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Joyful Homecoming for Jere Truex (1945 - 1996)
The Women of Taylor University

Women's issues dominate much of our current social discourse and rightly so. One of my favorite touchstones on the subject is contained in Dr. William Ringenberg's book, *Taylor University: The First 125 Years*. He quotes President Henry P. Tappan of the University of Michigan, who as late as 1867 proclaimed that to allow women to compete in education and other areas of life on the same level as men was to “disturb God’s order” and such a practice, he argued, would result in “defeminated women and demasculated men.”

I am proud of our beginning as Fort Wayne Female College because it refutes the cultural myth that all Christians are reactionary and backward and that they drag their feet on every social issue. To perpetuate the myth one must overlook the contribution of Christians and the Church in a broad variety of human concerns such as child labor laws, women's suffrage, public health, to welfare, hospices and certainly the area of higher education. Taylor University has represented this progressive stance on social issues as evidenced by the contributions of her alumni over these decades.

Educating women has rightly resulted in disturbing the social order, but it has not “disturbed God’s order.” This issue of the *Taylor* magazine highlights the contributions of a representative group of Taylor women. Names like Florence Nightingale, Sojourner Truth and Eleanor Roosevelt are recognized worldwide; however, to those who have known Hazel Carruth, Mildred Chapman, Grace Olson, Jessica Rousselow, and Florence Cavender, or have looked into the eyes of Colleen Kendrick and Kiersa Nahler, the radiance is just as bright.

Currently half of our students are women. Proudly they represent who we are and the essence of our dreams, without any shadow of the biases and fears of the 19th century. As an institution that takes the scripture seriously, we are under the mandate that in Christ there is “neither male nor female” as touching our worth or our standing before God. There is still progress to be made and injustice to correct in 20th-century culture. At Taylor we are committed to addressing these issues, and we take courage and strength from our beginnings, our heritage and the contribution and example of these “Women of Taylor University.”

—Jay Kesler, president
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Celebrating the Life and Character of Jere Trux

In the early morning hours of August 24, Jere Trux took his final breath as a mortal man. His death was mourned by several hundred who gathered in the Rediger Auditorium for a memorial service on August 27.

Those of us who had the privilege of knowing Jere Trux in this life recall the joy he brought into our lives. Was it his affable personality, or his eagerness to attend to every word of a conversation? Was it the humor that lifted our spirits, or the words of blessing that he so often spoke? Was it the courage he exhibited, weathered by 44 years of respiratory quadriplegia? For each of us there are reasons to reflect on our brief association with Jere. Undoubtedly, we have all been changed for the better through our fellowship with him.

Jere made us think about the things we take for granted, like scratching an itch, or waving to a friend. Although he laughed at himself and encouraged others to do the same, he did wish for a more normal life. However, his gift of humor helped him through times of despair. Did Jere ever tell you about his only handicap (baldness)? Or have you ever asked Jere how long he could go without his respirator? He'd likely say something like, “I don’t know, I’ve never found out.”

Despite his physical suffering, Jere always managed a smile and laugh that often caused us to do the same. He demonstrated that our worth as individuals is not defined by what we are capable of in ourselves, but rather by what God does in us. Jere’s only limitations were the obvious ones. But this was the burden Jere had to carry through most of his life.

The story begins in Grant County, 1952, where a severe outbreak of polio was occurring. These were the days before one could be immunized against polio. Ironically, the Salk vaccine, which combatted polio, was developed within the following year.

Jere, seven at the time, and his younger sister, Karen, both became ill with what their mother, Maxine Sauders, recalls as flu-like symptoms. When Jere began to have trouble breathing, however, he was admitted to Riley Children’s Hospital in Indianapolis. There he was diagnosed with both spinal and bulbar poliomyelitis.

Karen also had polio, but the virus was killed due to her high fever. Jere’s condition only worsened until he had become totally paralyzed and could no longer breathe or swallow on his own. He required the use of an iron lung for his survival.

The situation was indeed bleak, but Jere had an incredible drive to survive. During that difficult time, many individuals came alongside Jere and offered him encouragement in various ways. Finally, after seven months in the hospital, Jere was allowed to go home and the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis furnished him with an iron lung.

Jere was able to complete high school with the aid of an electronic link to his classrooms at Jefferson Township High School in Upland. He was a disciplined student and graduated valedictorian of his class in 1964. Jere had his sights set high, and was on his way to achieving an excellent college education, which brought him first to Taylor and later to Ball State University.

Maxine Sauders stood faithfully by her son, Jere Trux, ’68, for over 51 years.

There is a sense in which this community entertained an angle. Thanks, Jere. We needed that kind of visit at Taylor University.
Legacy of Jere Truex

Jere began his student years at Taylor in the Fall of 1964. He graduated magna cum laude in 1968 with a B.A. in business administration. Jere couldn’t take all the credit, though. His mother, Maxine Sanders, faithfully took notes for him through both high school and college. Taylor awarded her an honorary undergraduate degree for her efforts. After graduation, Jere struggled for five years in search of a job. He was finally hired by NIFSCO in Marion where he worked for ten years before beginning his studies toward a master’s degree at Ball State.

Countless individuals have been touched by Jere’s warmth and genuine spirit over the years. Taylor and Ball State have both publicly acknowledged the impact Jere has had at each school. He was honored as Distinguished Alumnus for Personal Achievement for 1983 by Taylor, and as Disabled Alumnus of the Year in 1987 from Ball State. He has also received the Disabled Hoosier of the Year (1989) and Sagamore of the Wabash (1995) awards, among other honors.

Following his studies, Jere returned to Taylor and served as adjunct professor and as an administrative specialist, coordinating grant solicitation efforts for the advancement department. Most recently, Jere was employed by the office of development, lending his assistance to the university relations staff in several ways, such as writing press releases on Taylor students for hometown newspapers.

For several years Jere worked under the leadership of Dr. Charles (Chip) Jagers ’69. Chip was also part of a small group Bible study with Jere that included Nelson Rediger ’67, Barry Pavesi ’75, and Tom Jones ’71. Chip shared some of his thoughts with the other men the day of Jere’s burial: “My last time with Jere was Tuesday evening, August 13.” Chip wrote, “An unexpected visitor, Dean Swanson (’79) had stopped by. Dean shared with us the deep lessons he had learned through the death of his mom in May. The conversation was about a loving God, Heaven, death, and the implications for all of us. It was unusual, profound, and looking back on it, was a gift from God in our last time together.”

Jere’s co-workers had a similar final experience with him on the development staff retreat in Archbold, Ohio, this summer. Jere led devotions one morning and shared his thoughts about his own suffering (see Vista on page 36 for part of this message). He stated, among other things, that God is interested more in our holiness than in our happiness. Jere was in the position of understanding the meaning behind those words. He had, in a worldly sense, every right to be angry and bitter over his lot in life. Instead he responded with grace and humility.

Jere was like a letter from God, teaching us about suffering, and showing us that tragedy can give birth to hope. Above all, Jere pointed us toward Jesus.

Jere had looked forward to meeting his Savior and Friend for so long, and he is now in His presence. Jere now has a new body: he runs with both feet and breathes freely in a place where pain and sorrow, sickness and death, no longer exist.

I look forward to seeing Jere Truex again, as do you. Please remember John and Maxine Sanders in their time of grieving, along with the rest of their family.—Jim Garringer with Randy Dillinger

A rare photograph of Jere standing, at the age of two.

Jere had a love for Taylor athletics, particularly for the women’s events.

I want to remember Jere Truex. If angels do visit, they’re a lot like Jere Truex.

