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What a Weekend!

Edmund Chambers and other descendants of Bishop William Taylor were among our special guests at Homecoming.
How Do They Compare?

by Dr. Jay Kesler ’58

This is the most common question asked of me at gatherings of Taylor alumni: “How do today’s students compare with the students you remember from your student days? This question is asked most naturally against the backdrop of all of our celebration of the past in this sesquicentennial year. From an academic viewpoint, today’s students are unquestionably more focused and represent a more competitive slice of their peers than any group yet to attend Taylor University. In the past dozen years, SAT scores of entering freshmen have increased from the mid 900s to nearly 1200 for entering freshmen. The class of 2000 has 42 valedictorians among their numbers; 44 percent are in the top ten percent of their high school graduating class, and 74 percent are in the top 25 percent. These measurements are impressive and an encouragement because we are a “head first” institution and we are, after all, about the business of higher education.

I suspect, however, that most who ask the question are relatively aware of our growing place in the academy. The annual U.S. News & World Report survey of colleges, the Templeton Foundation rankings, and Peterson’s Competitive Colleges are each fairly well known; so much so that many take these hard-earned distinctions for granted. Admission standards termed “very difficult” and “selective” in Peterson’s frighten many about the chances of their children and grandchildren being accepted for admission. Alumni often say, “I wouldn’t have been accepted by today’s standards.”

The question of “How do they compare?” usually seeks an answer more difficult to quantify than academic prowess. It speaks of the congruity of students with the mission of Taylor and our historic sense of what constitutes the committed Christian citizen in the world. Are they serious about their faith? Does their profession of faith affect their behavior? Are they interested in holy living? Are they engaged in their minds and hearts with the needs of the world? Do they understand the servant model of Jesus? Can they relate to peers outside the evangelical subculture?

Because I see students daily and because I have deep interest in interaction with them at many levels, I feel somewhat qualified to respond to the question. In my estimation, though, I will admit a bias that comes from love and good will. They are, as a group, far more spiritually mature than my generation. The best of them compare with the best we remember, and those in varying states of reaction look a lot like the strugglers of the 1950s that I remember; but the student body as a whole is stronger than I remember. They have a stronger faculty, they are brighter, they are more aware of their world, they are more at home in their culture, and they are more daring, confident, and service-oriented.

Today’s students are also more fragile. They have experienced more brokenness and dysfunction in their homes and culture than we knew. In some ways it seems that their acquaintance with pain is what makes them want to serve. They are the survivors and victors of their generation and must attribute their health and sense of vision to their encounter with Jesus Christ. They believe by experience that He is the answer to their world’s problems. They are young and naturally inexperienced, sometimes naive, and often protected by their middle-class status; yet they inspire me with their idealism and desire to make a difference. My most compelling emotion is a sense of inadequacy to be a model for their aspirations. How do they compare? Very well, thank you! They are worthy of our greatest sacrifice because the future is in their hands as a trust from us which they are anxious to earn.
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A time to Celebrate

During the spring of 1946, when Taylor celebrated its centennial anniversary, a young lady named Helen Spencer received her high school diploma in what was then the Maytag Gymnasium. Twenty-five years later, Helen Spencer Jones started her career at Taylor University. And at Homecoming 1996, Taylor’s sesquicentennial anniversary, Helen became an honorary alumna of the institution she has served now for 25 years.

Having the opportunity to honor Helen in such a way was a major highlight of Homecoming 1996 for Gene Rupp, ’58, vice president for development. He enjoyed the satisfaction of “pulling one over on Helen,” a woman marked by her keen sense of humor.

Homecoming 1996 was filled with highlights for everyone. Perhaps the greatest memory that many took home from the weekend was the privilege Taylor had to host special guests closely associated with Bishop William Taylor.

Edmund Chambers, great-grandson of Bishop Taylor, from Walnut Creek, Calif., traveled with his daughter Diana Johnson, from Redwood City, Calif., and Stanley Koskinen, great-great-grandson of Taylor, from Salinas, Calif., with his wife Ellen.

Dr. Clarice Lowe, daughter of Diana McNeil Pierson, and her son Edwin Lowe, also attended the festivities. Pierson was the Liberian girl pictured on Taylor’s lap in one of the more popular photographs of the Bishop. Pierson was adopted by Elizabeth McNeil, a member of Bishop Taylor’s missionary society who also aided Samuel Morris on his journey to America.

Visits by these special guests would not have been possible without the efforts of Dr. Alan Winquist, professor of history. While researching material on Bishop William Taylor for God’s Ordinary People: No Ordinary Heritage, Winquist learned of the descendants and contacted them during the spring of 1995. Later, in the fall, Winquist visited the Lowes in Houston, Tex.

For senior staff member George Glass ’58, associate vice president for alumni relations, Homecoming 1996 was both energizing and exhausting. Although physically drained by Sunday afternoon, by Monday morning Glass was as chipper as ever.

“I awakened Monday with a feeling like I haven’t had in a long time,” he says. “I couldn’t wait to drive down to campus. I wanted to write thank you notes and get bills sent off. And I don’t relate that to my personal health, but rather to homecoming.”

Visits by Chuck Colson, evangelical author and lecturer, and guitarist Phil Keaggy, who gave an outstanding acoustic performance Friday evening, enhanced the reunions and special events of the weekend. Colson issued a strong call for the Church to live proactively with conviction rather than sliding into conformity in what he termed the “whatever” generation. Colson also gave his congratulatory remarks to Taylor, saying, “I’m proud of what Taylor has done over the years and the fact that it is a beacon of light for defense of the truth.”
The heart and soul of homecoming at Taylor will always be found in alumni who return. Joyce (Wentz '46) Bailey was back on campus for her 50th-year reunion, and "enjoyed it greatly," she says. "It was wonderful to see our classmates and to be on the campus which so influenced our lives."

Reverend Bill Stone '48 finds homecoming to be an inspiring event. Back on campus for homecoming this year, he had the opportunity to visit the site of his first welcome to Taylor in 1945: the Upland railroad depot.

"I took the train from Chicago to Upland," Stone says. "The train stopped down in that gully and the conductor said, 'This is Upland,' and all I could see was, well, nothing but the sides of the gully and the stairs."

Assured by the trainmaster that he was indeed in the right place, Stone gathered his belongings and walked the distance from the station to campus, and enjoyed his three years on campus.

Stone enjoys his membership on the National Alumni Council, which has given him the opportunity to "be on campus, hear some great testimonies of dedicated young people, and interact with some of the students." He has particularly enjoyed his interaction with minority students during his visits to Taylor.

Stone has had many diverse opportunities, such as serving as a chaplain of the Univ of Michigan at Flint, working with Air Force personnel, pastoring an inner-city church, and serving with his wife Helen in several missions experiences. Yet he still finds his Taylor experience the "best of all."

The Taylor homecoming experience, of course, would be incomplete without the traditional Saturday afternoon football game. At halftime the crowd was treated to a celebration which included a lively and inspiring performance by the bagpipe ensemble, the Gordon Pipers.

Alumni kept busy with various reunions and activities throughout the day on Saturday, but the biggest event was yet to come!

On Saturday evening the Taylor community gathered again in the Odle Gymnasium for a celebratory pageant. Special performances by the Taylor Symphonic Band, the Chorale, and the Taylor Ringers bell choir, provided an aesthetic ambiance for the evening. "Prayer For Taylor University," a newly commissioned hymn penned by Dr. Barbara Dickey, professor of music, and dedicated in memory of Jere Truex '68, was beautifully sung by student Angela Miller '98.

Dr. Jay Kesler offered both encouraging and challenging comments in his address as he projected Taylor beyond the year 2046, a school still fully committed to its evangelical heritage.

Congratulatory remarks during the Pageant were given by representatives of the State of Indiana (Assemblyman P. Eric Turner '74 and Senator David Ford), Grant County, the Town of Upland, the Christian College Coalition, the Christian College Consortium, and several groups representing various Taylor University constituencies.

Among the many words of honor spoken was a declaration signed by former Governor Evan Bayh, naming October 23, 1996, Taylor University Day in the State of Indiana.

Also central to the Pageant was the public announcement of the Taylor Tomorrow Campaign, which over the next seven years will guide the university toward its goal of raising 75 million dollars for building projects and other necessary changes which will prepare Taylor for the 21st century.

Many alumni who were unable to return to campus still made it to homecoming, via the world wide web. Using groundbreaking technology that is still being developed, Angela Angelovska '96, director of electronic publications, spearheaded a successful venture to bring live audio and video footage (in the form of still images updated regularly) of the Friday morning chapel service, the Saturday evening Pageant, the football game, and several reunions.

Homecoming 1996 was truly a celebration to remember! If you are interested in adding to your memories a commemorative video collection of the sights and sounds of Homecoming 1996, please contact the Office of University Relations at 1 (800) TU-23456, ext. 85109.—Randy Dillinger '95 with Gene Rupp '58
Taylor's sesquicentennial homecoming celebration carried special meaning for a small group of alumni who have the distinction of being "third culture kids"—that is, those who were raised partially in the culture and traditions of their parents but who also assimilated characteristics of another culture during their formative years. As a result, a unique third culture emerges. International students, who receive their schooling abroad, and missionary kids (MKs) share this common bond.

Homecoming 1996 was a benchmark year for both groups of alumni. MKs celebrated the tenth anniversary of the founding of Mu Kappa, a fraternal organization for MKs which was founded at Taylor and has since become an international organization. International students had cause for celebration as this was the year of their first formal reunion. And many returned for the event.

“We had several alumni from the Bahamas,” says Kashwinder Kaur ’94, director of international student programs and alumna from Malaysia. “Everybody had a good time.”

At the dinner, the Bahamian group presented to Dr. Daryl Yost (HA ’96) books on the Bahamas. Drs. Jessica Kousselow and Alan Winquist presented to each of the alumni a copy of the book they co-authored, God's Ordinary People: No Ordinary Heritage.

There was, in contrast, no formal “MK” reunion on the schedule this year. Nevertheless, that did not stop the group from celebrating a festive, MK-style reunion. The following account by Amy Seefeldt '97 (MK from India) provides a brief glimpse into the event:

After trickling in Friday night and Saturday morning, about twenty MKs congregated to watch the women's soccer game and cheer wildly as member Daria Arnold '97 scored. MKs lined the Taylor side, barefoot, pouncing enthusiastically upon any latecomers. Greetings in several languages and accents echoed across the field, drawing puzzled looks from those who could not quite place these hidden immigrants.

After watching an entire match, Mu Kappa faithfuls found the temptation of the field and the soccer ball too great to resist. The inevitable soccer game progressed through the damp and cold afternoon, muddier by the minute. When all involved were thoroughly soaked, soiled, and sore, a halt was called.

Early in the evening, the entire group crowded into the tiny Fairlane apartment of seniors Amy Seefeldt and Rachel Krause for an authentic Indian meal and some much-needed fellowship. Memories and laughter flowed from every corner as more and more squeezed their way in. In typical Third World style, it was at least half an hour before food could be served.

Following a good hot cup of chai (Indian tea), the conversation turned to more serious matters such as the inexhaustible topic of being an MK, with all its problems and advantages. The evening ended with the destined slide show documenting Mu Kappa's ten-year history. Guiltless of laughter and names of remembered friends filled the room. Entire chapters of Mu Kappa history were relived in the space of a few short minutes—muddy soccer games, smoky campfires, and unusual haircuts, along with glimpses of the pure delight experienced in those shared moments.

Perhaps the highlight of the entire weekend came Sunday morning, as MKs gathered for worship and a bittersweet farewell at the International Soup House, a traditional gathering spot for TCKs since its establishment in 1990. After a wonderful time of singing, a circle was formed, with no hand left unclasped. Spoken and unspoken prayers for those present and absent were sent to heaven, as well as the fervent desire for another chance to be together. The emotional time drew to an end with an appropriate hymn: Be still my soul!

A history of Mu Kappa will appear in the Spring 1997 issue.—Amy Seefeldt '97 with Randy Dillinger ’95
A Mark of Distinction

No Homecoming would be complete without the Alumni Brunch. On Saturday morning, returning alumni eagerly gather in the Hooson Dining Commons to share memories and catch up with old friends. Amidst the conversation, the spotlight turns toward a small group of individuals chosen to receive honor for their achievements and lives of service. In addition to alumni, the National Alumni Council (NAC) each year recognizes a distinguished friend. This year Taylor honored a man who, along with President Milo Rediger, was responsible for building the "modern Taylor." President Jay Kesler ’58 recalls Rediger's esteem for this friend.

"Before Dr. Rediger died, he took me aside and said, 'Jay, in the years to come, people will give credit for the new Taylor University to my efforts,' and indeed we do," Kesler says. "Dr. Rediger said, 'I know something about higher education, but without A. E. Knowlton we wouldn't have built the new Taylor.'"

Rediger and Knowlton together developed a vision that carried Taylor into a modern era. Their cooperative efforts and foresight launched Taylor University's largest building program in its history, which permanently solidified its location in Upland. For three decades (1960s-80s), Knowlton lent his expertise to Taylor's building projects.

Knowlton shared that of all the universities he has been associated with, he is more fond of Taylor "than all the others combined."

Each award winner was called to the podium in turn. These individuals included Rev. Fred Yazzie ’62, David ’65 and Karen (Plueddemann '66) Horsey, Dr. J. Paul Gentile ’52, Michael L. Yoder ’83, Roger Love ’91, Dr. Daryl and Joenita Yost, and Dr. Tom Atcitty ’63, who was unable to attend.

Atcitty and Yazzie jointly received honors as Distinguished Alumni for Professional Achievement for their leadership among the Navajo. Atcitty is currently vice president of the Navajo Nation. He previously had served as a college president. Yazzie resides in New Mexico, serving as a pastor and evangelist with Four Corners Native-American Ministry. He pursues an active life of witness, both at home and throughout the world.

The Horseys, who have served on staff with Campus Crusade for over 25 years, were honored as Distinguished Alumni for Personal Achievement. David is involved in strategic planning, problem solving, and leadership and fund development, and Karen has a ministry with women.

