, Minn. Nate works

Suzanne can be e-mailed at suzanne.satterlee@yahoo.com. • Chris and Mindy Kent joyfully welcomed Briatina Rose on August 22, 2008. Chris works as a national account manager for Summit Worldwide, and the family lives in Bend, Ore. • Benjamin & Heather (Howard TUFW) Merrill joyfully announce the birth of their son, William Craig, on March 30, 2009. He joins big sister Grace, 3. The Merrill family lives in Warrenville, Ill., and they can be reached at ben_merill@juno.com.

Daniel Needs married Deidre Hornstein on June 20, 2006. The couple resides in Perrysburg, Ohio. Daniel can be reached at daniel_needs@yahoo.com.

Rachel DeHaan married Mark Carlson on August 1, 2009. The couple lives in Loves Park, Ill. Rachel can be reached at dehaan.rachel@gmail.com.

Jaclyn (Cline) Dumond received the 2009 Mid-America Region Professional Continuing Educator...
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as a senior programmer analyst for MedNet Solutions in Minnetonka, Minn. Brianne is a systems analyst for Allina Hospitals & Clinics in Minneapolis, Minn. The couple resides in Golden Valley, Minn., and they can be reached at nateandbri@gmail.com. TU friends included: Kaitlyn Hillesland 09, Joe Arcano, Brett Shafer '06, Sarah Haney '06, Jackie Young, Jeff Strickland, Stephanie Strickland, Gina Haglund, Meghan (Hillesland '07) Hosmer, Andrew Hosmer and Eric Shafer • 04 David Roeber has joined the firm of Stradley Ronan in Philadelphia, Pa. He will be assisting investment companies, investment advisers and broker-dealers on regulatory and compliance issues. Roeber received his J.D. with high honors from the Rutgers University School of Law-Camden. • 02 Grant & Jenni (Shanebrook) Smith are excited to announce the birth of their son, Lane Gordon. He was born on August 5, 2009. Proud grandparents are Dr. Neal '80 & Trish (Dial '80) Smith.

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03 Katie Clark married Luke Skeen on July 18, 2009. Katie and Luke work for the Navigators, an interdenominational, nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people navigate spiritually to know Christ and to make Him known as they look to Him and His Word to chart their lives. The couple is on staff for the Navigators at Florida State University and live in Tallahassee, Fla. Katie can be reached at katie.skeen@gmail.com.

2007
04 Abigail Duncan married Mark Eldridge on June 27, 2009. She works as a kinder-prep teacher at Los Altos Christian School, and the couple resides in Cupertino, Calif. Abigail’s e-mail is abby.eldridge@gmail.com. • 05 Virginia Roe married Philip Kofahl on May 23, 2009. Taylor alumni in the wedding party included Heather (Young) Ricca, Sarah Poelstra and Erik Roe ’02. Virginia works at Auto Owners in project research and coordination, and Phil works at Kirlin Lighting Company as an industrial engineer. The couple lives at Brighton, Mich., and Virginia can be reached at virginia.kofahl@gmail.com.

2008
Leeann Ashby is the newest director of the Bach Chorale Singers of Lafayette, Ind. She directs the new Prelude choir, which consists of beginning singers in grades two through four. Leeann is the elementary music teacher at James Cole Elementary and Mayflower Mill Elementary. • 06 Melissa Baum married Nathan Miller on October 10, 2009, in Grand Rapids, Mich. They both work at Montpelier School, with Melissa teaching seventh and eighth grade language arts and Nathan working with high ability students. They live in Marion, Ind. • 07 Sarah Norton married Justin Bell ’07 on May 16, 2009. The couple is living in Harvard, Ill. Sarah’s e-mail address is sarahbell14@gmail.com.

2009
08 Amy Dykstra married Mitchell Scholten on June 6, 2009. The couple resides in Raleigh, N.C. Amy’s e-mail address is scholten.amy@gmail.com. • 09 Emily Gerard married Zane Meibeyer on July 11, 2009. Zane is studying pre-medicine at Harvard University, and Emily is pursuing her master’s in occupational therapy at Boston University. The couple resides in Allston, Mass. • 10 Jenna McCullough has joined Easter Seals Crossroads of Indianapolis, Ind., as an employee services representative. Easter Seals Crossroads is a community resource working in partnership with children and adults with disabilities or special needs and their families to promote growth, independence and dignity. • Anna Perkins is working in Camden, N.J., in a year-long volunteer program. She is teaching ESL at a local church as well as teaching music to first through third graders in a local Catholic school. Other activities include tutoring an adult student in Spanish literacy and spending time at an HIV/AIDS drop-in center ministry. Her e-mail is anna.e.perkins@gmail.com.
Growing the Harvest

Before coming to Taylor University as a freshman in 1964, I grew up near a dairy farm in the small town of Hershey in eastern Pennsylvania. It was there that I learned some of life’s most valuable lessons and character traits — honesty, hard work and, of course, the planting of seeds in the spring that led to reaping a harvest in the summer and fall.