Jay Kesler, from his remarks during the memorial service for Jere Truex, August 27, 1996.
Taylor Women “firsts”

1. First Women Faculty Members: Abigail Keis, Elizabeth and Jane Irving (1847).
2. First Woman Missionary from Fort Wayne College: Emma L. Knowles (India, 1892).
3. First Woman to Edit a College Publication: Mrs. W. E. Yocum, who edited The College Index in 1905.
4. First Women Trustees: H. Maria Wright and Mary Stemen (1900).
5. First Woman Faculty Ph.D.: Marie Zimmerman, professor of English and German (1915).
6. First Woman to Head an Academic Department: Lula F. Clinc, English Department (1923).

Taylor University began its rich history as a women's college. As long as I have been a member of the Taylor faculty I have been intrigued by the fact that this occurred during a time when the education of women was not a national priority. It has been my desire to learn more about those early days. The occasion of Taylor's sesquicentennial year has afforded me the opportunity to pursue this project.

Over the past two years I have spent considerable time poking into forgotten boxes and obscure files in various archival collections in search of women who have contributed significantly to the Taylor I have known for nearly three decades. As a result of this research, I have encountered a multitude of women, each of whom left her signature on the institution's historical mosaic.

Throughout Taylor's 150-year history there has never been a time when the faculty, or “Board of Instruction” as it was called in the early days, was devoid of women. Virtually every major area of Taylor's liberal arts curriculum has benefited from women faculty. Most of these women did not lead legendary lives, nor were they usually the Taylor-connected persons most visible to the world “beyond the village border.” They were not often the ones in University leadership positions. However, what makes their lives extraordinary is their faithfulness in carrying out the work they were appointed to do. Many of them lived incredibly sacrificial lives and, sadly, they often received little or no recognition for their accomplishments.

Another important reality in understanding the Taylor story is that there has never been a time when women students have been missing from the classrooms. The institution has always been committed to providing equal educational opportunities to women and men. Women have studied every available subject and have succeeded or failed according to their own merits. They have participated fully in all dimensions of collegiate life. As alumnae these women have greatly contributed to the institution's visibility in the larger world.

Many times women faculty and women students form powerful bonds of mutual intellectual, spiritual and emotional influence which endure well past graduation day. Some women who may not have earned advanced degrees, published books, or executed research projects, have watched with pride and joy as their progeny fulfill these and other worthy goals. However, the bond which endures between and among communities of women across generations is not primarily woven by the achievement of goals. Rather it is their willingness to respect and share in the experiences of others which binds them together; it is the knowledge that my sister will be there in my corner cheering for me whether I stand or fall.

Through this research project I have gained a deeper understanding of what it means to be a current Taylor woman faculty member. I, too, am part of this wonderful company of sisters stretching back in time to 1846 and reaching ahead into the twenty-first century. It is the intertwining of our lives which forms such an integral part of the Taylor tapestry.

Dr. Jessica Rousselow is professor of communication arts at Taylor University. Her research will be featured in God's Ordinary People: No Ordinary Heritage, a book she co-authored with Dr. Alan Winquist.
Once there was a girl for whom everything went right. She was reared in a secure Christian home, had positive high school experiences, and possessed leadership skills, scholarships, and awards. She married her high school sweetheart and looked forward to experiencing a happy and comfortable life with her family.

In the years that followed, Jan Pletcher was struck twice by the harsh realities of life. She came to an understanding that she could have only that which God offered to her. And it is that which Jan now treasures and enjoys more than all the accomplishments and goals she has attained.

Following her marriage to Tom Pletcher and the birth of their first child, Jennifer, who is currently a sophomore at Taylor, Jan contracted an inner ear disease and began to lose her hearing. She was suffering from vertigo, among other symptoms, and soon she was facing experimental surgery to find some answers.

During this time of unrest, Jan gave birth to her son David, whose good health was a blessing to the family. Jan’s health, however, continued to fail.

“I became so sick that I couldn’t control my physical body, and I would be flat in bed for 24 hours,” she says. That’s when she decided to have surgery.

“I had just finished praying with my mother on the phone the night before my surgery, and had given it to the Lord. I believed that everything was going to be alright.”

When she finally awoke three days after surgery, Jan discovered that she had hemorrhaged and had almost bled to death. It was difficult for her to understand why God hadn’t provided the solution that she wanted: to be healed and able to be a mother to her two children again. She says of the experience, “I learned a lot by just realizing I could not control the outcome. I couldn’t say, ‘God this is the problem, and You solve it my way.’”

It is that which Jan now treasures and enjoys more than all the accomplishments and goals she has attained.
Alice Holcombe came to Taylor as a student in 1934 where she majored in secondary education with English and Latin as her subject fields. Upon graduation, she discovered that there were few opportunities for secondary teachers. Therefore, she decided to pursue library science.

Alice eventually applied for admission to the library sciences program at the University of Michigan, was accepted and spent the next three years there working in the University library and earning a library science degree.

Faced with a sudden need for a librarian when Ivel Guiler died, Dean Milo Rediger contacted Alice. She accepted his offer to assume the position of head librarian in 1946.

One day in the fall of 1953, Alice looked up from her work and saw a young woman whom she recognized as one of her former student assistants walking through the library. The young woman was Lois Weed, and Alice decided she had found her assistant. Alice emphasized training for her staff, and made an effort to build a top-quality undergraduate research library. She also made great contributions toward the establishment of the Taylor archives.

As a Taylor professor, Jan Pletcher enjoys taking time for her students.

Jan found that lesson of submission again put to the test six months after she had regained her health following a second surgery. April 16, 1984, began as a typical Monday morning. Tom, a teacher, was on spring break and taking care of David, now almost two years old, for the day. While driving out of town they did not see an oncoming train as they approached an unmarked crossing. The train and vehicle collided, critically injuring both father and son. When Jan arrived at the hospital, she discovered that David had suffered a spinal cord injury and Tom had many broken bones and similar injuries.

David was later transferred to a children's medical center in Dayton, Ohio, while Tom remained in Muncie. For a period of about six weeks, the family was scattered, Jan split her time between David, Tom, and Jennifer, learning to depend on others to take care of her family. Her mother stayed with her at the Ronald McDonald House in Dayton and provided much-needed emotional support. But it was after everyone returned home that Jan really began to grow.

“I thought that if I could just get everybody home and in our house everything would be alright,” she says. “Then, when we all were home it was not very pleasant.”

Tom was still emotionally down and bedridden. Jennifer was the forgotten child who needed her mother's attention, and David required constant care. “That's when I really went through struggles,” Jan confesses. “I had lost my joy, and I began a quest to regain it.”

It was not to be an easy quest. A year after the accident, Jan's mother died. At that time, a friend gave Jan her life verse, James 1:2-4. She was then inspired to read through the writings of Paul, and learned that she had a Conqueror to help her through difficult times. Through these verses, she found her joy again. And it has since remained.

Tom continues as a physical education teacher, but still suffers pain. Jennifer stops in to say hello to her mother every day. David, paralyzed from the waist down, is an active high schooler with strong musical talent on the saxophone.

Jan has learned to allow others to see her vulnerability and weaknesses, and as a result, she has been able to share the pain of others who have felt life drop out from beneath them. She has learned to find her strength in Christ and to allow her story to minister to others.—Amy Eversole

Jan Pletcher received her bachelor's degree in speech and social science, and her master's in speech communication with a history minor from Ball State University. She taught high school for fifteen years before coming to Taylor. She is currently working toward a doctorate in educational leadership.
Conviction & Compassion

Gilda Bellman raised her children to know the love of God and to obey his commands

Gilda Sue Haines, born to Reverend Nevim Haines and his wife Ester, was a mother before she was five years old. Being the eldest of four sisters somehow had a special way of bringing out the motherly characteristics that existed within her. When her baby sister Jo was born, Gilda became her second mother. She fondly remembers cuddling her baby sister for hours on end without growing tired.