Gentile was named Distinguished Alumnus for Service to Taylor University. He has served on the Board of Trustees since 1962 and has the longest tenure of any current board member. Together with Barbara, his wife, Gentile has shown great loyalty to the Taylor family, offering encouragement and providing health care for many beyond his own medical practice.

Yoder received the honor of Distinguished Young Alumnus for Professional Achievement. He currently serves the Department of Administration for the City of Indianapolis and is involved in charitable and civic activities.

The NAC chose Love as the Distinguished Young Alumnus for Personal Achievement. Love returned to his roots in Chicago after graduation to work in the public school system as a physical education teacher. He encourages his students to live up to their potential, while serving as a Christian role model for them. Urban Family Magazine listed him in 1993 as one of the Top 25 Urban Role Models in America.

For their commitment and service to Taylor University over the past 13 years, the Yosts were acknowledged as honorary alumni. Dr. Yost has served as provost of the University since 1965 and has provided key leadership during times of growth and transition. They have been an encouraging presence at Taylor, serving as role models for students as well as staff members.

When Helen Jones stood during the Homecoming Pageant to congratulate Taylor on behalf of the staff, she had no idea that just moments later she too would become an honorary alumna. Flanked by Gene Rapp ’58, vice president for development, and George Glass ’58, associate vice president for alumni relations, Jones was cited for her 25 years of service at Taylor, which includes her present role as director of donor services. She is known as an encouraging friend to her fellow employees.

The NAC serves as a representative body of Taylor University alumni to the administration and board of trustees, as well as a resource for alumni around the world. — Randy Dilliniger ’95

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Taylor Tomorrow

Anchored in the Past... Focused on the Future

The 150th anniversary pageant of Taylor University, celebrated on Saturday evening of Homecoming weekend, provided the ideal setting for reflection on the history of the school and the goodness God has shown through each of those 150 years. Taylor has experienced a wide range of situations which have brought the university to a place of matured growth and vitality for the future.

Few institutions of higher education can be found today which retain the mark of their forebearers. Yet Taylor is one. It is with such an anchor point that the Taylor community has celebrated this momentous year, and upon that same foundation the university has begun its most ambitious capital campaign to date. This campaign, according to president Jay Kesler, will "build on an already strong foundation that will ensure Taylor's integrity as we move toward our bicentennial anniversary in 2046."

For over one year, volunteers have given of their time to secure significant gifts prior to the public announcement of the campaign, called "Taylor Tomorrow... Anchored in the Past... Focused on the Future." Dick Gygi '67, member of the board of trustees and chair of the capital campaign, gave the public announcement to a crowd of over two thousand alumni, students and friends, during which he revealed that over $22 million had already been pledged toward the overall campaign goal of $75 million.

"This start has encouraged us to set our sights higher than we have ever dreamed about at Taylor," Gygi said. "Our God is an awesome God and we are trusting Him for big things."

The centerpiece of the campaign announcement was a lead gift of $7.5 million, which Taylor board chair Rosie (Baugh '55) Kerlin said "is the largest gift Taylor has ever received."

During his remarks, vice president for development Gene Rupp noted that the campaign will span seven years, concluding December 31, 2003.

The campaign, said Rupp, "is actually a portion of the board-approved long-range plan with recognized projects totaling more than $100 million. It's an exciting time for Taylor."

Several projects have been slated which include endowments for new buildings, academic chairs, faculty development and educational technology. Both the Fort Wayne and Upland campuses will benefit from these projects.

The first brick and mortar project on the campaign schedule is the construction of a new Samuel Morris residence hall, which will house 280 students. Ground-breaking for the new residence hall is expected this spring. Construction costs for the building will in no way be dependent upon the annual budget.

"By board policy we need to endow these buildings so the operating costs do not require current operating funds from student tuition," says Jerry Cramer, director of the capital campaign, "so a new building is not a drain on the bottom-line budget."

Other building projects on the Upland campus include a new student activities center, the final phase (visual arts) of the complex which now includes the Smith-Hermanson Music Center and the Rupp Communication Arts Center, an addition to the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium (which can no longer seat the entire Upland campus community for chapels), as well as renovation on the Ayres Alumni Memorial Building and an addition to the Randall Environmental Studies Center.

The Fort Wayne campus will see several improvements including an addition to Lehman Library and increased classroom space, a new student union/dining commons, a new chapel/classroom facility, as well as increased endowment for curriculum development.

Look for the spring issue of Taylor for complete coverage of the campaign. Regular updates will be included each issue thereafter. —Randy Dillinger '95

June (Meredith '46) Ross, daughter of late Taylor president Clyde Meredith (1945-51), presents to Taylor University a golden anniversary gift from the class of 1946.
Culture in Crisis

At a time when Washington politicians were busily covering their tracks in the midst of Watergate allegations, Charles (Chuck) Colson, “hatchet man” of the Nixon administration, chose to face the truth instead. In 1974, one year after his conversion to Christianity, he claimed responsibility for his criminal role in the scandal.

Colson’s confession landed him in prison for seven months. During that time, he developed a deep-rooted compassion for prisoners that inspired him to found Prison Fellowship in 1976 (today Prison Fellowship International), which he currently serves as chairman of the board. Through his writings and his syndicated daily radio program, Breakpoint, Colson has become widely known as an advocate of truth and morality with a vital message for the church and society.

Taylor University was privileged to welcome Colson to a packed Odle Gymnasium for Homecoming chapel, Oct. 25. President Jay Kesler, a friend and confidant to Colson, introduced the speaker as one who comes “as close to being an authentic prophet as anyone in our culture today.”

Colson delivered an impassioned, well-reasoned plea for moral integrity in an age in which the standard has become, “whatever.” He argued that Francis Schaeffer’s prophetic message, “when truth retreats, tyranny advances,” is being fulfilled in the wake of post-modernism. No longer does truth have value in our society.

Supporting his claims, Colson cited polls in which 67 percent of Americans in 1991 claimed there was no such thing as absolute truth. In 1995, that number rose to 72 percent. Within evangelical ranks, that number has risen from 52 percent in 1991 to 62 percent last year. What this means, says Colson, is that “evangelicals are losing their grip on truth faster than the secular world is.”

This startling reality is related to what some have termed the “culture wars.” On either side of the rift stand two diametrically opposed worldviews: one in which truth exists and one in which it does not exist.

“We’re the first generation in human history,” says Colson, “which has been able to reduce its entire philosophy to one word. It went rolling by me the other day on a bumper sticker which said, ‘Whatever.’”

The core of the crisis, says Colson, is that most people, including evangelicals, do not understand the issues. He referred to an incident in which he was invited to speak at Harvard on the topic of ethics. He argued before a packed audience of students and faculty that it was impossible for ethics to be taught at Harvard since, as an institution, it is committed to ethical relativism. Expecting a barrage of questions and comments from the audience, Colson was disappointed when he received no critical feedback.

That kind of response is indicative of society at large, which, according to Colson, is suffering from moral indifference. What’s worse is that the Church doesn’t even care.

“This is a ‘whatever’ generation to which the Church is responding,” says Colson. “No wonder we’re losing the battle for truth. The death of truth leads to moral indifference. When the Church does not respond to that moral indifference, and when the battle for the mind and heart of this culture is lost in defense of truth, then the fundamental firewalls that a free society relies upon collapse.”

In the midst of this cultural melee the Church needs not lose hope. Colson brought to mind the words of Jesus in the Gospel of John: “Peace I leave you. My peace I give you. I do not give you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid” (John 14:27, NIV).

“Yes, the forces of aggressive secularism are daunting,” says Colson, “but our duty, nonetheless, becomes all the more clear. We cannot disengage from our culture. Maybe this is a time when we have to stand back and ask what our Christian faith demands of us.”

Finally, Colson reminded the audience of how Jesus commanded his disciples to battle evil in the world—overcoming evil with good. Whenever Christianity has declined throughout history, according to Colson, it has been due to the failure of the Christian Church to show the love of God expressed in the context of community. God’s command to a Church beleaguered in the midst of a crisis with truth is to reject the pattern of indifference in society, defending the truth of the Gospel and overcoming evil with good.—Randy Dillinger ’95

Charles Colson is a powerful spokesman for evangelical apologetics. He has addressed numerous academic audiences on issues of faith and culture.
The Bishop Pays a Visit

The Taylor community will long remember Oct. 23 as the day Bishop William Taylor preached from the Rediger Chapel stage, standing on top of a whiskey barrel. Though not the Bishop in reality, Reverend Donald Fado gave a convincing impersonation that morning. The Fort Wayne campus hosted Fado two days earlier, during which he gave a similar presentation.

Fado has been impersonating Taylor and other historical figures for years. He has used his unique gift in many diverse places, but most consistently in the United Methodist church he pastors in Sacramento, California. Though Fado impersonates dozens of historical figures, there are some truly striking similarities between the Bishop and the Reverend, beginning with Fado’s decision to obey the call of Christ in his life.

It was at a high school summer camp that Fado personalized the question God asked of the prophet Isaiah: “Who will go?” Fado’s response then, as now, was “Here am I, God. Send me.” Later, under the tutelage of a professor at Boston University who taught church history by way of biographies, Fado learned the power of storytelling. This professor taught how to use biographies in preaching, allowing the power of an historical figure’s life to speak for itself.

“God speaks through that person’s life to where people need it,” Fado says. “It might hit one person in one way and someone else in another way, for whatever they’re facing.”

Fado has avidly researched the lives of hundreds of Christians, seeking to make their stories known. St. Francis of Assisi is his favorite. After his visit to Taylor, Fado expressed interest in learning more about other Taylor historical figures, such as Samuel Morris and Thaddens Read. One of the great benefits of the biographies he says, is that his congregation has the opportunity to hear a variety of viewpoints from Church history, even those which caused great controversy.

“I do John Wesley and John Calvin, and John Wesley couldn’t stand John Calvin,” he says. “I also do Michael Servetus who Calvin had burned at the stake.”

Fado’s biographical monologues have opened many doors of opportunity. He regularly performs for historical societies and service clubs, and even leads an occasional tour to the Holy Land. He claims that many years of practice have given him an internal clock, enabling him to finish his presentations after thirty minutes.

Amazingly, Fado does not memorize his presentations, but prefers a certain degree of spontaneity. Neither does he employ elaborate costuming. He relies on the personality traits of his subjects to produce images in the minds of his listeners.

After fifteen years of performing monologues in which he had limited his stories to the experiences of men alone, Fado began telling the stories of women such as Mother Teresa and Harriet Tubman. Some of his monologues, such as those of civil rights leaders, have delved into once-volatile issues, producing controversy at times. Yet such biographies are important to Fado. With a strong belief in the importance of “justice for all,” Fado has addressed both the physical and spiritual needs of people around the world, as well as in his own congregation.

Like Bishop Taylor, Fado has taken part in international missionary ventures. His congregation is actively involved with the “Heifer Project International,” an Arkansas-based organization which sends animals such as cattle and sheep to developing nations. Fado and other members of his congregation have accompanied the organization on several trips.

Fado has also had the opportunity to tour South Africa and preach in black township churches, a rare opportunity for a white preacher—rarer still that a white preacher would even enter the townships. Through this contact, Fado began a “preacher exchange” program whereby black South African pastors could come to the United States to preach and American pastors could visit the township churches in South Africa. Fado’s congregation has since begun preacher exchanges with churches in other regions, including Latin America.

With his global awareness and dedication to Christian service, Fado understands the philosophy which drives Taylor University. It is not difficult, then, to understand why Fado would express delight that graduates receive service towels along with their diplomas each commencement.

With his visit to Taylor University, Fado brought to the community a greater understanding of the man whose name it bears. In return, Fado received a warm reception from Taylor and the knowledge that the Bishop’s vision for the world has not perished, but will continue burning bright as Taylor enters a new century.—Amy Seifert ’97 with Randy Dilling ’95
Remembering the Angel...

Samuel Morris arrived in Fort Wayne as a young man during the 1891-92 academic year. It was a time of financial hardship for Taylor University, yet under the leadership of President Thaddeus Reade, the school welcomed Morris as a student at no cost.

Over a century later, no one would doubt the appropriateness and urgency of Morris' coming to Taylor. The immediate impact on the school led to a deepened spiritual fervor fired by Morris' passion to know his Father and to walk by the Holy Spirit. Morris' story has continued to inspire and bring hope to many people over the past century.

Little over a year ago, the Taylor community honored Samuel Morris by dedicating three sculptures of him on the Upland campus, each depicting a scene in Morris' life: "The Moment of Truth," "Heeding the Call" and "Sharing the Word." On Oct. 5, 1996, the legacy returned once again to the city of Fort Wayne as Taylor University dedicated a new sculpture of Morris on that campus. It stands as a timeless guardian outside of Witmer Hall.

The life-sized statue, entitled "Sharing the Word," was made possible through a gift from Jamey Schmitz '88, and was dedicated to his wife Rachel. Sculptor Ken Ryden was present for the dedication, which was part of Family Weekend. Payne Brown, director of public safety for the city of Fort Wayne, was also present.

Among those who shared with the crowd was Joe Boway (TUFW) '95, a native Liberian, who read passages from the book of John. Words of appreciation for the Schmitz family were spoken by Gene Rupp '58, vice president for development.

Later that day, a new music lab in Founders Hall was also dedicated. As part of the Community School of the Arts, the lab features some of the latest keyboard technology used to teach and create music. The lab was dedicated by the Schmitz family in honor of their older daughter, Sophia.

...and the Bishop

Bishop William Taylor received the recognition October 24 as the University unveiled a prototype of the plaque which will stand outside of the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium. Smaller plaques were presented to descendants of Bishop William Taylor and Dr. Clarice Lowe, who were present for the homecoming festivities (see pp. 2-3 for more on these individuals). The following text appears on the plaque:

"Bishop William Taylor, born in Virginia in 1821, Methodist evangelist and missionary, served Jesus Christ for more than fifty years on six continents. Taylor accepted Christ at the age of 21 and spent the early years of his ministry in San Francisco, California. His later years were spent serving as the Missionary Bishop of Africa under the Methodist General Conference.

"Taylor University was named in honor of Bishop William Taylor in 1890 — three years before the University was relocated from Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Upland, Indiana.