As everyone knows, the harvest that results depends on the seeds you plant. During a recent chapel address, we explored this principle together with the Taylor student body. Whether the goal is good grades, success on the athletic field, or growing in one’s relationship with God, we must first plant seeds of hard work, sacrifice, study, prayer, fellowship and accountability, among others.

This principle is also true for the mission of Taylor University. Through many years, various administrators, faculty, staff and students have planted seeds that have come to fruition in ways that have brought joy to our hearts and honor to the Kingdom of God. During a recent visit by an accreditation site team, they said things like, “We love your culture of innovation,” and, “We really do see you as the community you are striving to be … we saw high standards, high expectations and high performance everywhere.”

The Taylor University of 2010 is a result of God’s faithfulness and blessings — and one of the ways He has chosen to bless Taylor is through the efforts of those He has called to serve and study here. As I look at the various programs and priorities we have prayerfully enacted at Taylor, it isn’t our wish to stop, tear down or start anything over. Rather, I see opportunities to build on a foundation that has been laid for 164 years.

There are three areas in which I would like to challenge us to expand our efforts. They are: service learning, undergraduate research and overseas and cross-cultural study opportunities.

My mentor and friend Dr. Jay Kesler ’58 once described service learning as “sweat equity.” Not only the community benefits, but so do our students from outreach efforts such as Community Plunge, where hundreds of students, faculty and staff volunteers participate in cleanup projects throughout the Upland community; One on One, an outreach that pairs Taylor students in mentoring relationships with local children; and RealLife, which ministers to inter-city children. I get excited as I imagine the impact — both on the world and in the life of every Taylor student — that could be achieved if we expand our service learning opportunities.

In the area of undergraduate research, it thrills me to hear story after story related by Taylor graduates who report how superbly they have been prepared for their graduate work through undergraduate research. From Elmer Nussbaum ’49 and Steve Snyder to Jan (Wallace ’89) Reber and Hank Voss, Taylor has been blessed with stellar faculty who engage in undergraduate research opportunities with students. One can only imagine how robust the experience might be for every Taylor student if, in the coming years, they were to participate in some form of research study program.

Finally, an area that is close to my heart is that of overseas and cross-cultural study experiences. In January, a record number of Taylor students participated in international study and ministry opportunities. What might be the kingdom impact if every academic program at Taylor provided some form of overseas experience and cross-cultural study opportunity?

I am reminded of a scene in the motion picture Blind Side, the moving story of the Tuohy family who takes a young man off the streets of Memphis, Tenn., to live in their home. After a friend tells Leigh Anne Tuohy, “I think what you are doing is so great, to open up your home to him. Honey, you are changing that boy’s life,” her answer is profound. “No, he is changing my life.” This is how cross cultural and international study opportunities impact our students and our community.

There is great energy on the Taylor campus among our students, faculty and staff. Our desire is to channel and focus that energy so that the Taylor experience can better “develop servant leaders marked with a passion to minister Christ’s redemptive love and truth to a world in need.”

That is our challenge. That is our opportunity.

Dr. Eugene B. Habecker ’68 serves as president of Taylor University.
“After returning from my trip to Northern Ireland with the Taylor Honors Program, I’ve gained not only a clearer perspective and understanding of conflict and of the reconciliation process, but also a desire to continue equipping myself to better serve in situations where conflict is found and reconciliation is needed. I feel both privileged and challenged as a result of my latest experience abroad with Taylor University.” – Teresa LaVallee ’10

Along with her trip to Northern Ireland, Teresa, a Spanish Education major, had the opportunity to spend a summer in Ecuador, serve on a mission trip to El Salvador and study for a semester in Spain. These experiences are life-changing and help to increase Teresa’s ability to minister Christ’s redemptive love and truth to a world in need.

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