Gilda’s punishment for a bad baby, Jo was administered with spankings when needed. Most of their time, though, was spent playing games like pretend church. All four sisters joined in on this game in which Gilda served as piano player, music leader and preacher all at the same time. These services were unique not only because of the remarkably diverse talents of the leader but also because of the number of altar calls per service. No fewer than three or four mandatory invitations were given for the sinners in Gilda’s congregation. No one left without having her sins forgiven.

Not much of Gilda’s parenting style has changed from those early years. Her primary responsibility as a parent has always been and remains that of nurturing her children into a relationship with Almighty God. On occasion that nurturing involved spankings for me and my three sisters, but more consistently it came in the form of family devotion time. This special time was a crucial element in my Christian walk, although not always a welcome interruption of my childhood agenda. When I was not downcast and grumbling about wasting time on devotions, my mind was wandering somewhere on a baseball or football field.

Even in the face of all my resistance she did not give up on me. She endured my ignorance and somehow managed to teach my sisters and me about the love of the Lord. During those times she helped each of us construct a firm foundation upon which a house of faith could be built. God used my mother to bring me to Himself.

My faith finally left the infancy stage, and I began to see what I thought of as “gray areas” inside the faith. In doing so I found something out about my mother—she does not know gray. She chooses to see those “gray area” situations as invitations by our Lord to a higher road. Many times, after discussing a debatable subject about our faith, I found that I opted for an easier road over a more difficult one.

The challenge to accept a higher road is one reason I still go to Mom when I need advice on a particular matter. I can always count on the most strict interpretation of biblical instruction. My mother has always mentored me in the faith. I see her first and foremost as a servant of God. She loves the Lord and because of her I have chosen to love Him also.—Don Beath ’93

Grace & Goodness

Marty Songer’s search for contentment as a single mom

Being the mother of two teenage daughters is a role that I truly enjoy, even relish! I cannot, however, use the same descriptors to express my feelings about being single. Combining these facets of my experience has been quite a challenge over the past thirteen years.

Through the struggle, though, I have come to discover that being single is not the same as being alone. Yes, I have encountered the expected bouts of loneliness, disappointment, and feelings of self-doubt and inadequacy, but the continuing reassurance of God’s presence has strengthened me month after month, year after year.

While all Christians are privileged to receive the extraordinary gift of a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ, I have found that my relationship with the Heavenly Father has deepened through my solitary walk in life. I do, of course, have my down times—times when I am not particularly joyful, thankful, or even faithful to God in my attitude and actions. Even so, the Lord keeps extending His loving hands to embrace and encourage me.

I claim as my “life verses” Philippians 4:12-13, which state, “I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through Him who gives me strength.” These verses have challenged me and given me a goal for which to strive!

Marty (Cleveland ’78) Songer is director of alumni programs and special events. She lives in Upland with daughters Allison and Loralee (r. to l.), who both attend Eastbrook High School.

As a mother, I want the best for Allison and Loralee. And part of the “best” for them, as I have experienced in my life, is knowing the peace and contentment of the Lord’s presence in every circumstance.—Marty Songer
Among the faculty members of the latter half of the 20th century, few were as demanding of their students as Hazel Butz '33 Carruth. Yet, she is also one of the most fondly remembered professors among alumni who studied under her.

In recent years, much of Hazel’s time has been spent caring for loved ones; first for her husband of 19 years, who died of a stroke in 1986. Her mother died the following year. She now cares for her sister, who has moved into the health center near the residential community where Hazel lives.

Of all her life experiences, Hazel loved teaching the most. After one year of study at Northern State Teacher’s College in Aberdeen, South Dakota, she began teaching at the school she had attended as a child. She taught there from 1932 to 1935. Those were difficult years in South Dakota, as they were across the nation. Hazel recalls the Depression, crop failure, drought, grasshopper plagues, and one memorable dust storm.

“The school building had windows on the west, and they didn’t fit well,” she says. “One day one of those dirt storms came up, and it got so dark and dusty in the school room that I couldn’t tell one child from another. I lit a kerosene lamp because that was the only kind of light we had, and I had the children come up around my desk and cover their faces with wet cloths.”

Hazel was used to enduring this kind of hardship. She had been raised on a South Dakota farm and learned to work hard for what she wanted, as did her two siblings. Hazel did well in school, graduating as valedictorian of her high school class. She is quick to add that there were only thirteen graduates in her class.

While a student at Taylor from 1933-38, Hazel majored in secondary education, was active in the Prayer Band, and co-chaired Youth Conference with Milo Rediger her senior year. She worked in various jobs on campus as money was scarce.

Her years at Taylor did not end when she graduated (magna cum laude). After teaching high school in Mission Hills, South Dakota, from 1938-40, and serving as Dean of Women and professor at Fort Wayne Bible College from 1941-45, Hazel pursued graduate studies at Indiana University, receiving her master’s degree in 1946. She then made a return to Taylor, this time as a professor of composition and literature. As was the situation for several faculty members at the time, Hazel lived in the old Mage-Campbell-Wisconsin Dormitory.

Hazel still had a desire to further her own education, however, and eventually returned to Bloomington to work toward her doctorate at Indiana University.

“I thoroughly enjoyed my graduate work at IU,” Hazel says. “I was often the only woman in my seminars, but it was a very broadening experience.”

After successfully defending her doctoral dissertation on T.S. Eliot’s relation to the Christian tradition, Hazel came home to Taylor once again, where she taught in the English department until her retirement in 1978. Despite the many obstacles she has faced as a woman in an era of male-dominated education, Hazel has achieved more than could be asked or imagined. — Kenda Lightfoot with Randy Dillinger
Discipline & Dedication

Colleen Kendrick and Kiersa Nahler on medical missions: “Been there. . . Done that.”

Overseas medical missions is often associated with poorly equipped medical facilities and unsanitary conditions, where overworked doctors attempt to keep the sick from dying from diseases so easily cured in America. Such were the realities that pre-med students Colleen Kendrick '98 and Kiersa Nahler '97 discovered in two of the poorest regions of the world.

Before the summer of '95 Kiersa had never been overseas, nor had she gained any medical experience. It is understandable, then, that her parents were shocked when she wanted to go to India for her pre-med practicum.

“My parents were scared,” she says. “My mom cried a lot and my Dad said he knew God would take care of me, but I think he was scared too.”

Despite her inexperience and the anxieties of her family, Kiersa set out for India in June, 1995, for eight life-changing weeks at a mission hospital in Raxaul. Kiersa’s first impressions of the hospital were much akin to the American doctor in the City of Joy. “When I first saw the operating room I thought there was no way anyone could survive a surgery in this place.”

Kiersa spent most of her time in the delivery room where she saw nearly 60 births. Though she never got over the miracle of life, she often caught herself thinking, “Okay, here comes another one.”

Kiersa would never have experienced most of what she did had she chosen a practicum in the States. But due to the shortage of doctors in India, she was able to fill a variety of roles.

“Doctors in India are viewed simply as people trying to help others,” says Kiersa. “Sometimes the doctor messes up, but people are just so happy to have someone helping them.”

Before her experiences in India, Kiersa was planning to pursue a future of medical practice in her hometown of Fort Wayne, Ind., but now she simply wants to go where she is needed. She saw the need in India through the “vast amount of simple things that are so easily cured with enough doctors and resources. Children are dying from things that are so easy to treat, like the flu or dehydration.”