"This plaque was unveiled and dedicated on the occasion of the University's sesquicentennial anniversary, October 1996."

The plaque, which will be fixed to a large rock, also contains a poem by President John Paul (1922-31), — Randy Dillinger '95
A Family Gathering

Students often experience a flurry of emotions and activity when family members come to visit them. The month of October was no exception for the Taylor community which hosted Parents' Weekend on the Upland campus, Oct. 11-13, and Family Weekend in Fort Wayne, Oct. 4-6.

Freshman roommates Rachel Gocking, Ariana Rosado and Erin Houle enjoyed Parents' Weekend as they each spent time together with their parents.

For Erin Houle '00, Parents' Weekend was the convergence of two worlds. Her family moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., from Germany last summer as her father retired from the Air Force. Finally she could introduce them to her new world, including her roommates, Rachel Gocking and Ariana Rosado.

"Rachel and Ariana have obviously become an important part of my life, a part that my parents didn't know that much about," Erin says. "Now they know more of what I'm experiencing."

The parents of all three roommates came to visit, and on Saturday they all had lunch together.

"A lot of times my roommates' families call and it was just good to meet them and know who Rachel or Ariana are talking to."

Besides the roommates' connection as freshmen, they also share a common thread as each was the first sibling in her family to leave home for college.

"Our families are all going through the same thing," says Erin.

Another benefit of Erin's parents' visit was that they had a chance to see Taylor firsthand and see how their daughter was being impacted by the Taylor community.

"They've always thought very highly of Taylor," she says, "but you can think very highly of a school and not be sure if that's the right match for your child. By coming here, they got to see how I'm doing. They got to see that I'm fitting in and that I'm very happy here. They know it was the right match and the right place for me to be."

Family Weekend gave Deb Fox (TUFW) '98 a chance to spend time with her parents and her grandmother. Being a personnel assistant and on duty that weekend, Deb had to stay on campus, but with all the activities offered that weekend, the family had plenty of options.

"Family Weekend was really well-organized," Deb said. "It showed the overall attitude of the campus—from the auction to the talent show to chapel on Sunday morning."

The weekend was especially meaningful for Deb as it was her grandmother's first visit to Taylor. Her grandmother was impressed by the involvement of the faculty and staff during the weekend. She also enjoyed the Sunday morning chapel service, held in the Rediger Chapel/Auditorium.

Some families do not live close enough for such a weekend visit, though. Families who are visiting, however, often include such "orphanned" students. This was the case for Deb's closest friend, Shani Gray (TUFW) '99, who spent the weekend with the Foxes.

"I was included in everything they did," Shani says. "They treated me as if I were a part of their family."

Other "orphanned" students who were still not without hope for a wonderful weekend. For several years, missionary kids (MKs) and international students have participated in "Orphan's Night." Since most of these students live overseas from their parents, the activities allow them to fellowship and spend time together.

"Sometimes it's hard to be here when everyone else's parents are around," explains Mu Kappa officer Dave Frank '98. "The other MKs kind of become your family."

James Njoroge '97, has had a unique experience as an international student from Kenya. Having been raised by his grandparents, he never really knew his father or mother. But earlier this year, James was "adopted" by Chalmer and Martha Leffingwell, a couple from the church he attends. On Parents' Weekend, James and five other students (including four from Kenya) shared a cookout with the Leffingwells. Like part of the family, James helped with the food preparation. The main course was venison, provided by Mr. Leffingwell.

"He's a hunter," James says. "Initially we were invited for squirrel, but he didn't catch enough."

Whether students stayed on campus with their families or ventured out into the local communities, Parents' Weekend and Family Weekend provided a wonderful opportunity for fellowship within families. And as the "orphanned" students demonstrate, family is much more than literal flesh and blood—it's the kindred bonds which unite all groups of people.—Amy Eversole '98 and Abigail Reese '99
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Enabling Tomorrow’s Leaders

Leadership... Scholarship... Christian commitment. These three characteristics have come to identify Taylor University, from the corporations and missions agencies which employ Taylor alumni, to the faculty, staff and student body which populate its halls today. The Taylor experience has nurtured discipleship and leadership for current students Mike Sobol ’97 and Dave Gray ’99 to young alumni such as Paula Hartzler ’96, Kashwinder Kaur ’94 and Brent Croxton ’92. Seasoned alumni George Glass ’58 has also been profoundly influenced by his Taylor experience.

“The impact of the Taylor community on me is pretty significant,” says Glass, associate vice president for alumni relations. “I was led to Christ here by my coach my freshman year. I met my wife here as a fellow student, and I got my career direction here.”

Glass had no desire to find any one of the above when he first came to Taylor. His one reason for matriculating: “To play basketball.”

That soon changed, however, as Glass vividly recalls: It was October 14 of his freshman year and he had just accepted Christ in the Maytag Gymnasium. Through the encouragement of Coach Don Odle ’42, Glass gave testimony of his conversion at a campus prayer meeting. That’s when he first experienced the spiritual depth many of his friends possessed.

“All of a sudden I found people who really cared about me who I didn’t even know,” he says. “I must have had half a dozen people tell me how thrilled they were and that they had been praying for me. I had a support group that wasn’t going to let me fall.”

Today’s students also have spiritual support to which they can turn. Each residence hall wing or floor has a representative discipleship coordinator who works with several small group leaders.

As a residential community, the majority of students on the Upland campus live in the residence halls. Sobol, who is serving as student body president this year, has lived on “Penthouse,” otherwise known as Fourth Morris, all four of his years at Taylor. As a senior now, he enjoys the interaction he has with freshmen.

“It’s a great opportunity to spend time with them and talk about things that we’ve learned here,” he says of the upperclassman experience.

Being a student government this year, Sobol has had the opportunity to interact with the administration on various levels. This has led him to a deeper respect for how the university operates, which is built upon the Life Together Covenant (LTC). This statement of community expectations, which all students, faculty and staff are required to sign, demands a commitment to personal integrity.

This “honor system” has led to unprecedented growth for many students. For Hartzler, who currently serves as an admissions counselor, growth came partly through classes such as Critical Perspectives, taught by Dr. Jessica Rousseau, professor of communication arts. She has also appreciated the holistic approach Taylor has taken in its view of the individual.

“Taylor has a great balance between real life and academics,” she says. “There is more to a person than the academic side.”

Like Hartzler, Croxton and Kaur have returned to Taylor and are now on staff: Croxton as Wengatz Hall director and Kaur as director of international student programs.

When Croxton graduated from high school, a major factor in his choice of colleges was whether or not they would foster intellectual growth. Not sure at first if Taylor was such a place, he decided to attend Miami University of Ohio. But after a year of learning about Taylor from some of his friends, he decided to transfer—a decision for which he is very grateful.

“Taylor lit a fire under me in terms of being a thinking Christian,” he continues, “and wanting to impact the world in the arena of ideas. Professors who modeled this in the classroom really ignited my own personal passion.”

The transition from student to staff was a bit unsettling for Kaur, as she began relating to former professors as peers. The transition has also required a change in her day-to-day living.

“Friends will call me up and say, ‘Hi, we’re having coffee at 11:00 tonight’, she says with a smile, ‘and I have to tell them, I’m sorry I can’t. I have to work in the morning’.”

Still, having such close contact with her college friends is a blessing for Kaur, as for many other staff members. In turn, current students are able to see examples of those who have made the transition from student life to professional life.

As part of the larger community, these individuals serve as living examples of leadership, scholarship and Christian commitment. These characteristics have been part of the Taylor community for many years, and by the grace of God, they will remain for many more.— Randy Dillinger ’95
To Walk & Not Grow Weary

Bob Summer ’81 considers himself a fortunate man today. Fourteen years after going through radiation treatments for non-Hodgkins lymphoma, he is cancer-free and is a husband (wife Mary Ellen) and father of three daughters: Jessica (9), Rebekah (8) and Danika (6). But the memory of those difficult years still remains.

It was three weeks before his graduation from Taylor in 1981 that Bob discovered a lump under his jaw. As time passed, concern began to grow and before long he was in surgery to have the lump removed. Bob recalls the scene when he woke up.

“When I came to, I remember vividly, like it was yesterday, my father placing a wash rag on my forehead with a look on his face I had never seen before,” he says, “I looked over at my mom and could see that she had been crying. Dad said he had some tough news for me. I asked if it was malignant, and he said yes. I remember thinking to myself I was dead.”

After numerous tests and surgery in Minnesota, Bob was sent home to Illinois to receive radiation treatment over the next six weeks. During that time, Bob began to have deep compassion for children suffering from cancer.

“I remember thinking about the group of children and how little they got to experience in life compared to me,” he says.

While Bob has been blessed with good health in recent years, cancer continues to plague his loved ones. In the last five years, both Bob’s father and his best friend from Taylor, Dr. John Ozmun ’82, were diagnosed with cancer. More recently, his sister-in-law, Anne Anderson, was diagnosed with breast cancer and went through a series of rigorous surgeries and treatments.

More had news about Anne reached Bob while he was on a two-day, 12-mile hike along the Chilkoot Trail. At a stopping point, he made a routine call home to the Summer Inn Bed & Breakfast, an historical home he and Mary Ellen renovated and turned into an inn. The innkeeper informed him that doctors had found another spot on Anne’s lung. Bob tried to call Mary Ellen, but there was no answer and immediately he feared the worst.

“I remember going to a coffeeshop in Skagway and sitting back in the corner,” he says, “really shaken by the thought that this 35-year-old woman who had been through so much with a positive attitude only to have the cancer come back and probably take her life.”

As it turned out, the spot was not malignant and Anne was just fine. But after that experience, Bob began to wonder what he could do for others suffering from cancer. With the help of local volunteers, he formed Tested Positive—Cancer Survivors on McKinley, a non-profit organization, with the goal of raising funds by placing a team of nine climbers, including six cancer survivors, on the summit of Mt. McKinley (also called Denali).

While Bob has had some mountain climbing experience, he has never before climbed a peak as high as Denali (el. 20,320 feet). Consequently, he thought some high-altitude training would be in order. Due to the dangers of climbing, Bob is taking precaution for the climb this summer, gathering safety gear and protective clothing. Intensive physical conditioning has also become routine for each climber.

When he first conceived of the idea for Tested Positive, Bob felt insecure about sharing his personal story. He and Mary Ellen had moved to Alaska in 1983 and knew no one. He enjoyed his solitude and no one needed to know about that part of his life. But through the prodding of individuals like Dolly LeFever, the first American woman to summit the seven highest peaks of the world, he knew what he needed to do.

Each climber is required to pay a $3,000 guiding fee as well as raising an additional $10,000 for the cause. The overall goal is to raise $100,000.

Touched by his own experience as a father of three small children, Bob intends for the project to contribute toward camps for children suffering from cancer. These camps will receive a large portion, 75 percent, of the funds generated by the climb. The remaining 25 percent will go directly toward cancer research.

Several camps from Canada and across the United States have expressed interest in the project. Bob maintains that the funds will be divided among these camps in such a way as to ensure that the largest number of children possible will attend camp. And it is for these little ones that Bob is chiefly concerned.

“We want to show children (as well as adults) diagnosed with cancer or some other challenge, that there is hope for life beyond it,” he says, “And not just life, but an exciting and active life. Our physical goal is to summit Denali, but there are many other goals we will reach even if we do not summit.”

The climbers are planning to depart from Talkeetna on June 10, with final descent completed by July 4.

— Randy Dillinger ’93

For more information about the climb, or to contact the Summers, write to Tested Positive, 35555 Spur Highway #223, Soldotna, AK 99669, by email at positive@alaska.net, or by web at http://www.adventureonline.com and http://www.trailshead.com. And if you’re ever in Alaska, stop by the Summer Inn!
Satellite Research Yields Nationwide Recognition

Five years ago, no one would have guessed that Taylor was soon to be on the pioneering forefront of space research. But through the efforts of Dr. Hank Voss, research professor, Taylor has acquired several grants from the space industry which last year alone totaled $775,000.

Voss recently announced the advent of groundbreaking technology developed at Taylor, consisting of a new analog microchip design. Space research, according to Voss, requires the use of analog instrumentation to measure particles and frequencies.

"The real world is pretty much analog," he says. "It changes intensity levels, and we then have to convert that to digital data."

Unfortunately, analog sensors used before the new design require a large number of parts and sprawling space for all the circuitry. The technology designed by Voss, however, revolutionizes the way analog data is transferred. To illustrate, Voss refers to the Source-Loss Cone Energetic Particle Spectrometer (SEPS), an instrument currently in orbit, which includes the new microchip.

"Normally they've had only nine sensors operating at one time with a tabletop of electronics," he says, "and now we have over 700 sensors working in concert, which really gives us a better picture of what's going on."

Racing Toward the Future: Sunrayce '97

Solar-powered vehicles were once thought to be a novelty. But with ever-depleting natural fuel supplies, mobile societies are quickly realizing the need to develop alternative sources of fuel for transportation.

Though solar-powered vehicles have been in experimental use for over a decade, the field is an emerging science with far to go for viable consumer use. Last year Taylor entered the race for progress in solar automation, joining a host of other schools on the roster of Sunrayce '97. The race, which has occurred biennially since 1993, is cosponsored by General Motors and the U.S. Department of Energy.

The Taylor car, aptly named Gideon's Torch, has been entirely designed and is being built by students. These students have applied knowledge they are gaining in the classroom for the design. Their efforts are nothing less than what professional engineers must undertake, says project manager John Clarke '97. As such, this is a truly practical engineering experience which goes well beyond the scope of a typical research project.

The vehicle itself gathers energy through solar panels, then directly converts it to electricity which is stored in batteries. Energy can also be channeled directly to the automobile while it is running.

Solar-powered and electric vehicles offer many advantages over conventional automobiles. Electric motors now consist of "powerful rare earth magnets and a brushless design" and can weigh as little as eleven pounds. The cars operate without a sound and emit no hazardous fumes. They can travel hundreds of miles a day with less power than a hairdryer uses.

Sunrayce '97 is not a one-time effort for these trailblazers. Plans are already being made for Taylor's involvement in the 1999 race. Taylor's purpose goes much deeper than the scientific, however. The name itself, Gideon's Torch, bears witness to the evangelical fervor of the team.