Kiersa will begin her medical schooling at the Cambridge Overseas Medical Training Program in Cambridge, England, next year. Though she does not know where she will eventually go, she will always remember India for showing her the needs of the world.

Colleen Kendrick has been dreaming for years of being a doctor. Her interest in medical missions, though, was not of that dream at first.

“My interest in medical missions is like a puzzle,” she says. “God gave me the pieces, but I didn’t see what it was until He added the last one.”

It was after her sophomore year in high school that the final piece fell into place through a class trip to France. Colleen’s first overseas experience. During that time she discovered her love for travel.

Taking advantage of the interterm trips offered by Taylor, Colleen journeyed to Ethiopia last year with Lighthouse. She recalls a mental picture there that profoundly impacted her. She was kneeling in the middle of a circle while several women braided her hair. She looked up and caught the eye of a little girl. Her name was Janeela.

“I was right at her eye level,” Colleen says. “She was wearing the typical tattered clothes. She was looking at me so intently with those deep brown eyes, and something inside of me just broke.”

Experiences like that have driven Colleen toward an intense desire to be fully prepared for work in medical missions. In the past year she made contact with a doctor at the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta. This contact opened the door to a CDC laboratory in the middle of the Mayan rainforest in Guatemala, where Colleen spent a week of research this summer.

After returning from Guatemala, Colleen contacted the CDC with regularity. Her persistence paid off when she was asked to be involved in a study of Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, the leading cause of death in AIDS patients. Starting in December, she will be studying AIDS patients in Indianapolis concerning their treatment, lifestyle habits, and other wellness issues.

Colleen is also hoping to return to Guatemala next summer to study children suffering from visceral leishmaniasis, a fatal disease carried by the sand fly. She is currently writing a grant for that project.

Colleen is wary of her grades and works diligently to avoid anything less than a 4.0 G.P.A. She knows that a lesser grade could cripple her goals for medical school. But she doesn’t allow her goals to cripple her love for others.

“I always say that the part of my 4.0 that isn’t found in the grades is going toward people. The only reason I want to be a doctor is because I love people.”—Herb Harjes

Colleen Kendrick (l.) and Kiersa Nahler take a break from their work with Dr. Tom Butholdo. Both have experienced medical missions firsthand.
Women of Distinction

Susan Talbott Wengatz

Before Susan Moberly Talbott had met and married John Wengatz ’09, she had already received the call to go into African missions. In 1910, one year after they married, the Wengatzes were appointed to Angola, where they served for the next twenty years.

Susan had a gift for languages, learning both Kimbundu and Portuguese; she had an ear for music, translating over 50 songs into Kimbundu; and she had a way with words, writing for the South African Missionary Advocate. She also assisted John in his work.

In 1928 Susan was a major advocate for the William Taylor Bible Institute at the Quessua Mission Station, founded by Bishop Taylor. This station became the heart of Angolan Methodism and was the largest Methodist mission in Africa. The mission, unfortunately, was bombed and invaded during the civil war in the 1990s and has since been abandoned.

Susan Wengatz died tragically on January 16, 1930, after being bitten by a rabid dog. Serum had arrived from South Africa, but it was too late to save her. Upon her death, John returned to the United States, but eventually made another journey to Angola with his second wife, Helen Barton.

—Patience & Persistence
The story of one woman who dared to follow God into the jungle

The jungles of Colombia are far from the fields of Northern Indiana. But for one alumna of Fort Wayne Bible Institute, no such distance was too great to follow the Lord’s leading.

Florence Cavender, FWBI 33, was born on a farm in Culver, Indiana, on September 23, 1912. The second of six children, she started attending the local one-room schoolhouse at the age of four. When she was in the second grade, a young missionary visited her church and taught her Sunday School class. At that time Florence decided that she too would be a missionary.

Her new-found desire eventually led her to the Fort Wayne Bible Institute from which she graduated in 1933. Her dreams of missionary service, however, were postponed while she pursued the ministry. She returned to Fort Wayne after receiving an invitation to pastor a church there.

Florence spent three years at that church and there learned the power of perseverance in prayer, a discipline she would need as a missionary. She watched that church grow into a thriving fellowship in those years.

During that time Florence began to feel a gentle tug at her heart. Once again, though, it wasn’t a tug toward the mission field. Rather, she pursued her desire to further her college education. She attended Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky, and graduated in 1943 with a Bible major.

Still, she was not certain that God was calling her to the mission field, and she accepted a job as the dean of women at People’s Bible School in North Carolina. It was at the school’s missionary conference in 1944 that Florence finally sensed God was calling her to go. Within a few months, she was accepted as a missionary candidate to Colombia with OMS International.

In Colombia, Florence first served as the dean of women at a seminary in Medellin. Evangelical Christians at that time were considered “hated Protestants,” and were often imprisoned or tortured.

Despite great opposition to the missionary presence, Florence felt at home in Colombia. She enjoyed working with children and leading evangelism trips along the Magdalena River. She later served as a teacher and dean of women at the Cristalina Bible Institute, founded by OMS in 1953.

Although she enjoyed her work at the school, Florence soon felt called to take the gospel to the primitive Kuna Indians of Colombia. She was invited to live with the chief’s family, and led many Kunas to Christ. Enlisting the help of others, Florence began a school there, and set her mind to the task of translating the Bible into the Kuna language. She later gave the project to Wycliffe Bible Translators and in 1994, translation of the New Testament was complete.

Florence learned much about the power of prayer in the jungle. On one occasion, she was told that she could no longer live in the chief’s home. She also received subtle threats as she tried to force her to leave. Florence and her partner prayed for protection and stayed in the jungle despite their discouragement. Upon returning from a trip to Medellin, Florence was greeted with an invitation to return to the chief’s home as his friend. Weeks later, she discovered that Korean Christians had dedicated that time to prayer for her ministry among the Kunas.

Although Florence reached the age of retirement in 1977, she continued working as a missionary in Taiwan and Colombia. She has since moved to a retirement center in Northern Indiana, but still participates in short-term trips with Trans World Radio and OMS. She is still “on the field” today, serving World Missionary Press as a Spanish translator, simply taking the next step in the journey she began many years ago.—Amy Eversole

Florence Cavender in Colombia, from the 1957 Light Tower.
Elsie Kesler recently opened her home to members of the Taylor community, giving them a glimpse into her life experiences. During that visit, they also heard some wonderful stories about her son, President Jay Kesler ’58.

Listening to Elsie relive her memories, it was not difficult to see that she approaches life with expectant joy, a genuine sense of humility, and dedication to her Lord that inspires others.

Elsie was born the youngest child of a blacksmith on April 9, 1915, in a sod house on Bone Trail, near Williston, North Dakota. She had twin brothers who were twelve years her elder. In those early years, her father, Zed Campbell, traveled 50 miles away from home to work and was gone for a month or two at a time. The family moved to Indiana in 1920 and eventually settled in South Bend.

Elsie’s life changed dramatically when, in her early teens, her mother died. Less than a year later, at the age of fifteen, she quit high school to marry Herbert Kesler, a young man she had known as a child, and who had also lost his mother not long before. They lived with Herbert’s father for a year, but moved to Wisconsin in 1932 where they built their own log cabin. “It was during the Depression,” she says, “so we decided to make it on our own.”

Elsie recalls that it took “a pile of wood as big as the house” to heat it for winter. It was in this log cabin that daughter Jacqueline was born, in 1933, followed by Jay, in 1935. When the Depression had ended, the family moved back to South Bend, where two more daughters were born, Beverly (1937) and Kathy (1943).

Jay was the quiet child in the family. He was obedient and easy-going. Elsie credits Jay’s grandfather, John Kesler, who lived with the family for nearly ten years, as making an early impact on the future evangelical leader.

As a young man Jay picked up two hobbies that would remain with him to this day: fishing and woodworking. He enjoyed spending quality time with his father through these hobbies, and did so until Herbert died in 1982. The two were always very close, Elsie says.

The question of whether or not Jay was a Christian never entered Elsie’s mind. He had always been involved in church events. But after attending a Youth For Christ event following his freshman year at Ball State University, Jay brought home the news that he had accepted Christ and wanted to attend a Christian college. He wanted to go to Taylor to study for the ministry.

“We needed about twenty-four hours to digest that.” Elsie recalls, “It was hard for my husband at first. He was concerned for Jay and thought that he might not know what he was doing.”

Since Jay’s initial commitment to the Lord, Elsie has followed her son’s spiritual and professional growth closely. She talked of Jay’s first preaching experience at a small country church near Taylor. It was not to be his last. Adjusting to Jay’s increasingly full schedule over the years has been difficult for Elsie, but she expresses joy that he makes contact with her and is present at family gatherings whenever he is able.

Elsie recalls, with a smile, a recent reunion in which Jay made a comment about the large number of grandchildren (12) and great-grandchildren (22) in the family.

“Jay said, ‘Mother, look what you’ve done!’ And he just laughed, because he knew I’d get a kick out of it.” Elsie says. “He knew how his dad felt about children and knew that he would have laughed too.”

Elsie thanks God for the blessing of a large family. At each reunion, though, there are now two grandchildren missing: Kathy’s son, Nathan, who drowned, and Jackie’s daughter, Tammy, who was run over by a car.

Elsie recalls the grief borne of these tragedies, yet she never lost faith in God’s love and perfect plan. Neither did her children.

“We all just trusted the Lord,” she says. “That was all we could do. We were sad, but we didn’t question.”

Through all her experiences, Elsie has developed a recipe for successful family life: trust the Lord each day, foster a spirit of peace in the home, and always know where your children are. She is a true example for Christian women, with her vibrant dedication to her family and steadfast commitment to her Savior. —Amy Seifeldt with Randy Dillinger

Elsie and Herbert Kesler on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Elsie Kesler at home in South Bend, Indiana.
Women of Distinction

Mildred Chapman

As a child living on a Kentucky farm, Mildred Chapman grew to enjoy teaching. She would teach her dolls, and when she was able, she would play school with the neighbor children.

Mildred carried her love for teaching through her own education and back into her hometown high school as a teacher herself. She continued to pursue her own education as well, earning her B.A. from Asbury College in 1947, and her master's at the University of Kentucky in 1954. She received a Kentucky Research Foundation Fellowship in 1959 to aid her doctoral research. She was the first graduate student in education at UK to receive the fellowship.

Mildred first arrived at Taylor in 1956 as a single woman, but that didn't last long, as four years later, she married Albert Chapman, a chemistry teacher she had met while supervising student teachers at Marion High School.

Mildred emphasized disciplined study for students in the teacher education program. She left Taylor in 1962 to have her first child, and during that time, also managed to complete her doctorate. She remains professor emeritus at Taylor. She and Albert live in Marion.—Kendra Lightfoot '00

—Enrichment & Eloquence

Penny (James '82) Stone saw a need; now she's meeting it nationwide

Today more and more professional career women are leaving the workforce and opting to stay at home as full-time mothers. Women, especially those staying home to raise their families, have special needs. These needs are what TU alumna-turned-publisher, Penny (James '82) Stone, wants to address with her new publication called Domesticité. I talked with Penny recently about her new venture. The following are some highlights of our conversation.

Q: What is your motivation for publishing Domesticité?

A: I have noticed that many women who choose the career path of full-time motherhood have been subject to sideglances and comments like, “So do you have a real job?” I have been a stay-at-home mom for most of the past six years. My children are now ages 11, 6, and 3. I believe that raising children is one of the most challenging and rewarding jobs around. Unfortunately, most mothers are not recognized for their domestic engineering abilities. Domesticité is a way for me to reach out to these women and to encourage, help, and inspire them.

Q: What makes Domesticité unique?

A: We have a “Behind the Scenes” look at news events that have a direct impact on our families. Much of this news comes from our correspondent in Washington, D.C. We offer a column called “Rejuvenate!” that focuses on self-help and positive reinforcement, “Domestic Engineering” shares practical tips for making the home run smoothly. “Home Front” is our parenting column where we address concerns of parenting from infancy to the empty nest. We have “Quiet Moments” as our devotional column to encourage the spiritual aspect of life. We also have special features, recipes, and lots of humor.

Q: What kind of response has Domesticité received?

A: We've received really positive feedback on our efforts. The comment I receive over and over is that our selection of articles touches the hearts of women. They also enjoy the humor. I'm pleased that we're able to meet their needs.

Q: Is Domesticité a Christian-oriented publication?

A: Domesticité is a publication for all women who run the home, whether they run it on a full- or part-time basis. Our publication is accentuated by Christian wisdom, but our subscribers come from diverse backgrounds. I do encourage writers to share “nuggets of gospel” that the Holy Spirit can use as seeds to plant in the hearts of unbelievers. Just maybe we'll run a quote, a poem, or an article that will start people thinking about their final destiny. That's our hope anyway.

To contact Penny (James '82) Stone, or to receive more information on Domesticité, write to PenWorks Publishing, Domesticité, PO. Box 509013, Indianapolis, IN 46250-9013. Or, if you prefer, you may write to her via email to PenWorks@net.USA.net.

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Parnassus continues Taylor’s literary tradition

Fraternities may be nonexistent at Taylor University, but the Greek system has inspired honor societies (Alpha Chi Omega), campus art (The Hurl), and sports (the Trojans). And then there is Parnassus, the repository of Taylor’s classic literature. From its humble beginnings as a 33-page pamphlet in 1960 to its current status as a 272-page book, Parnassus has maintained a commitment to publish the best of Taylor’s creative genius.

The publication was first called The Tower, but the present name soon emerged as shown on the cover of the 1962 edition (“TOWER presents PARNASSUS”) and title page featuring this poem by Fred Sanderlin ’63:

Climb the steps of life?—Then  
Climb the stairs of Parnassus.  
Give freedom to thought,  
Explore the unconventional,  
and think independently.

Yes, climb the stairs of Parnassus,  
To become dissatisfied with satisfaction  
For that tranquillizes the soul  
Inducing mediocrity.  
Rekindle it with creativity.

Despite temporary changes in title, Parnassus has remained committed to its purpose as reflected in the 1996 mission statement: “Believing that all truth has its source in God, the mission of Parnassus is to bring forth the talents, gifts and aspirations of the Taylor community. We seek to publish original works of excellence which will edify our readers and magnify our Creator.”

Taylor’s literary roots run deep. Professor Barton Rees Pogue was a well-known regional poet in the 1930s, and literary societies such as the Thalions and Philaletheans thrived from Taylor’s founding. Parnassus was originally spawned by the English Club, which became the Literary Club, and eventually begat today’s Writing Club. However, as underground “alternative” publications became more popular in the 1970s, Parnassus sputtered and died—at least temporarily.

In 1980, Dr. Ken Swan resurrected the magazine with an eye toward more inclusive publication. Swan says, “Creative expression is one of God’s gifts to us, and for a student to recognize and develop this is the mission of the college.”