If you would like more information on Sunrayce '97, please contact Jon Clarke at (317) 998-5369. To receive email updates on the project, write to 93512@tayloru.edu.

The microchip has been, according to Voss, the "bread and butter" for Taylor's space research. It will be installed as a solid-state detector in a new instrument for NASA's Image satellite which will take measurements for imaging the magnetosphere around the earth. Taylor has joined the team of schools working on the project with Southwest Research Institute and the University of Arizona. The solid-state detector will allow neutral particles to be measured for the first time.

"No one really knows that much about them," says research engineer Dave Prentice '96. "Hopefully this will tell us a lot more."

With all the efforts underway at Taylor right now, students have had the opportunity to be involved in real-time design and testing of the instrumentation, including the SEPS instrument which was recently launched into orbit.

Students presented a paper with Voss, covering their work on the SEPS instrumentation, at the American Geophysical Union in December. It was the first public report from the project.

"We showed a lot of those first observations which have never been seen before," Voss says, "We've never before had a sensor to look at these things, so it was some exciting data."

The new analog chip also raises exciting possibilities for colleges and universities that go beyond theory and design. Voss recently wrote a proposal to Stanford University for building a complete satellite at the university level. This is a plausible idea, says Voss, "because the microchips are so small and the sensors are reducing in size. And NASA is interested in funding that."

The increasing attention on space research made it possible last fall for Taylor to join a select group of schools as a member of the Indiana Space Grant Consortium (ISGC). The other schools include the Universities of Notre Dame, Indiana, Ball State, and Valparaiso. Voss currently serves as the associate director of the ISGC. — Randy Dillinger '93
Academics in Brief

The Chemistry department recently acquired a Gas Chromatograph Mass Spectrometer (GCMS) through a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant. • Dr. Mark Cosgrove authored "The Fruit of Integration: Results in the Teaching of Psychology" published in the Journal of Psychology and Theology, 1995, Vol. 23, No. 24. • Dr. Ted Dorman pursued research at Oxford University in May 1996 exploring the Reformed Doctrine of Justification. He authored "The Case Against Calvinistic Hermeneutics" published in the Fall 1996 issue of Philosophia Christi. • Dr. Dan Hammond authored "Synthesis of "PF-NMR Probe for ATCase Binding Studies." His research utilized the Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) Spectrometer recently donated to Taylor. Hammond has been named vice chair of chemistry section of the Indiana Academy of Science (IAS). Jennifer Davis '97 assisted Hammond in his research. • Dr. Paul M. Harms is a member of the nominating committee for the Indiana section of the Mathematical Association of America. • Dr. Cathy Harner and Twyla Lee presented "Comprehensive Exams: A Measure of Mastery" at the national Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors Conference in Portland, Ore. The presentation highlighted the Social Work department's innovative work of developing an intentionally purposeful assessment tool that provides valuable feedback to students, faculty, the university and accrediting agencies. • Dr. Dennis E. Hensley has authored a chapter in The Writer's Digest Guide to Making Money Freelance Writing. An interview by Hensley with novelist Janette Oke will appear in the January 1997 issue of Writer's Digest. Hensley co-authored Write on Target with Holly G. Miller, published by The Writer, Inc. A foreword by Hensley has been published in Dr. Wes Gehring's book Personality Comedians As Genre: Selected Performers, published by Greenwood Press Group of Westport, Conn. Hensley is also an active lecturer. His speaking schedule includes forthcoming events such as a ten-city American Christian Writers conference tour, the midwest regional convention of the Association of American Christian Schools International, and a meeting of the Fort Wayne Christian Writers' Club, among others. • Dr. Barbara A. Heavilin and Dr. Betty Messer presented "Beyond the Weapons of Gender: The 'Tragic Optimism' of the Catholic Grotesque in Isabel Allende's Of Love and Shadows" at the Nov. 7 meeting of the Midwest Modern Language Association. Messer was invited in September as a member of the beta lota Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, an honor society for women in education. • Dr. Bill Heth is now serving as the Biblical Studies, Christian Education and Philosophy department head. • Dr. Paul House is now teaching at Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. • Several students and faculty gave presentations at the 112th annual meeting of the Indiana Academy of Science, November 7-8. Areas of research at Taylor represented at the meeting included Environmental Studies, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and Computer Science. Professors who spoke at the meeting include Dr. Stan Burden, Tim Burkholder, Bob Davis, Ray Grizzle, Jan Reber, Paul Rothrock, Edwin Squiers, Hank Voss and Art White. Student presenters included sophomore Andrew Forbes, juniors Sarah Cleveland, Benjamin Els. Colleen Kendrick, Ken Moser and Suzanne Rothrock, and seniors Ann Hartman, Kirk Hassenfritz, Kiera Nahler, and Brad Poteat. • Tena Krause completed her second master's degree, a master of arts in Health Science and Physiology, from Ball State University in July. • Dr. Joe Lund authored three articles for the forthcoming revised publication of the Encyclopedia of Psychology, published by Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Mich. The articles are related to General Adaptation Syndrome, Hopelessness and Person Perception. • Dr. Paul Rothrock was senior author of "Documented Chromosome Numbers 1996:1. Chromosome Numbers in Carex Section Ovaless (Cyperaceae) From Eastern North America" published in Sida (17) 1. • Each January, senior students in Social Work participate in a service/learning project as part of a service/learning project. Students spend the week-long project living as homeless persons in a community, working to provide service and exploring social services within that community. This year's service/learning project will be at the Grand County Rescue Mission in Marion, Ind. • Dr. Jim Speigel recently became editor of the Berkeley Briefs, the official publication of the International Berkeley Society. He also spent part of his summer as philosopher-in-residence at the Whitehall Museum in Newport, Rhode Island. Whitehall is the 18th-century home built by Bishop George Berkeley, American philosopher of the early modern period. • The Taylor Ringers, under the direction of Dr. Richard Parker, and the Taylor Sounds, directed by Dr. JoAnn Rediger, presented musical programs in Israel and Jordan last May. Charles Newman, former director of the William Taylor Foundation, worked to make the trip possible. Parker is also teaching "Folk Dances of Other Cultures," a new course in which students learn dances and cultural facts about various cultures of the Americas, Europe, Asia and Africa.
Christian Colleges Gather for Technology Conference

The big bang of internet technology has hit Christian colleges with startling force over the past two years. Taylor University, for example, had no forecast for the growth of the internet in 1995 and no plans to enter the market that year. Barely three months into the 1995-96 school year, though, the internet had moved from an intangible philosophy at the university to one of the most powerful communications tools the school had in its 150-year history.

While revolutionizing the capabilities for mass communication, the internet explosion has left many colleges and universities baffled and overwhelmed. As is the case at many other schools, Taylor’s abrupt encounter with this new genre of technology has left many questions unanswered, not least of which concerns staffing and funding for online communications.

“There was no budget, no prediction, and no staffing,” says Angela Angelovska, director of electronic publications. “There was no way to manage these new responsibilities.”

Seeking to address these issues, Taylor University and the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities (CCC) jointly hosted “Meeting the Challenges,” the second annual Christian College Technology Conference. Taylor staff participating in the conference included Bedi, Hodge, and Angelovska; Dan Newman, who served as the network liaison; Dr. LeRoy Kroll, professor of chemistry; Tim Herrmann, associate dean of students; Art Mahan, network services manager; Dr. Steven Bird, assistant professor of sociology; Jennifer Collins, special projects coordinator; William Toll, associate professor of computing and system sciences; Bob Craton, information resources coordinator; Jim Kleist, assistant professor and director of the education technology center (ETC); Edwin Welch, coordinator of academic support; and Dr. John Moore, associate professor of biology.

In addition to the informative seminars, the conference featured demonstrations of products which support teaching and learning. Representative companies included GospelCom and PictureTel. Those in attendance also had the opportunity to tour Taylor’s information technology facilities, including the ETC, Modern Language Media Studio, distance learning and multimedia classrooms, and other sites on campus.—Randy Dillingren ’95

Educational Technology Center: Still Growing

New information and technology have swept over many academic institutions like an overwhelming deluge. Some choose to build defenses against technology. At Taylor, however, new technology is constantly being evaluated for the value it could hold for the school. A host of new services were added this year to the Educational Technology Center (ETC), the central hub for video, audio and multimedia devices on campus.

Jim Kleist, director of the ETC, is constantly engaged in a struggle to keep up-to-date on the most recent developments in the world of technology. The ETC now features a video editing facility, complete with a wealth of music and sounds which students can use freely in class presentations. Another new acquisition this year is a recordable compact disc facility. This allows data—from term papers to musical compositions—to be saved in permanent digital form.

The use of digital graphic arts is greatly aided by a color printer and a high-resolution scanner that will soon be networked to all the computers in the ETC. These represent only a few examples of the extensive resources which, according to Kleist, are being utilized increasingly by the Taylor student body.

While exploring new possibilities, Taylor has also taken steps to ensure that the school will not be buried by technology. A faculty committee has adopted a philosophy for guiding the appropriate use of technology at Taylor, consisting of an balance between “no tech, low tech and high tech.”
Homecoming Weekend '96
Celebrating 150 Years

Members of the Board of Trustees close the chapel program with the musical benediction, *We Will Carry the Torch.*

Two of today's leading evangelicals, Chuck Colson and Jay Kesler, share some thoughts before chapel begins.

The Jazz Band provides a lively start to the Homecoming Weekend.

Homecoming committee chairs Michele Von Tobel '98 and Adam Konopka '98 welcome an over-capacity crowd to chapel.
Ron Liechty '71 and Tom Essenburg '69 join in the celebration of the 25th class reunion.

David Horsey '65 (left) and his mother-in-law Mary Plueddemann visit with Fred Yazzie '62.

Dr. Bill Heth talks with an alumnus at the departmental reunion after the football game.

President Jay Kesler presidential leadership-

Alice Holcombe '39 and Lois Weed '51 share a moment of excitement.
Taylor fans express their spirit at the football game on Saturday afternoon.

The Gordon Pipers add flare to the football game’s halftime festivities.

Sally Cummings ’96 (center) catches up with friends during lunch.

The dining commons staff serve Taylor “birthday” cake with a smile.

Mike ’68 and Janet (Schneider ’72) Sonnenberg pose proudly with daughter and newly-crowned Homecoming Queen Jamie ’97. newly-crowned Homecoming queen. Joel Sonnenberg (far right) is a freshman at Taylor.
George Glass '58 addresses over 2000 alumni and friends in attendance at the Sesquicentennial Pageant.

Dick Gygi '67, Taylor Board member and Chairman of the Taylor Tomorrow campaign, applauds the announcement of the largest-ever fundraising effort in Taylor's history.

The Taylor Chorale performs at the Sesquicentennial Pageant.

George Glass '58 and Gene Rupp '58 review last minute details before the Pageant.

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WBCL Celebrates Twenty Years of Radio Ministry

On October 10 of this hallmark year in Taylor history, WBCL opened its doors for a public celebration marking its 20th anniversary of radio broadcasting ministry. The open house included a dedication ceremony for the Jeff Carlson Studio, a fully-digital system named in honor of the station's former deejay and operations manager who was tragically killed in an automobile accident last December.

Scott Tsuleff, assistant manager for programming at WBCL, spoke of the man who brought joy to so many through the years. "For eighteen years, Jeff's laughter reverberated through the hallways of WBCL," he recalls, "and through cars and kitchens and offices all across northeast Indiana, northwest Ohio, and southern Michigan. And so it is fitting that we gather today to remember Jeff and rename Studio A the Jeff Carlson Studio."

Mary (Carlson '61) Delcamp, also remembered her brother that day: "It's just incredible to me that this station is a part of Taylor University, and that this studio with his name on it now becomes a tangible tribute to his involvement with Taylor. He was so thrilled to be a part of this school; he would be so honored and so humbled. Our prayer is that God will use His Word as it goes out from this studio to win people to Himself and to encourage those who already know Him."

WBCL began broadcasting in January, 1976, under the ownership of Fort Wayne Bible College. When the Bible College merged with Taylor in 1992, ownership of WBCL was transferred to the latter. Contributing to the tremendous growth of WBCL (90.3 FM) came the addition of a new station in 1992, WBCY (89.5 FM), located in Archbold, Ohio.

WBCL/WBCY have together become powerful and well-received voices within the communities they serve. In 1993, WBCL was the top-rated non-commercial Christian radio station in the nation. Since its founding, WBCL has thrived, moving from an 18-hour broadcasting day with two full-time employees to a 24-hour-per-day format with 17 full-time employees and nine part-time employees, WBCL wholly attributes this growth to the Lord.

"God has been so faithful for twenty years," said Char Binkley, who has served the station as general manager for twelve years. "Our ministry, 24 hours a day, is to get God out in the open so He can be heard by everyone who tunes in."

The near future promises more growth for the radio ministry of Taylor University. The board of directors of Taylor University Broadcasting, Inc., under which WBCL/WBCY were reorganized last year, is planning to dedicate a new station this summer, WBCJ (90.1 FM), in Spencerville, Ohio. The new station will simulcast WBCL's signal to the Celina, Wapakoneta, Lima, and St. Mary's communities in Northwest Ohio.

WBCL staff members agree that God has been faithful over these past 20 years. The following verse captures their thankfulness to God. "Now glory be to God who by His mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of — infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes" (Ephesians 3:20).—Amy Eversole '98 and Abigail Reece '99

Justice and Ministry Certificate Merits Recognition for Three Faculty

Three faculty members received an award for excellence at the Region IV University Continuing Education Association meeting, in recognition of the Justice and Ministry Certificate, which was developed on the Fort Wayne campus. The recipients were Dr. W. Thomas Beckner, associate professor of English, Dr. Ronald Powell, assistant professor of criminal justice, and Heather St. Peters, director of the Institute for Correspondence Studies.

The Justice and Ministry Certificate is a unique combination of direct classroom learning and extended studies. Students seeking the Certificate are required to spend two weeks on the Fort Wayne campus for participation in the American Chaplaincy Training School (ACTS). They are also required to complete four courses through the Institute of Correspondence Studies.