Recent standouts have included “Tearing at the Seams at Twilight” (1988), “Storm Watch” (1992), and “Let the Children Come to Me” (1994), a thought-provoking short story of a mother’s faith in Christ renewed by her child. The enduring quality of Taylor’s original literature shines through the years, from the beautiful first stanza of Evelyn Van Til’s poem “Sunset” (1962):

Spread your Joseph’s coat  
Gently across the sky, sun.  
You’re covering a tender earth,  
Hurt from salt-rubbed wounds  
Fathored by the salty tears of day.

to the last quatrain and coupel of Jason Francis’ 1996 award-winning sonnet, “Work Backstage”:

Along he steps himself onto the stage  
to force the rigid planks to bend and fit.  
The bones of wood speak out against  
his rage. 
They snap and crack with each demanding hit.  
He laughs as sparks gleam against his chin.  
His building walls he’ll tear back down again.

The 1996 edition is the most professional Parnassus to date. The publication boasts a color cover, 75 contributors, 272 pages, advertising, and a fivefold circulation increase. Dr. Rick Hill, Parnassus advisor, is enthusiastic about the future: “We have received many compliments on the magazine this year, but 1996 is only a warm-up to what we’re planning for ’97.”

Alumni, students, and prospective students of both the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses are encouraged to submit their work for the 1997 edition. Entries are limited to three poems, two stories, two essays, and three art pieces. It’s never too late (or too early) to join Taylor’s classic literary tradition!

Send submissions, with your name and titles of work on a separate sheet of paper, and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: Parnassus 1997 Entry, English Department, Taylor University, 500 W. Reade Ave, Upland, IN 46989. Do not include any identifying information on the submissions themselves.

To purchase a 1996 edition, send $7 (including postage) to Parnassus 1996 c/o Dr. Richard Hill, Taylor University, 500 W. Reade Ave., Upland IN 46989.

—Renée Richard ’96

Renée Richard ’96 studied English at Taylor. She spent part of her summer in Kenya before returning to her home in Solvang, California.
The most important development in Taylor's academic program over the last fifty years was the acquiring of regional accreditation by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in 1947. The achievement of membership in the North Central Association represented the culmination of many years of hard work to upgrade the quality of the institution. In many respects President Clyde W. Meredith (1945-51) was a good man to lead the college in its effort to obtain accreditation. His Holiness Methodist background pleased the Taylor constituency, and his solid academic credentials and pleasing manner favorably impressed the accrediting officials.

Following Meredith's presidency, the board of directors offered the position to one of their fellow trustees, Evan Bergwall. Bergwall came to the presidency with excellent scholarly credentials. After graduating summa cum laude and first in the Taylor class of 1939, he pursued graduate studies at Yale Divinity School, New York University, Emory University, and Oxford University.

Although Bergwall enjoyed being the religious and intellectual leader of the school, he disliked his responsibilities as the director of fundraising and development. Having grown weary of these, he resigned in 1959 to resume his work as a Methodist minister.

Bergwall was succeeded by B. Joseph Martin, a Methodist minister with a Ph.D. degree from the University of Southern California. One of Martin's goals while at Taylor was to hand ownership of the school back to the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church. Since 1890, Taylor had been independent of the Conference. It is somewhat ironic that these reunion talks came in the 1960s because by this period the school was "less Methodist" than it had ever been. An agreement was never reached, though, and by 1965 the talks had ended.

Most American colleges experienced their greatest period of growth in the years after 1945. The growth at Taylor reflected this national pattern. The enrollment of 159 in 1944 grew to 429 in 1946, 613 in 1949, 848 in 1960, and 1426 in 1970. The number of full-time faculty members also increased, from 24 in 1915 to 95 in 1967.

Along with the increase in enrollment, Taylor experienced increased visibility through sports evangelism. The Venture for Victory basketball program was the first such effort at Taylor. The idea originated with two missionaries in Taiwan who discussed their ideas with Taylor board member Ted Engstrom '38. Don Odle '42 was invited to lead the first team in a series of games in Taiwan during the summer of 1952. Each day the team would compete and speak to the crowd, which averaged about 4,000 per contest. After the first year Odle recruited athletes from several schools besides Taylor to comprise the Venture for Victory teams. In 1965, Odle transferred the leadership of the organization to the Overseas Crusades Mission.

The Wandering Wheels bicycle program began in 1964 as an effort by Bob Davenport to offer young people a group experience that would combine adventure and physical vigor with Christian fellowship and witness. In the early years most of the riders came from Taylor; however, gradually an increasing number of students from other colleges and high schools started to join the tours. The group received wide publicity and rare opportunities such as singing before Presidents Johnson and Truman, appearing on the Today Show, and being joined by Governor and Mrs. Edgar D. Whitcomb in Indiana on one of their trips.

While Taylor has experienced tremendous growth in the last fifty years, there have been many difficult circumstances that had to be overcome. Tragedy struck the Taylor community on January 16, 1960, just two weeks after Martin became president, when the administration building was destroyed by fire. With the campus "nerve-center" now gone, the school leaders began to consider the idea of moving the university from Upland. In 1961, Fort Wayne businessmen offered the
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The History Of Taylor University
From Rediger to Kesler

Rediger believed that the school could increase the quality of instruction if it would increase the faculty salaries. The median salary, which had been $4100 in 1958, grew to $6900 in 1964, and to $9400 by 1970. One result of the improvement of the academic level and economic status was a decrease in the turnover rate of faculty and staff.

To pay for the higher salaries the college increased tuition rates from $170 per year in 1945 to $300 in 1950, $300 in 1961, and $1698 in 1971. Thus, by the 1970s, the college was no longer a “poor man’s school.”

When the college decided to cancel the plans to move to Fort Wayne, it immediately launched the largest building program in its history. Seven buildings appeared in the next two years, including Wengatz Hall (1965), the Atterbury Building (1965), the Field House (1965), Olson Hall (1966), the Reade Liberal Arts Center (1966), the President’s Home (1966), and the Nussbaum Science Center (1967). In 1971 two new buildings were constructed at the southern edge of the campus near the eight-acre campus lake. Gerg Hall opened in the fall of 1971 and the Hodson Dining Commons was completed near the end of 1971. The college also purchased an eighty-acre tract of land that year, on which the Arboretum and the Randall Environmental Studies Center now stand.

Rediger's last few years in the mid-1970s were less energetic ones and were followed by two relatively short presidencies (Robert C. Baptista, 1975-79, and Gregg O. Lehman '69, 1981-85) that were separated by a two-year Rediger interim presidency.

Baptista's skills were those of a manager rather than a visionary. Many buildings came to completion during his administration; he emphasized career planning for students, and campus beautification, and he introduced the President’s Associates fundraising program and the idea of an outdoor education center.

In July of 1981 Lehman, at the age of 34, replaced Rediger as president. His nearly four years saw the completion of the Smith-Hermanson Music Building and the launching of the $20 million “Campaign for Taylor University,” which included the $5.5 million Zondervan Library. Lehman resigned in the spring of 1985.

The Taylor World Outreach (TWO) program began spontaneously, on a small scale, at least as early as 1960, when several students began spending their summers in some kind of Christian service in this country or abroad. Gradually the number of students participating increased, and during the 1967-68 year the first college pastor, Peter Pascoe '35, organized, expanded, and gave a name to the pro-

Milo Rediger, president for over thirteen years, provided key leadership that strengthened Taylor's academic and spiritual environment.
gram. Now hundreds of students are involved in the ministry opportunities offered by TWO. During spring break and interterm, students travel to India, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Ireland, Guatemala and a host of other destinations around the world.

Faculty development became an important aspect of the academic life of the university. During the 1970s and 1980s, Walter Randall '33, together with fellow scientists on the board of trustees, Marshall Welch '39, Richard Halfast Welch '36, and Fred Stockinger '63, led the governing board in a call for a greater degree of faculty professionalism.