Beckner is president of the ACTS, which is headquartered on the Fort Wayne campus. He holds M.S. degrees in both English and criminal justice, and a Ph.D. in English. Powell has served in correctional leadership and criminal justice at the administrative level for over 20 years. In addition to holding a seminary degree in New Testament theology, Powell has a Ph.D. in rehabilitation counseling and a postdoctoral certificate in strategic management. St. Peters has M.S. degrees in political science and communication.
Pitts Concludes Twenty-four-year Tenure of Service

Avoid will occur this January when Dr. Robert Pitts retires from the academic halls of Taylor University. Having served the university with uncommon commitment for the past 24 years in both the administration and in the classroom, he has contributed greatly to the academic excellence of Taylor, the school he loves to talk about.

"Taylor is the kind of institution that one should be proud to be associated with," he says. "The opportunity to serve the Lord is ample there. I think that's been the nature of my calling, and I've been happy to fulfill that calling in a place like Taylor."

A large part of his enjoyment over the years was due to his family's involvement at Taylor. His son, Greg '87, and daughter, Sheila Pitts '87, Weiland, both received their degrees from Taylor. And of his wife, Marsha, Pitts recalls the hospitality she so generously offered to visiting friends. Her involvement, particularly, became a vital part of Pitts' service at Taylor.

"In those days, there weren't any motel rooms around here that amounted to anything, and we used our home as a place of hospitality for interviewees that we brought in," he says. "She hosted all of those people and entertained their spouses, and showed them real estate and public schools around the community."

Originally hired as academic dean in 1973, Pitts was responsible for directing the academic programs of the university. Over the next nine years that Pitts was dean, Taylor underwent several transitions. A thorough study of the general education program was undertaken, and the current personnel policies involving promotion and tenure were adopted. The size of the student body rose from 1529 to nearly 1900.

There was also, at that time, what Pitts describes as a "blossoming" of the faculty. The number of faculty members holding doctoral or terminal degrees increased from 30% to over 60%. This blossoming has received more attention in recent years, but was at first slow in coming.

"Taylor certainly has grown in its reputation in the 24 years that I've been here," Pitts says. "It's become much more nationally recognized. All of the potential for that was there, it was just a matter of people perhaps waking up to what we were doing, and acknowledging it elsewhere."

In 1982, Pitts moved from the administration to the religion department, where he has taught ever since. Even though he felt more naturally gifted as an administrator, Pitts was pleased to make the transition due to his commitment to Taylor.

"It became a matter, eventually, of my having fallen in love with the place," he says. "When the opportunity came for me to leave the dean's office and take on a teaching role, friends wanted to know why I didn't want to be dean somewhere else. I told them that after being at Taylor, there aren't many other places to go."

Pitts has taken his responsibility with a strong commitment to the integrity of the institution.

"I came with the determination that if this was a Christian college, then the academic dean was probably the most crucial individual in maintaining the Christian integrity of the institution," he says. "I determined very early on that I would search out the best possible Christian candidates for the faculty, and I think we achieved that."

Indeed, the academic success and spiritual maturity of the Taylor academic program owes much of its success to Robert Pitts. Looking ahead, Pitts anticipates time he will spend with his family. He is even preparing himself for the "Honey-do" list waiting for him at home. He also plans to spend more time on his hobby, stained glass, as well as spending time assisting organizations like Habitat for Humanity. Pitts would also like to do some traveling.

"I've always had this dream of seeing New England in the fall," he says, "and I can only see New England in the fall if I'm not committed to work."

Regardless of his activities, one thing will always be certain—Taylor University will miss Dr. Robert Pitts. Thank you, Dr. Pitts, for your dedicated service to Taylor University.—Jay Eversole '98

A dedicated cause—The men's and women's soccer teams join Dr. Jay Kesler, and other staff members and friends, in a prayer of dedication for the new soccer field, Oct. 11.
Taylor University to Host Elderhostel 1997

Taylor University will once again sponsor an Elderhostel program this summer. The theme of the 1997 program is "Autobiography: Reflections on the Past, Present, and Future." Three courses will be offered, led by caring and knowledgeable faculty.

Participants in Dr. Tom Jones' course, "Taming Points in 20th Century American History," will research and discuss critical issues and events that have influenced U.S. political, economic, social, and intellectual life.

"Writing From Real Life," instructed by Dr. Rick Hill, is designed to be a hands-on, "writer's workshop," exploring various techniques of writing autobiography and/or fiction based on real life experiences.

"How to Manage Your_____!" will cover a number of topics, including money, stress, diet, and environmental management. Each section will be taught by a professor knowledgeable in that area.

Adults age 55 and older may register for the July 6-11 program, at a cost of $310. Hostlers will enjoy spacious, air-conditioned accommodations (choice of single or double occupancy), private baths, superb cafeteria meals, and a variety of leisurely evening activities all within a smoke-free and alcohol-free environment.

If you would like to attend Elderhostel this summer, request a registration form by writing to Elderhostel at 73 Federal St., Boston, MA 02110-1941, or contact the Home office at (617) 426-8056. For a brochure of the 1997 program, please contact Taylor Elderhostel coordinator Dr. Richard Parker at Taylor University, 300 W. Reade Ave., Upland, IN 46989.

Residents of Gerig and Wengatz Halls Lend a Helping Hand to Habitat For Humanity

New service traditions for residents in Gerig and Wengatz residence halls may have started October 5, as each branched out from Taylor for a day of service in the local community.

Desiring to incorporate a service project into Gerig's annual fall retreat, hall discipleship coordinator Tammy White '97 and hall director Lori Bedi offered their services to the Taylor chapter of Habitat for Humanity. The group wanted to add greater meaning to the retreat.

"Instead of just having a time to get away, it was a time to reach out to others," White explains.

About thirty Gerig residents went into Marion, Ind., dividing into three different project groups. One group cleaned out a church basement, another worked on construction for a house, and the third group worked in a house that will soon be converted into a neighborhood center.

White hopes to see the project continue as a new tradition, and is already thinking of ideas for the spring retreat. She said that the Habitat project was "a nice way to get it started."

First East Wengatz also had a desire to add a new dimension to their wing retreat, held that same weekend. The group spent the night at the home of wing resident cliffs Johnson '93, in Fort Wayne, Ind., where they sat around a campfire and got to know each other better. The following morning, they arose early to go to a women's shelter to do whatever was needed.

Their assignments included cleaning out a large attic and working with plaster. They worked alongside women from the shelter, and continued to work beyond the scheduled finishing time in order to complete the task at hand.

Wengatz personnel assistant Matt McNeil '98 said that the men found the experience to be refreshing. And Wengatz residents enjoyed a different kind of male bonding experience.

"We goofed around enough at Taylor," McNeil said. "It was good to get out and serve someone else." — Amy Eversole '98

Students Discover World Opportunities

Everyone's going to have some part in building the Kingdom," says Andrew Whalen '98, co-director of World Opportunities Week. But not everyone will do this on the foreign mission field. For this reason, Whalen and fellow co-director Corrie Baar '97 established a three-fold goal of educating the Taylor community in the areas of praying, giving, and going.

This goal was accomplished through the two keynote speakers, K. P. Yohannan, of Gospel for Asia, and Mark Soderquist '80 of International Teams—U.S. Urban Ministries. The week also provided about 12 seminars with representatives from 36 missions organizations. — Amy Eversole '98

Taylor Makes the List

Hispanic Outlook in Higher Education has named Taylor University in its HOT (Hispanic Outlook Top) list, which annually assists an estimated 150,000 Hispanic students nationwide in the college selection process. Taylor was one of ten Indiana schools to receive the status. Inclusion in the list is based on each school's financial aid, scholarships, ESL (English as a Second Language) programs, Hispanic Studies departments, and Hispanic representation on the faculty and in the administration, among other criteria. Nearly 700 schools made the list nationwide.
Student Recruitment: Looking for a Few Good “Fits”

Once again, the incoming class size at Taylor has increased, with this year’s freshman class being the largest in the university’s history. With so many students expressing an interest in Taylor, the question arises, “How are students chosen?”

Steve Mortland ’83, Director of Admissions, says of the decision process that, “We are selective. And when you’re selective, you’re going to have to choose between equal candidates. Our job is to continue to bring in students who allow this community to grow.”

It is this search for students who make a good fit with Taylor’s community which sets the university apart from other selective schools, who often look primarily at academics. Although academics are important at Taylor, the admissions staff also looks for students who are passionate about their faith.

The admissions department points to Taylor’s widespread reputation as being the reason why so many students are now applying to the school. In addition to yearly honors given by organizations such as U.S. News and World Report and the Templeton Foundation, students learn of Taylor’s excellence through alumni and the visibility of President Jay Kesler. Taylor’s reputation is also passed on through family members. The admissions staff reported that 42% of the freshman class last year had a sibling, parent, or other relative who is currently attending or has, in the past, attended Taylor.

The university has also been quite successful in its conscious recruiting efforts, especially through the use of print publications, telecounseling, a strong campus visitation program, and a travel program that reaches students early in order to build strong relationships with them before they choose a school. Taylor has a strategy designed to attract students who will make a well-fitting contribution to the community environment.

The number of early applicants has increased 60%. Mortland attributes this to the fact that Taylor is “one of the few selective colleges that still gives advantage to early applications.”

Taylor’s admission policy gives students a sense of urgency about applying, consequently showing the admissions staff which students truly want to be at Taylor. These students, in turn, prove to be a tremendous asset to the Taylor community.—Amy Seefeldt ’97

The “Robin Hood” Syndrome

How to play the part of Robin Hood with compassion and justice—this is the unwinding struggle faced by the financial aid office at Taylor University. Tim Nace, director of financial aid, drew this Robin Hood analogy several times in a recent interview.

The combination of increasing costs, decreasing federal aid, and a less-than-booming economy has made funding for a college education incredibly difficult for many American families. Taylor has committed itself to preserving economic diversity and so must attempt to play Robin Hood fairly in order to provide assistance for students who are unable to meet their own financial need.

Nace was quick to note a growing trend he finds particularly disturbing: a discernible cultural shift whereby funding a college education used to lie primarily upon the shoulders of students and parents, but in recent years has become more and more the responsibility of the government and academic institutions. Financial aid, thus, has come to be seen as a right instead of the gift it truly is.

Families have come to rely increasingly upon loans, not having saved adequate funds for a college education. Nace believes the best time to start preparing for a child’s college education is when the child is very young. As the credit society moves forward, education may become less and less affordable. Taylor University, however, is committed to pursuing every available avenue to provide affordable education and preserve economic diversity.—Amy Seefeldt ’97

Our Area Code Is Changing!

On February 1, 1997, the 317 area code will be changed to 765. Please note this change.

Taylor University’s new switchboard number will be (765) 998-2751.
Lilly Endowment Awards 3.14-million-dollar Grant

Lilly Endowment, Inc. recently awarded Taylor University a $3.14 million grant—the largest in Taylor’s history. The grant represents a special initiative from the Endowment to explore ways of encouraging Indiana residents to enroll in Indiana colleges, continue through to graduation, and find employment in Indiana.

Taylor has outlined plans establishing the Samuel Morris Program to assist Indiana students with college potential who might wish to attend a Christian liberal arts college but are impeded by limited financial resources, no family history of college completion, and/or inadequate educational preparation.

The objectives of the program address concerns raised by Dr. Jay Kesler, president. Kesler has expressed a desire that “the Taylor University education and experience be made accessible to all worthy and qualified students regardless of socioeconomic background.” He went on to affirm that “there are evident deficiencies in our society that make a college education difficult to envision for many young people. We intend to make every effort to assist students in overcoming racial, economic, social, and family barriers, to succeed in completing a college degree.”

One tangible instrument for encouraging disadvantaged youth to persevere in high school and to attain their goal of a college education will be the Samuel Morris Scholarships. Students from Indiana selected for entrance into the program will be awarded yearly scholarships of up to $6,000. These will be renewable contingent upon academic eligibility. The amounts may be adjusted to reflect changes in the students’ financial situation.

Students throughout the state of Indiana who meet the prescribed criteria will be encouraged to apply to Taylor through this program. Because the greater opportunity for Taylor to serve under-represented demographic groups exists in Fort Wayne, the central efforts will focus on and emanate from Taylor’s Fort Wayne campus. Some students recruited into the Samuel Morris Program at Taylor University Fort Wayne might choose to come to the Upland campus as a result of their selection of a major area of study. Consequently, resources and programs will be developed on both campuses, but programs for the Fort Wayne campus will be emphasized.

In order to identify students who meet one or more of the prescribed eligibility criteria, Taylor will work closely with Fort Wayne area churches, schools, and community agencies. Intervention programs for young people in the community will be implemented to help students be more successful in their middle and high school studies and point them to a college career. These activities will include a middle school summer program, a Fort Wayne area mentoring program, special visits to Taylor’s Fort Wayne campus for academic enrichment, and a credits-in-escrow program for high school students.

Opportunities will be available during the summer for students to improve their basic study skills, writing, and math. They will also take course work that will count toward the graduation requirement. Special co-curricular activities will accompany the classes to give students a sense of the whole-person thrust of the university.

Students approved and accepted for the program will participate in a tuition-free summer bridge experience following their high school graduation. They will be known at that time and throughout their study at Taylor as Samuel Morris Scholars.

The Samuel Morris Scholars will continue to receive close attention during their undergraduate years. A director and assistant director for the entire program will be hired to provide personal, academic, and career counseling. Interesting social and service experiences will be provided to help the Scholars develop greater unity and a sense of purpose.

Both Learning Support Centers of the university will be expanded in order to provide the academic assistance necessary for retention. This expansion will include additional computers, software, student tutors, and staff. These program upgrades should also benefit the entire student body and eventually enhance the overall university retention rate.

A concerted effort will be made to establish partnerships with Indiana businesses and organizations so that Indiana employment opportunities will be more readily available to the Samuel Morris Scholars and all Taylor students. To facilitate this aspect of the program, a full-time employer relations coordinator will be appointed. Improvements in technology and additional student assistants in the career development office will also help to better link Taylor students to employment possibilities.

Although the purpose of the grant can be met in different ways by different colleges, there may be merit to a degree of cooperation among the colleges when possible. In this spirit, Taylor University will establish and administer a World Wide Web homepage for internship and job opportunities for a consortium of Indiana educational institutions and Indiana employers.

Taylor is grateful for this opportunity to participate in this initiative. Throughout its history, the university has sought to be egalitarian and service-oriented in its mission to educate men and women for lifelong learning and for ministering the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world of need. This grant provides the means to fulfill this mission on yet another front.—Dr. Ron Sloan, assoc. dean for academic affairs, TUFW
Men's and Women's Teams Enjoy Successful Seasons

Fall sports at Taylor proved successful this year with seven of the teams posting a winning record and five of those seven winning either regular season or league tournament championships. The 1996 fall season also saw the introduction of women's soccer as an official team and a new field for both the men's and women's soccer teams.

In its inaugural year, Taylor's women's soccer finished with an 8-6 record. Coach Larry Mealy guided the Lady Trojans to a third-place finish in the Mid-Central Conference (MCC) with a 3-2 league mark, and two players joining the all-conference team. Men's soccer finished with a 16-5-1 record, forging a tie for the regular season conference title with a 6-1 mark, and winning the conference tournament to advance to the regional tournament for the second straight year. Four of Coach Joe Lund's Trojans were named all-conference selections.

The men's cross country team, with six members receiving all-conference selection, won victories in the NCCAA and MCC meets, as well as a sixth-place finish in the NAIA nationals. James Njorge '97, in his final year as an intercollegiate cross country runner, finished first at the MCC, Little State, and NCCAA meets, and second at the NMAA national meet. The men's cross country team was once again coached by Chris Coy.

The women's cross country team won the MCC meet while finishing sixth at the NCCAA, fourth at Little State, and 29th at the NMAA national meet. Coach Ray Bullock's team also placed three runners on the all-conference team and racked up the team's 500th win.

Although Coach Steve Wilt's Taylor football team managed only a 4-9 record in 1996, five Trojans earned all-conference honors in the Mid-States Football Association, and senior Andy Ankeny's eight interceptions this season, along with his 14 career interceptions, set school records.

The men's tennis team was a perfect 13-0, including a 6-0 MCC league mark, winning both the regular season and conference tournament championships for Coach Don Taylor. The Trojans will compete at the national tournament in May.

The Lady Trojans, coached by Rick Seaman '78, will also be represented at the national meet in May by the doubles team of Andrea Nielsen '97 and Sarah Nederveld '98, and singles player Caroline Behnken '00. The Lady Trojans finished the fall season with a 6-3 record.

The volleyball team once again won the MCC conference tournament—this time via an upset win over top-seeded Bethel—to earn an appearance in regional competition. Finishing at 36-9, while going 6-1 in the MCC, the Lady Trojans were led by three all-conference selections including MCC Player of the Year Natalie Steele '98, whose 2,597 career kills is a new NAIA record. —Jim Garringer

Football Players Team up with “Prayer Buddies”

Jordan Rice never knew his father. From the time he was eight months old, he has never had a male role model to emulate. Debra-Jo Rice, mail clerk at Taylor’s post office, has for many years wanted someone in her son’s life to fill the void. For the past three years now, her prayers have been answered through the Prayer Buddy Program, which links Taylor football players with young people in the community.

Debra recalls how the football staff prayed and thought carefully about who would be a good match. They decided that Ed Traub '97, would be just the right “big brother” for eight-year-old Jordan.

“Ed was the right person for Jordan,” she says. “It’s almost as if Ed were his real big brother. He really has a special place in Jordan’s life right now.”

For three years now, Ed and Jordan have shared many experiences, Jordan has visited Ed’s apartment, and since the two enjoy drawing, they have spent time in the Art Building. Ed, likewise, has spent time at the Rices’, sharing meals and birthday parties with the family. Jordan’s sister, 10-year-old Britannia, also has a big sister at Taylor. Rice has greatly appreciated the two students who have given of their time for her children.

“I think it’s a credit to Taylor that they have the kind of students who want to be involved,” she says, “and to be willing to be used wherever God would lead them, whether it’s in the nursing home or in a little kid’s life.”

Debra-Jo Rice thanks God for the relationship Ed Traub (l.) has formed with her son Jordan (r.) through the football team’s Prayer Buddy Program.

The Prayer Buddy program has been a strong, continuing tradition through several decades of Taylor football.—Randy Dillinger '95
Fort Wayne Athletic Director, Former TU Trojan

The scheduled tip-off between the Taylor Fort Wayne Falcons and the Goshen Maple Leafs is barely an hour away. The Falcons have already taken the floor for the customary shootaround. Coach Bud Hamilton '68 is also fulfilling his duties as the athletic director on this cool December evening, unlocking doors, checking the restrooms to see that the lights are on, and finally, opening the concession stand before the crowd arrives.

For this former Taylor Trojans athlete, coaching a small-college basketball team is a challenge often filled with euphoric moments. Last year, for instance, the Falcons knocked off Earlham, a victory that still carries consequences.

"I can't get them to play us again," he says, smiling as he pours butter into the popcorn popper. His attention returns to tonight's opponent. He has no illusions of beating Goshen. "I just want to keep it respectable. They've got some big kids."

In spite of the obstacles, Hamilton has forged winning or at least break-even seasons in each of his five years as mentor to the Falcon program. The Fort Wayne Bible College/Summit Christian College Falcons enjoyed a proud heritage through the years, with national and regional championships in the NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association).

As game time draws near, the popcorn that Hamilton started earlier is now ready to be eaten. He has long since forgotten about it. As a stream of parents, faculty, administrators, and students fill the seats at the north end of the gym, a smattering of neighborhood kids take to the floor, shooting basketballs and laughing as if they were on a playground at recess.

Player introductions are made and the game tips off. For all of Hamilton's early pessimism, his team comes out fighting, taking several early one-point leads. As the first half wears on, however, Goshen gains the lead and begins to pull away. First a three-point lead, then five, then seven. At that point the Falcons respond, cutting the lead to three, but by halftime, the lead is back up to seven. At halftime, students and even a faculty member or two take to the floor as the childhood favorite "Hokey Pokey" is played over the p.a. system. Once again the neighborhood kids shoot baskets at both ends.

Early in the second half, the Falcons are dealt a severe blow when one of their players goes down in a collision with an opponent. He would leave the game and return later only to sit on the bench with an ice pack applied to his head. Soon the Goshen lead balloons to 20, but once again a Falcon charge cuts it to 13. With about three minutes left, the Maple Leafs have 39 points and have a real shot at reaching the century mark. As the benches clear, Taylor mounts a final charge to pull within a more respectable 95-80 at the final gun.

Interestingly, Hamilton's love for basketball developed after his college days at Taylor. As a freshman in 1964, he was influenced by the Taylor athletic program. It was 4:30 a.m. on December 5 of that year, when teammate Richard Dick Gygi '67 escorted him to Coach George Glass' living room, where he prayed to receive Christ.

"I heard this pounding on my door," Glass remembers. "Dick said, 'Bud wants what I've got.'" Gygi himself had just accepted Christ the night before. In the 29 years since that night Hamilton has dedicated himself to Christian service. Hamilton was a member of the track team at Taylor, and following his graduation, he enrolled in Bible college, where he developed his love for basketball.

In 1973, Hamilton became a teacher, athletic director, and basketball coach at Florida Bible College, a position he held for eight years. For nine more years he was a youth pastor at Jacksonville Chapel in Lincoln Park, New Jersey.

Hamilton joined Summit Christian College in 1990 as director of Christian service. He currently serves as basketball coach, athletic director, and chaplain at TUFW, as well as filling the role of youth pastor for a Fort Wayne congregation. Throughout his coaching experience, Hamilton has consistently patterned himself after the person he calls "the greatest motivator in the country": Coach Glass.

"I still remember conversations and discussions that we had," Hamilton reflects. "If I could be a tenth of what he was as a coach, I would be happy."

Within a few moments the Falcons have returned from the locker rooms, still sporting sweaty game jerseys, smiles and an occasional laugh punctuate the greeting of family and friends.

"I was proud of our players tonight," Hamilton says. "We could've given up several times, but we really hung in there against Goshen."

The Falcons fall to 3-6 with the loss, but Hamilton isn't dwelling on that. "I'm not going to lose any sleep over it," he says. "There are other games to prepare for." — Jim Garringer
Clune Pledge Kicks Off Campaign

Virginia Cline ’38, like many alumni throughout Taylor history, has shared a strong connection to the Taylor community with fellow family members. Following the lead of her sister Margaret Louise (Clune ’36) Chappell, Virginia enrolled at Taylor, and roomed with her older sister that first year. Her brother, Lowell Cline ’43, studied at Taylor for a year and a half, but left in order to serve in the military during World War II.

When she graduated, Virginia did not forget about her Taylor connection. In 1946, after one year of studies at a business college and six years of labor in the working world, she read about a job opportunity for a bookkeeper at Taylor. She was eager to apply and soon found herself back at Taylor, a place she has called home now for 30 years. She expressed her gratitude to the Taylor community by establishing an annuity gift, the first gift to be counted toward the university’s Taylor Tomorrow Campaign.

The gift, she says, was given out of her gratitude for the Taylor community and for the advancement the school has made in the past several decades.

“Virginia enjoys the fact that she is helping to ensure a solid Taylor experience for future students. Equally important, however, was the guaranteed, tax-free income she now receives as a result of her gift. This income will be paid to her for the rest of her life.

Virginia enjoys reflecting upon her years at Taylor. As a student, she had a great love for mathematics, though she majored in French and English. Even so, she was cautious about taking math courses, thinking that they would be too difficult, and she did not want to lose her scholarships. Virginia was an active Philalethian and played on the women’s basketball team all four years.

Virginia served Taylor for 30 years in the business office. She retired in 1979, but has remained in close contact with Taylor. She has residences in Upland and in Florida.—Randy Dillinger ’95

William Taylor Society Honors Estate Planners

A newly-established society for individuals who have identified Taylor University in their estate plan was formed by the William Taylor Foundation Board of Directors on October 23. Over 100 charter members have been named to the Bishop William Taylor Society. Each of these individuals has established a lifetime income agreement with Taylor, or has listed the university in their will.

The Bishop William Taylor Society honors those who have made a commitment to Taylor University through a bequest intention, charitable trust, gift annuity, life insurance, or other forms of estate planning. Documentation of the gift to Taylor must be provided for an individual to receive this honor.

The Society encourages individuals to name Taylor University in their estate plans. If you have not informed Taylor of your intent, please do so and you will be listed in the Society’s membership and will receive a certificate of membership.

Won't you give prayerful consideration to how you could be an integral part in moving Taylor University into the 21st century? Call Ken Smith or Nelson Rediger at the William Taylor Foundation at 1 (800) TU-23456, ext. 85144, or indicate on the reply envelope if you would like more information.
Come join a tour which celebrates the people and the events of the Protestant Reformation. Visit Wittenberg, where Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church, and Worms, said to be the birthplace of Protestantism, where Luther refused to recant his beliefs. Imagine the anxiety that loomed about the Wartburg Castle as he hid from his would-be captors, while he translated the New Testament into German. Visit St. Peter’s Cathedral where Calvin preached from 1536 to 1564; nearby is Calvin’s Chapel where he and John Knox lectured on the doctrines of the Reformed faith.

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Join Jay and Janie Kesler and Ken and Beth Smith July 5-18, 1997, as they host this unique twelve-day excursion.

For more information, please contact the William Taylor Foundation at 1 (800) TU-23456, ext. 85144.
1935
Helen (Boller '35) Myers has retired after 33 years of teaching. She keeps busy with church activities and volunteer organizations. Her address is 2 Brumbaugh St, Arcanum, OH 45304.

1939
Harold & Muriel (Sutch) Miller reside at 1231 Connie Ave, Jackson, MI 49203-6082. Harold is organist and choir member at All Saints Episcopal Church, sings bass in the quartet at Temple Beth Israel, is director of Irish Hills Chapter, region 17, Sweet Adelines Intl, and sings tenor in Jackson's only barbershop quartet, Senior Sounds. Muriel sings with the Sweet Adelines, works with Neighbor's LifeLine helping a young father learn to read, and is very active in writing notes to the ill, widows and the needy.

1942
Since retiring in 1984, Rev. Carl Brown has been a professor-grader at TUFW, Institute of Correspondence Studies. He is also a church visitor and financial secretary at his local church. He and wife Martha (Gerber '43) reside at 505 N High St, Pandora, OH 45887.

1948
Elsa (Johansen) Abram lives in Longmont, CO. She is teaching at a private school, finishing her 40th year. She is also active as a conference lay delegate and in the Longs Peak United Methodist Church.

1949
Wilhelmina Van Egdom passed away on September 6, 1996. An accomplished woman, she learned sign language and Braille in order to teach others, and had some of her writings published. She taught for 12 years in Iowa schools and 10 years in Indiana schools. She was also Child Evangelism Director at Winona Lake, IN for 5 years.

1950
Raymond Cox passed away on Sept. 13, 1996 in Wabash, IN. He was an Army Air Corps veteran. A former teacher and coach at several Indiana schools, he was inducted into the Indiana Athletic Directors Hall of Fame in 1994. He attended the West 8th St Wesleyan Church, Marion.

1952
Jack Patton is teaching art at Deland Museum of Art, at a YMCA, in retirement complexes, at Daytona Beach Community College, and through private lessons. He entertains with chalk art with biblical and operatic scenes to music background. He will soon be collaborating with Stetson Univ music department in a program A Night at the Opera. He will be moving back to the Orlando area.

1953
Herb Buwalda passed away on March 17, 1996. He sang in the TU varsity quartet, traveled with the Sammy Morris film, sent many students to TU including 3 sons—Herb Jr., 72, Dennis '66 and Jarrett '77. His wife Mary was the bookstore manager in 1953 and 1954.

1954
Dr. Leon Nicholsons is in his 17th year as pastor of Christ UMC in Indianapolis. He married Ramone Provence on December 23, 1995. They honeymooned in the Ozarks at Branson, MO. The Nicholsons are planning a trip to Norway and England next July, with 15 already signed up to go with them. Call 317-888-0268.