When such enhanced expectations were formally implemented in the middle and late 1970s, the faculty itself approved a new promotion and tenure policy, strengthening the emphasis upon the doctoral degree, research activity, and a new post-tenure review system.

Accordingly, the percentage of the faculty holding earned doctoral degrees increased from 25% in 1971 to 54% in 1980 and 57% in 1994, and its involvement in research projects and the meetings of professional organizations increased significantly, especially in the 1980s under the encouragement of Dean Richard Stanislaw.

The faculty adopted a new general education program in the spring of 1983. The changes were major, representing the most extensive innovations in the core curriculum since at least the 1950s. They emphasized 1) the integration of faith and learning, 2) the development of computer literacy, and 3) the acquisition of whole-person education, values and disciplines, enhanced global awareness, and basic skills.

The first Taylor course to focus explicitly and entirely upon the faith and learning integration theme in an interdisciplinary manner was the Faith and Learning Seminar which was offered to a limited number of juniors and seniors during the early and middle 1970s. David Neuhouser was the original promoter of the course. Foundations of Christian Thought, formerly Freshman Seminar, now offers similar course content at an introductory level, and is taught by Dr. Mark Cosgrove.

While the academic side of the university was growing, tremendous advances were being made in the area of student development. Charles Griffin '61, vice president for student development (1969-1973), more than any other one person, gave major emphasis to the counselling mode of student development. He believed strongly in the need to help people with problems as opposed to easily suspending them from college. To further implement this counselling emphasis, the university introduced the personnel assistant program which placed paid student assistants (PAs) on each residence hall floor and entrusted them with a larger role than previous floor leaders had.

Other innovations in the 1970s and the early 1980s included the modern orientation program (PROBE) introduced by Walt Campbell '61; the student chaplaincy program with Discipleship Coordinators (DCs) on each floor, introduced by Chaplain William Hill; and the student leadership program developed by Lowell Haines '75, Charles Jaggers '69, vice president for student affairs (1979-1983), together with Stan Burden '61, Hill and Nancy Cicero, created the current “Life Together Statement,” which reflects the supportive counseling orientation that has become characteristic of the university as a whole.

The single most important factor in the more recent increase in Taylor's visibility was the appointment of Jay Kesler '58 as president in 1985. Like Engstrom and Sam Wolgemuth '58, Kesler served as president of Youth for Christ. That position, in addition to the 19 books he had authored by 1994, as well as a syndicated radio program, Family Forum, gave Kesler the distinction of being the most widely-recognized president in Taylor's history.

By the late 1980s, Taylor had become less and less the “best kept secret” in Christian higher education and was becoming increasingly known by the general public. Publications, such as U.S. News and World Report, listed Taylor among the best colleges in America as early as 1983. By the late 1980s, Taylor had become nationally-recognized as a strong liberal arts college.

The most significant event of the last decade was the merger-acquisition of Summit Christian College (SCC) in Fort Wayne, Indiana. SCC, formerly Fort Wayne Bible College (FWBC), had long been one of the most respected Bible colleges in North America. However, enrollment at the school, as was the case for the most Bible colleges at that time, was low, and SCC was facing a major financial crisis. The merger gave constituents of SCC assurance that the school would survive as an institution of Christian higher education.

After 150 years of growth as an evangelical educational institution, Taylor University remains strong, poised, and ready for the challenges of the next century. As the mission statement reads: “Taylor University is an interdenominational evangelical Christian institution educating men and women for lifelong learning and for ministering the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need. As a Christian community of students, faculty, staff, and administration committed to the Lordship of Jesus Christ, Taylor University offers post-secondary liberal arts and professional education based upon the conviction that all truth has its source in God.”

Dr. William C. Ringenberg is professor of history at Taylor.
At the age of 96, George E. Fenstermacher passed away, on April 21, after a distinguished life of service to Taylor University and the Methodist Church. An accomplished violinist, respected professor, and able administrator, George offered many talents to the Taylor community through the years. Yet George might have never heard of Taylor had it not been for the positive experience his older brother Russell had at the school. Russell came to Taylor to finish his senior year of college in 1918, and rented a room in the home of Merritt and Birdie Abbey, located at 213 Wright Ave. He wired George, back home in Cleveland, “Why don’t you join SATC and come out to Taylor?” George called the SATC the “Saturday Afternoon Tea Club” though in reality it was a military unit similar to ROTC, combining military training with college classes. George joined the SATC in October, 1918, and began his Taylor experience living in the barracks of Sammy Morris Hall. George was discharged from the service in December of that year, following the end of World War I, and shortly thereafter moved into the Abbey house with Russell.

It was not long after the move that George, 19, took notice of pretty, dark-eyed Eloise Abbey, 17. They were soon banging code messages to each other on the radiator pipes. George wooed her, playing romantic music on the violin as she listened from the parlor. Others liked George’s violin playing as well, and asked to take lessons from him. He was given a small room to use and began giving lessons while a student at Taylor.

Russell graduated in 1919 and became a Methodist minister. George graduated in 1922 and began teaching German and violin at Taylor. He also conducted the orchestra. Bonnie (Weaver ’44) Odle, who was a student in George’s German classes, remembers him as a “kind and sympathetic teacher.”

George and Eloise married the day after she graduated from Taylor in 1924. The ceremony took place in the Abbey parlor. Eloise’s sister Iris ’15 was the maid of honor. The newlyweds moved into their new house at 307 West Wright Ave., built by Merritt Abbey. George and Eloise had two children, Dorothy and Bob.

Between the years of 1927 and 1934, George pursued graduate studies, earning his master’s degree from the University of Chicago in 1934.

In 1935 George became the dean of men at Taylor, a position he held for nine years. In 1944 he left Taylor to accept a new position in the North Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church as Executive Secretary of the Board of Education. During his 21 years in this position, George led numerous workshops and developed creative programs at Epworth Forest, a Methodist camp in Northern Indiana.

After a three-year return to the Taylor classroom in, George branched into his third career as Methodist minister in 1970 at Mount Carmel United Methodist Church, south of Hartford City, Indiana, where he preached for nine years.

George and Eloise celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1974. The Fenstermachers and Iris Abbey were honored by their alma mater in 1984 during the Taylor Heritage Chapel organized by Helen Jones, director of donor services and lifelong member of the Upland community.

For the past five years George and Eloise resided at the Methodist Home in Warren, Indiana, where Iris also resides. Eloise continues to live at the home. – Dwight Mikkelson

Information for this story was provided by Dorothy (Fenstermacher ’47) Villcoock, of Longville, Minnesota.

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The campaign began this spring and concluded September 28. The Bibles are being distributed to several charitable organizations in the WBCL listening area.—Herb Haynes

Fort Wayne Campus continues expansion of academic offerings

The following are some highlights from the past academic year and goals for the new year

The American Chaplaincy Training School (ACTS) and TUFW agreed to provisional plans for incorporating ACTS into TUFW’s academic program. Taylor faculty from Justice Education and Urban Ministry taught courses in the second annual ACTS this summer, held June 9-14. The Community School of the Arts (CSA) is undergoing restructuring during the 1996-97 year. The program provides instruction, performance, and services to people of all ages in the local community. Last year, enrollment in CSA was 478, with such diverse offerings as guitar, piano, voice, dance, art, drama, ensembles, choirs, music contests, computer workshops, and a Fine Arts camp. The Business Department established a bachelor of science degree in business information applications effective this fall, and plans to add an accounting major in the fall of 1997. Last year the Christian Ministries (CMH) Department added new degree programs in pastoral ministries, urban ministries, and youth ministries. CMH is the largest department on the Fort Wayne Campus. Communication Arts began its first year as a major last year. Mark Vermilion taught all eight sections, for which approximately 150 students enrolled. Vermillion is joined this year by Michael Smith, who filled the new full-time position in the department. The first Distance Learning course was taught last spring between the Fort Wayne and Upland campuses. Seven students completed the Classroom Management and Discipline course, taught by former education professors Drs. Nancy Moller and Marilyn Steppenski. This year is the inaugural offering of English as a major on the Fort Wayne campus. Four students are currently enrolled as majors, and three as minors, in the program. The Criminal Justice Department divided into three separate majors last year: Criminal Justice, Law and Justice, and Justice and Ministry. Thirty-three students are currently enrolled in the program. Plans to inaugurate the Eicher Chair of Missions were announced last year. Minimum funding necessary to establish the chair is $1.25 million.
The following report constitutes a summary of some of the more measurable accomplishments at Taylor University this past year. Obviously this represents the combined efforts of our entire community.