1956
Mary Dreihaupt passed away on August 17, 1996.

1959
Alfred & Rose (Isaac) Klaassen are retired and travel with other retired contractors and their wives in helping non-profit evangelical organizations with construction projects. After 1 1/2 years of chemotherapy, Rose's cancer appears to be in remission. They are praising God for that!

1964
David Dickey, TUU library director, was recently an overtone advocate to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Albuquerque, NM. There he met old friend Mark Bayert, senior pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Bismarck, ND, on the platform of the awards ceremony. David and Mark had not seen each other in 32 years! During the meeting of the General Assembly, David was elected to a 3-year term on the committee for the Presbyterian Historical Society, with headquarters and libraries in both Philadelphia, PA and Montreat, NC. David was also able to have lunch with good friend Robert Stewart '65, co-owner and director, French Mortuaries of Albuquerque.

1967
Barry & Phyllis (Grimm) Wehrle continue to live in Ridgewood, NJ now for their 10th year. Barry is senior pastor at the Ridgewood UMC. Phyllis co-owns a
nursery school in Wayne. Their son David '93 is now a student at Gordon-Conwell Seminary. Barry is looking forward to his 30th class reunion next fall and would love to hear from classmates of those good years from 1963-67. Please write to him at 110 Union St, Ridgewood, NJ 07450 or e-mail him at wku29a@prodigy.com.

1968
Wes Rediger and Howard Taylor '70 have created a resource and organizational development firm. Visit their website at http://ww1.comteck.com:80/~wrediger.

1969
Dr. Chuck & Connie (Folkers) Webber, have resided in Westchester, Ill. for 21 years. Chuck, PhD professor of physiology, Loyola University Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine, was the recent recipient of "Teacher of the Year" award from the class of 1999. This is the third time he has won this recognition from the medical students. Connie, M.Ed. English as a Second Language Teacher and Coordinator, Elmhurst Public School District 205, interacts with children from all over the world comprising more than 15 different language groups. Their e-mail address is URL:http://orion.it.luc.edu/~webber/ The Webbers reside at 1257 Heidorn, Westchester, IL 60154.

1970
John Leonhard passed away September 4, 1996. He died while waiting for a heart and lung transplant. John taught at LaVille HS before joining the Army. After that he joined the family business, Leonhard Vending, Inc., where he worked for several years before starting his own company, Allen County Games, in Fort Wayne. After moving to Florida for health reasons, John taught speech and journalism at Edison Community College. He volunteered at Lee Middle School in Fort Myers, and won a JC Penney Co. Golden Rule Award for his service to students there. He is survived by wife Linda who resides in Marco Island, FL.

1971
Suzan (Scott) Gonser teaches 2nd grade and keeps very busy as a single mom. Sons are Luke (18) and Joel (12). She would love hearing from TU friends! Her address is 4076 Rainbow Cir. LaBelle, FL 33935 and her e-mail is sgonser@labelle.4oz.com. James Postlewaite recently received an EdD in educational leadership from Seattle Univ. He has been the minister of Christian education at First Baptist Church in Vancouver, BC for almost 10 years. He is also a sessional lecturer in the area of applied theology at Regent College in Vancouver. He and wife Merle and their 2 children Jeanine (12) and Stephanie (9) live at 12229 Southpark Crescent in Surrey, BC V3X 2B6 in Canada.

1972
Pete Carlson and Cherryl Wilson were married on May 7, 1994 and reside at 6406 Annandale Cove, Brentwood, TN 37027. Pete is currently director of publishing for Brentwood Music Publishing and continues his songwriting in both the Christian and country/pop fields. Cherryl is vice pres. of corporate development at Phoenix Healthcare Corporation in Nashville.

1973
Joyce (Bost) Zug would like to say hi to the Taylor family. She is living near Lynchburg, VA. She is a teacher at an elementary school in Bedford County and her husband Jim is a principal in the same county. They have 2 sons, Jason (18) and Jeff (16). Jim & Joyce are dorn parents for girls at Liberty Univ. Their address is Rt 4, Box 249, Forest, VA 24551.

1974
Judith (Bragan) Flannery died on Sept. 28, 1996, as a result of injuries suffered in a car accident. Judy was director of the Women's Service Center (in Marion, IN) from 1985-92. There she was responsible for opening the Shelter for Battered Women. She also created Grant County's Domestic Violence Task Force. After moving to California, she was project manager for Episcopal Community Services, San Diego. She was currently employed with Federal Express, Kokomo Division, and the Decorator Den, Marion. Survivors include 2 daughters and 2 sisters, Janis (Bragan) Bilda and Joan (Bragan '64) Williamson, both of CA, and a brother Rev. James Bragan '62. Kathy (Miller) Hewes now teaches elementary art in Polk County, FL. When not busy with her teaching duties, Kathy greets guests at the Coral Reef Restaurant in the Living Seas at EPCOT, Walt Disney World. She is also a published author, having had articles published in Arts & Activities and School Arts magazines. Her husband Wheaton is employed by The Home Depot in Kissimmee. Their address is 200 Ave K SE #207, Winter Haven, FL 33880.

1977
Terry Harnish recently accepted a position with Inacom Information Systems, a national computer reseller based in San Jose. He would love to hear from TU alums! Drop him a line at tharnish@aol.com. Ann Kemper has been appointed librarian at the Pennsylvania State Library in Harrisburg, PA.

1979
Mark & Paula (Frank) Davis reside at 5325 E 800 N, Brownsburg, IN. Their children are Drew (15), Lindsay (13) and Brittany (11). Rev. Lonnie & Debbie (Palacino '78) Smith have moved to France to church plant with the Evangelical Free Church Mission. Their daughters are Lauren (14), Alyssa (11), Rebekah (9), Katharine (6), and son Nicholas is 6 months. Their address is 50, rue des Galibouds, 73200 Albertville, FRANCE.

1980
Mark & Brenda (Reinwald) Bodett are grateful for the safe arrival of Christine Faith. She was born on July 18, 1996. She was welcomed by her brother
and sister, John (3) and Elizabeth (6). The Bodetts are now living in the Chicago area. ● Terrie Sue (Craig) Walker recently switched careers from director of The Gingerbread House Day Care Center to registered nurse at Takoma Hospital. She is enjoying this new challenge. She and husband Terry and children Caleb (13) and Meghan (10) live in Greeneville, TN.

1981
Bill & Jeanette Bauer are the proud parents of Marshall Reid born September 24, 1996. Siblings are Travis (6), Cole (5) and Leah (2). The family lives at 403 W Adams, Sterling, KS 67579. ● Ray Pfahler has accepted the call of the Orville (Ohio) Alliance Church as associate pastor for outreach and fellowship. He began service there September 1, 1996. Ray & wife Wanda are the parents of 2 sons, Joel (6) and Aaron (2). The family lives at 1839 Kenwood Dr, Orville, OH 44667. ● Rob & Jane (VanDyke ’84) SheVol recently moved back to Greenwood after a 3-year assignment to Salt Lake City. Rob is the regional sales manager for StarNet Development. They have 2 children, Julian (10) and Victoria (3). They reside at 2603 Willow Lake Dr, Greenwood, IN 46143.

1982
Bob Engel is the executive director for World Impact in Fresno. He and wife Susan (deBoer ’91) have 2 children, Rachel (4) and son Tristan (2). They plan to continue serving the Lord in the inner city. They can be reached via email at bengel@worldimpact.org. ● Aaron & Susan (Lapham) Hoon have moved to 2848 Regency Ct, Lake Orion, MI 48359.

1983
Doug & Susan (Richey ’84) Allgood announce the birth of Montgomery Susanne on July 24, 1996. She joins brother Madison (6), sister Riley (5) and brother Graham (1). The Allgoods moved to 701 Red Oaks Ln, Lafayette, IN 47905. Doug is director of information technology services at Great Lakes Chemical Corp in West Lafayette. ● Mike & Patti (Vanderschaal) Fussell are the proud parents of Laura Lee born November 5, 1995. Sisters are Hannah (5) and Sara Grace (2). They live at 4205 Crisfield Ct, Raleigh, NC 27613. ● Matthew Russel was born to Jim & Lois (Tropf) Garringer on October 9, 1996. He joins Katie (8) and Peter (5). Lois is a registered nurse at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, IN. The family lives at 2506 W. Ethel, Muncie, IN 47303. ● Paul & Wendy Orchard joyfully welcome Brendan Taylor born August 29, 1996. Paul is assistant professor of PE at Cedarville College, and Wendy is staying at home. They live at 597 S Columbus, Xenia, OH 45385.

1984
Michael & Marcia (Harness x’85) Daugherty are the proud parents of Ryan Quinn born March 20, 1996. Siblings are Diana and Reed. Michael is a technical architect for Nationwide Mutual Life Insurance Co, and Marcia is the communications coordinator for Meadow Park Church of God. The family lives at 14223 Robinson Rd, Plain City, OH 43064. ● Phil & Anita (Hartzell) Holmes have adopted a son, Jeremy Michael. He was born September 21, and they received him September 23. Jeremy was welcomed by an excited brother, Jason (7). Their address is 11510 Hartford Ln, Fishers, IN 46038. ● Lisa Jones is the head coach for both the girls and boys track teams at the Northside Christian HS. The girls track team won a 2nd straight Class 2A State Title. Lisa lives in Pinellas Park, FL and her e-mail address is LMJCoach@aol.com.

1985
Dan & Annette (Shipley ’86) Bragg announce the arrival of Micah Lee born June 6, 1996. Brothers are Josiah (6), Isaiah (5) and Noah (2). Dan is principal of Troy Christian HS, a ministry of Dayton Christian Schools. Annette teaches math at Sinclair Community College in Dayton. Their new address is 513 Peters Ave, Troy, OH 45373. ● Kerry DeVries and Eric Bangeman were married on September 6, 1996, in Evergreen Park, IL. Terry (Collins) Kesler was in the wedding. The couple’s address is 5301 N Christiana, #2, Chicago, IL 60625. ● Philip & Karen (Inman) Schultz now live at 1819 Country Dr, Apt 304, Grayslake, IL 60030.

1986
Ken Pearson is an officer training school flight commander at Maxwell Air Force Base. He has 2 more years in the Air Force, where he is a captain and a pilot. He also owns his own marketing company. He and wife Talli live in Montgomery, AL. ● Ken & Ruth (Meier x) Wilson are the proud parents of twins Heidi and Maria born March 30, 1996. Siblings are Benjamin (3) and Jacob (4). Ken is a hospital administrator and Ruth is a stay-at-home mom. They reside at 1413 B Spruce, Grand Fork AFB, ND 58204.

1987
Pete & Luci (Best) Bowman and their 3-year-old son Joshua Peter, celebrated the birth of Katelynn Marie on April 22, 1996. Pete teaches American history to 8th graders in a tricultural school of Hispanics, Native Americans, and Anglo-saxons, and is the co-ed assistant HS cross country and track coach at Poojaque Valley Middle and HS north of Santa Fe, New Mexico. Luci is a full-time mom and also homeschools and tutors other children. The Bowmans live at Rt 1, Box 218 #5, Espanola, NM 87532. They welcome Taylor grads who want to experience alpine skiing and the beauty of North Central New Mexico. ● John & Deb (Weddle) Hans are the proud parents of Isaac Matthew born on August 13, 1996. Deb is in her 10th year of teaching art at Center Grove HS. John is a marketing manager for Peat Marwick in Indianapolis. Their new address is 924 St Charles Pl, Greenwood, IN 46143. ● Peter & Larissa
(Wolf '88) VanVleet joyfully announce the arrival of Scott Gregori born August 23, 1996. Big sister Abby is 5 and big brother Ty is 2. The family still resides at 7922 Windhill Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46256. • Mike & Julie (Mervau) Walters joyfully announce the birth of Rachel Ann on January 15, 1996. Mike works as a programmer/systems analyst for Kent County in Grand Rapids and Julie is taking a break from teaching in order to stay at home. The family resides at 8546 S Maple Ct, Zeeland, MI 49464. • Kim Yoshino married James C. Pile on June 7, 1996. Kim is a medical home care social worker and Jim is a physician at Bethesda Naval Medical Center. They are currently living in Silver Spring, MD.

1988

Brent & Megan (Rarick) Clodgo announce the arrival of their 3rd son Benjamin Michael in May 1996. Brent will complete his MBA at the Univ of Notre Dame in May 1997. Megan stays more than busy at home. • Brian & Susan (Kellum) O'Malley are the proud parents of Theodore Rollin born September 27, 1995. The family lives at 2413 Dellwood Dr, Durham, NC 27705. • Wayne Dietrich continues to work as vice president of D. Dietrich, Inc., a salary consulting and publishing firm. Wendy (Rutherford) works as a freelance makeup artist for Estee Lauder and writes for Christian magazines. They are active at Calvary Church of Souderton and can be reached via email at D1028@aol.com. • Dr. Jeffrey & Angela (Gollmer) Hurd are the proud parents of Carter born April 25, 1995. Jeff is a psychologist and Angela is a research consultant and directs the music and drama program at their church. The family lives at 1137 E Westminster Ave, Salt Lake City, UT 84105. • Beth Mignon married Douglas Callinan on July 15, 1995. The matron of honor was Susan (Kellum) Crites. Doug teaches and coaches in the Kettering School District and Beth teaches in the PE dept. at Cedarville College. Their address is 1118 Sharon Ave, Kettering, OH 45429. • Scott & Tammy (King) Ooley live at 671 Springmill Dr, Mooresville, IN 46158. Scott is assistant choral director at Mooresville HS. He earned a master of arts in music from Ball State in July 1996. Tammy is a homemaker. Their son Jordan is 2. • Michael Truax has been named manager of the Computer Integrated Engineering group by FruCon Engineering, Inc. Truax resides in Wildwood, MO.

1989


1990

Ann (Calkins '91) Abrahams is publicity manager for The Family Channel, responsible for editing all written PR material and 2 newsletters, as well as publicizing FAM shows. David is working for Art FX, a silk-screen printing company. Their family has expanded in the last year--they now have 2 retriever "puppies," a rabbit and a turtle! • Jerry & Kim (Baumann) Barrantes are the proud parents of Makayla born July 18, 1996. Jerry is a teacher at Manhattan Bible Academy. They are enjoying working with RUN (Reaching Urban Neighborhoods) in long-term neighborhood church planting. The family lives at 33 Greenwich Ave, Apt 2J, New York, NY 10014. • Holly (Seaman) Boggs is a flight attendant for United Airlines. Her husband, Trenton, is finishing his residency at the National College of Chiropractic in Lombard, IL. They have one son, Chandler Jacob (1). The Boggs family lives at 820 Foxworth Blvd, Lombard, IL 60148. • Brad & Alicia (Helyer '92) Brummer are the proud parents of Jacob Bradley born July 27, 1996. The family resides at 11 Forest Hill Dr #201, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137-7128. • Brett & Tammy Means joyfully welcome Lauren Rose born December 26, 1995. Brett is director of Campus Life/YFC at Shelbyville HS and Middle School. They live at 2124 Ponciani St, Shelbyville, IN 46176. • Scott & Dawn (Olday) Mosby proudly announce the birth of son Levi Paterson and daughter Devon Elyse born July 30, 1996. They are currently stationed at Great Lakes Naval Station. Their address is 2324 California Unit A, Great Lakes, IL 60088. • Paul Newitt married Sandra Halter on June 22, 1996. The couple lives at 24369 Bashian Dr, Novi, MI 48375. • Shawn & Janet (Bendure) Reckemmer welcome Amy Elizabeth born August 18, 1996. They live at 32096 Lee Lane, Farmington, MI 48336. Proud aunt and uncle are Diane (Bendure '92) and Brian Carlson '92. • David & Suzanne (Huprich) Rumbalski are the proud parents of Jacob David born May 21, 1996. David is in his 2nd year of a family medicine residency. Suzanne is a full-time mom. Their address is 2874 St. Catherine Place, Cincinnati, OH 45211. • Bill Schureman is the executive director of the Coalition of Concerned Citizens. He started in this position last June and enjoys working with the business and civic leaders of the Peoria area to improve the moral fabric of the community. His address is 401 W Stonegate, Peoria, IL 61614. • Chris & Heather (Midler) White are the proud parents of Christopher Theodore born September 17, 1996. Heather is currently on maternity leave from Swayzee Elementary School where she has worked as a 1st grade teacher for 3 years. Heather and Chris will be relocating to Missouri where Chris has
accepted a transfer with General Motors.

**1991**

Jonathan & Connie (Moorman) Derby proudly announce the birth of Caleb Wayne on March 31, 1996. The family resides at 4883 E 200 S, Marion, IN 46953. ▪ Terry & Janell (DeTurk) Dishong joyfully welcome Myrth Lee born September 3, 1995. Sister Alyssa is 3. The family lives in Ossian, IN. ▪ Matt & Caryn Garnett recently moved to 1500 Melrose, A-2, Walla Walla, WA 99362. Matt is working at a local church as a youth director. ▪ Karen (Kraft) Hummel is a nurse practitioner at Mitchell Family Practice. Husband Jeff graduated with a BSME in May and now works at Ford Motor Co. in Bedford, IN as a mechanical engineer. Their new address is 3142 E Ramp Creek Rd, Bloomington, IN 47401. ▪ Peter & Shawn (Mulder '90) Newhouse are the proud parents of Isaak Peter born July 17, 1996. Sister Megan is 2. They reside at 15170 Deremo, Grand Haven, MI 49417. ▪ Jeff & Amy (Miller) Romack joyfully welcome Rebekah Rose born October 2, 1996. Sisters are Emily and Hannah. They live at 506 E Indiana, Wheaton, IL 60187. ▪ Matt & Cheri (Taylor '90) Storer are the proud parents of Madeline Carol born October 19, 1996. ▪ Grant William was born on August 12, 1996 to Bruce & Jane (Hofmeister '90) Wiley. Bruce works at Boehringer Mannheim doing computer networking. Jane has been an elementary teacher at Heritage Christian, but now plans to stay at home with Grant! Their address is 10021 E 86th, Indianapolis, IN 46256.

**1992**

Laura Fowler married Dale Shandick on March 30, 1996. Cassie (Meynard x) Carr and Sabrina Lueth x were in the wedding. Dale is a software engineer at Armco and Laura teaches 1st grade at McQuistion Elementary School. The couple lives at 198 W Pearl St, Butler, PA 16001. ▪ Matt Hamsher married Buffe Ream on July 6, 1996. He is a graduate assistant at Walsh College and also coaches football. Their address is PO Box 29, Dalton, OH 44618. ▪ Ann (Rutherford) Luttrell is assistant executive director at Andersen Telemedia. Kirk '93 has started his own design company, Design Corps. Most of his new work includes designing and producing print graphics for clients in the Christian publishing industry. They had the opportunity to make a lot of new friends and challenge themselves spiritually through leading a small group for young couples at Naperville Presbyterian Church. ▪ Brian & Sabrina (Munson) Nowling are the proud parents of Jordan Nikole born July 22, 1996. Sabrina is currently employed as the business coordinator for Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Corp. Brian is serving with the US Air Force. The family resides at 4403 Sullivan St, Cheyenne, WY 82009. ▪ Jenny Peters x is teaching 4th grade at the Christian Academy of Guatemala. Her e-mail address is jlowman@guate.net. ▪ Ailsa (Berzon) Pujol is the science specialist for pre-K through 5th grade at Fort Bend Baptist Academy in Sugar Land, TX. She is also the varsity cheering coach. Her husband Chris is a full-time student and a business travel counselor at American Express Travel. Email them at TaylorU92@aol.com. ▪ Captain Daniel Seibel and Heather Nanni were married in Pensacola, FL on June 3, 1995. Capt Seibel is a CH-46E helicopter pilot currently assigned to HMM-261 “The Raging Bulls” at Marine Corps Air Station, New River, NC. His squadron is currently training to deploy to the Mediterranean Ocean for 6 months with the 22 Marine Expeditionary Unit in April of 1997. The couple’s address is 509 Raintree Dr, Jacksonville, NC 28540. ▪ Wendy Simpson married David Dubberly on June 22, 1996. The Dubberlys’ new address is 619 King St #801, Columbia, SC 29205. ▪ Jim & Kendra (Yoder) Thurman proudly announce the birth of Paul Evan born September 1, 1996. They live at 9421 Rd 166 S, West Liberty, OH 43357. ▪ Jay Weitekamp is the associate pastor of Reynoldsburg Alliance Church. He and wife Amanda live in Columbus, OH.

**1993**

Jennifer Curtis has been working for Long Island Youth for Christ, but is leaving for a year to attend a Bible school in Australia. She will return to Youth for Christ in 1998. ▪ Matt & Gina (Gerard) Degenhart proudly announce the birth of twin boys, Jacob Hyman and Joshua Matthew born September 22, 1996. Matt is a manufacturing engineer with Rockwell Automation and Gina is really enjoying being at home with her sons. The family’s address is 2358 N 74th, Wauwatosa, WI 53213. ▪ James Embree is still working as a youth pastor at Faith Bible Fellowship in Big Lake, AK. He was in Pakistan over the summer on a Teen Missions trip. His e-mail address is jembree@alaska.net. ▪ Kristin Irish and John Kile were married on June 8, 1996 in Indianapolis, IN. Taylor participant was Jill Jousma ’92. John is a systems analyst for Eli Lilly Pharmaceuticals and Kristin teaches at Carmel Elementary. Their home address is 11960 Fairway Cir S Dr, Indianapolis, IN.
Jason ’95 and Carrie (Breidinger ’94) Habisch
resides at 1659 Hartzell Rd
#4D, New Haven, IN 46774.

Carole Bulten and Tony Yoder were married on
March 30, 1996, in Lake
Worth, FL. TU attendants
included Penny Hammond
’92, Alisa Galvin ’95, Ted
Carpenter ’95, Eric
VanVlymen, and Jeff
Ramsdale.
The
Yoders
reside in
Boynton
Beach, FL.

Daniel
& Kris
(Wierenga ’92)
Colthorp are the proud
parents of Micah Mattias
born June 12, 1996.

Cynthia Cooper married
Matthew Morris on April 20,
1996 in Chillicothe, OH. TU
participants were Eric &
Sharon (Fabricatore)
VanVlymen, Angie (Smith)
Zimmerman, and Jodie
(Schutto) Tienvieri. Cindy
and Matthew are living at
1181 Captains Brg, Dayton,
OH 45458. Dan & Polly
(Platt) Grismore are so
happy to announce the birth
of Abbigail Kristine, born
July 5, 1996. Abbi was born
exactly 3 months premature
and spent 92 days in the
neonatal intensive care unit.
Dad and Polly want to thank
everyone for continued
prayers. Thanks to Jesus...
Abbi is perfect and nothing
short of a miracle! The
family lives at 1250 Chappel
Ct #301, Glenade Heights,
IL 60139.

Mike Hieb &
Michelle Ulrich were married
on August 31, 1996, in
Crestwood, KY. TU
participants were Shawn ’84
& Aileen (Haralson)
DeJonge, Tim ’93 &
Eric
(Martin)
Leyen,
and Dave
Lundell.

Mike is working as the
director
of children and youth
ministries
at Morton Memorial UMC in
Clarksville, IN just across
the river from Louisville.
Michelle works as a child
care worker with teens at
Spring Meadows, the Baptist
Children’s Home, in
Louisville. The couple lives
at 2519 Wallace Ave D3,
Louisville, KY 40205. Sara
(Banks) Hubbard has been
named new business
coordinator at Sive/Young &
Rubicam, a Cincinnati-based
advertising and public
relations agency. She and
her husband Mark live in
Cincinnati, OH. Kari
Reiskytl and Manuel
Rosenzo ’96 were married on
July 5, 1996, in Milwaukee,
WI. TU participants in the
wedding were Charity
(Shellh) Paddock, Regina
(Dyer x) Nakamura, Lori
Savage ’95, Hal Paddock,
Ken Reiskytl ’91, and Teri
(Mikels ’96) Hancock.
Manuel is a business
manager at Heart City
Health Center and Kari is a
7th grade math teacher at
Goshen Middle School.
Their address is 121 S
Silverwood Ln Apt C,
Goshen, IN 46526.

1995

David Bell began seminary
training at Beeson Divinity
School, Samford Univ,
Birmingham, AL in the fall of
1996. He is also part-time jr.
high director at a local
church. His address is 728
Rivierech Pkwy W,
Birmingham, AL 35244.
Tara Bibbee and Scott
Johnson ’91 were married
on August 10, 1996. TU
participants were Dana
(Steckley) Broderick, Kelly
(Johnson ’89) Linhart,
Brian Botts ’94, Chris Brett
’91, Tim Fulcher ’92, Terry
Linhart ’86, and Doug
Browning ’92. The couple
resides at 912 Pearson Dr,
Milford, MI 48381. Tara
Teaches art and history at
Muir Middle School and
Scott works with Huron
Jennifer works for Triton Elementary. The couple’s address is 1095 D Redondo Ct, Greenwood, IN 46143. • Patti Engler and Paul Foster were married on June 8, 1996, at Miracle Camp in Lawton, MI. Paul has accepted the position of music director at the First Baptist Church of Midland. Their address is PO Box 1011, Midland, MI 48641. • Lisa Gerwig married Ron Wallman ’94 on August 3, 1996, in Naperville, IL. TU participants were Karen Valley Youth for Christ. • Sonia Borntrager is on a one-year term with the Intermenno program in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, where she works as assistant caretaker at SingelKirk, a Mennonite church in Amsterdam. She will probably move to another placement in the same country for the second half of the year. • Jennifer Bottom married Kevin Lusk on October 15, 1995. Kevin attends IU Med School and

Temple, Teri (Mikels ’96) Hancock, Leslie (Arndt) Arnesin, Lisa Randall, Heather (Waldrop ’96) Beach, Erik Sechrist ’94, and Kevin Davenport. Ron is a senior specialist at Education Financial Services and Lisa is an instructional assistant at Whiteland Elementary School. They live in Greenwood, IN.

• Susan (Miller) Heck is working on a master’s degree in teaching English as a second language at Arizona State Univ. She and her husband Peter ’94 live in Tempe, AZ. • Joshua Metzger is a programmer at the Ohio Casualty Insurance Co. They use MicroFocus, COBOL, CICS, EasyTrieve+, and other packages. He lives in Hamilton, OH. • Lisa Oliverson and David Herschberger ’94 were married in Goshen, IN on July 20, 1996. TU participants were Jeanette (Antonciew) Hoeksema, Kari Kaempfer, Sonia Borntrager, Tara Sweet, Nicole Swihart, Sara (Brown) Waddel, Cheri Armstrong ’94, Brad Oliver ’92, Forrest Miller ’92, Michael Neal ’93, Dave Long ’94, Jon Rees, and Newell Cerak ’88. Lisa is teaching 7th grade science at Goshen Middle School and Dave is cost accountant for Polygon Co. They reside at 121 S Silverwood Ln Apt B, Goshen, IN 46526.

• Joey x & Maria (Reynolds x) Weir are the proud parents of Ophelia (Ewaya) Mae born July 29, 1996. Maria is a freelance writer and Joey works for Weirs Cleaning Service and the US Post Office. They reside at 808 S Washington Apt C, Crawfordsville, IN 47933.

1996 Jena Habegger is working on a master’s degree in English at Oxford Univ in England. • April Hendricks and Thom Mazak ’95 were married on September 7, 1996. TU participants were Dina Roedel x, Todd ‘95 & Dawn (Burns ‘95) Comer, Deonne (Beron ’97, and Carrie Pletcher ’97. The couple resides at 4619 1/2 S Carey, Marion, IN

Thom ’95 and April (Hendricks ’96) Mazak

Michael ’96 and Marla (Miller ’96) Folkers

Zerke, Scott Nelson, Joshua Carney x, Jenny Miller, Mark Reagan, and Suzie Sheetz. The couple lives at 504 S Manning #8A, Muncie, IN 47303. • Sara Shelley recently accepted a nanny position and is overjoyed to be living near Taylor! Her new address is 7439 N. Brackenwood Cir, Indianapolis, IN 46260.
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