The president’s role is like that of a symphony conductor. All of the members play their instruments better than the conductor and there would be no music made by the waving of a baton. Keeping the orchestra together, in tune, on the same page, and playing music worth their effort constitutes the task. Functionally a six-foot metronome would doubtless work; however, if the conductor and orchestra pass some level of compatibility and commitment, the result is mutually gratifying.

Together we are grateful at Taylor that this past year has been relatively free of crisis and has allowed the progress reported. It is important that we never take this progress for granted. It represents labor, faith, sacrifice, planning, cooperation, sublimation of ego, and collegial love. With this spirit present it is not very difficult to “wave the baton.”

The president reports but others do the work, and for their work I am grateful and ever proud. Our current level of attainment provides the springboard for our next level of striving. You will be hearing a great deal more about the sesquicentennial campaign in the weeks ahead. It is my desire that this report will inspire faith in the future and a resolute commitment to reach goals heretofore beyond our grasp.

Thank you for your part in this year’s accomplishments.
This past year has been a time of much planning for the balance of the 20th century and the first decade of the 21st century. Much of this planning has taken place with a vision for what the sesquicentennial campaign might be able to accomplish for the university in the way of academic programs, technology, personnel, and facilities. There is always a deep and sincere interest in the planning process when the outcomes have potential for positive changes.

Some of the most exciting projects of this past year focused on the Fort Wayne campus. The development of a College for Adult and Lifelong Learning and a College for Urban Engagement represents a large part of these projects and will help set the tone for the Fort Wayne campus well into the future.

Taylor University has been blessed with a stable and mature senior administration. The team may be the strongest that the university has ever enjoyed. It represents an experience and expertise that is invaluable in planning for the future. There is a sense of trust among the membership of the senior administration.

Within the next five years or less, this team will begin to change membership. There are four of this team of eight who will be eligible for retirement within this time frame. The reality of this is not being ignored as we plan for the future and the necessity for these transitions.

Taylor University is healthy, and there is much excitement about the present and the future. Our greatest challenge at this time is to remain committed to the mission of this great institution and to keep the secularization of our society from becoming the standard by which we measure success.

We do have a “charge to keep” and it requires the best from everyone. It is challenging, but rewarding.
As the Fort Wayne campus begins its fifth year of operation, we are able to look back with thanksgiving and ahead with anticipation.

In May of 1996, we graduated 55 students. It was the first commencement for students who had received all four years of their education at Taylor Fort Wayne. What a joy it was to be able to celebrate this achievement with a special group of students who had pioneered and persevered through the early days of transition and beginning.

This fall’s freshman class is unique in two respects. First, fully two-thirds of the students have applied directly to the Fort Wayne campus. In the past, we have depended on the Upland “waiting pool” for our students. Second, several new students have indicated that their presence on the Fort Wayne campus is a direct result of the influence of an older sibling or a friend from church or high school who is a current student on our campus. Our veteran students are having a good experience here and are telling others about Taylor. This trend is also a great encouragement to us.

With our location in a major metropolitan area, the Fort Wayne campus is becoming Taylor University’s “college for urban engagement.” Both the academic and student development programs are working to offer students opportunities to understand and engage the urban culture.

Taylor Fort Wayne joined Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and Winebrenner Theological Seminary in bringing graduate-level theological education to Northeast Indiana/Northwest Ohio through the Institute for Theological Education. Participants may obtain a Master of Arts degree in Religion.

The work at Taylor University, Fort Wayne Campus, is multifaceted and engaging. God continues to open doors of opportunity for us, and we celebrate His goodness and faithfulness in our midst.
The office of business and finance experienced much transition this past year, as it was the first to undergo the university-wide shift to a new management information system.

Among the changes was a new format for Taylor's financial statements to reflect new accounting regulations mandated by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB). The business office, which has kept "fund accounting" records in the past will now maintain records according to "net assets" categories. This represents a significant change in the manner in which financial reports and records are managed, reflecting more of a corporate appearance.

Due to the expansion of institutional programs in Fort Wayne and in Upland, the university conducted extensive research concerning the management of records. The transition to a new management information system was in response to the complexity of our ever-growing data base. As this change relates to the business office, budget managers now have online access to their accounts and may view balances and activity, request purchase orders, and receive online approval for purchase orders.

The financial foundation of the university is especially strong at this time. The officers of the university have been sensitive to good fiscal management.

The university's endowment passed the $20-million-dollar mark for the first time in its history last year. This is the result of both faithful contributors to Taylor and expert portfolio management.

The university continued to fund reserves for the replacement of equipment and major building maintenance during the past year.

There are many evidences of God's goodness as we have the opportunity to review this past year. We are quite cognizant of our Lord's admonition, "To whom much is given, much is required."
Taylor University continued to receive national recognition during the past academic year, as it once again was named one of "America's Best Colleges" by U.S. News and World Report. The John Templeton Foundation also recognized Taylor as a recipient of the 1995-96 Honor Roll of Character Building Colleges and Universities.

Preparations for the reaccreditation process continued this past year. The academic programs at both Fort Wayne and Upland are accredited by the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools (NCA), the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education, and the Indiana Professional Standards Board. Programs at the Upland campus are further accredited by the National Association of Schools of Music, and the Council on Social Work Education. The NCA on-site review team is scheduled to be at Taylor February 24-26, 1997.

On May 9, 1996, the faculty approved the following five academic technology goals for 1996-97: 1) to continue to improve computer access for faculty and students, 2) to continue to support faculty development and training opportunities, 3) to implement two-way interactive distance learning instruction between campuses, 4) to implement the student component of Banner, the new management information system, and 5) to continue addressing high-tech policy, planning, and infrastructure issues.

The 1995-96 academic year held some exciting changes and accomplishments for the Taylor University Archives. Archivist Bonnie Houser continued to advocate Taylor's commitment to preserving her history, and gained approval for a University Records Policy which will enable her to implement a simple version of records management in the coming years.

Much effort this past year was devoted to the restructuring of the general education objectives into eight main domains—each having precise knowledge, skills, and value objectives. Matching these objectives to individual courses in the curriculum is the next step.

Several new majors and degree programs were added to the curriculum this past year as well.

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**Major Grants Awarded to Taylor University, 1995-96**

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We who are involved in and responsible for carrying out the mission of Taylor University are committed to a God who is unthreatened by change and who has blessed Taylor University with certain "anchor points" that tie us to a tradition and heritage. The programs within the division of student affairs are characterized by this sense of being connected with the past, while looking ahead toward the future.

The students who seek a Taylor education are those who are in step with our mission statement. We are experiencing an increased conversion rate of those students who apply and who matriculate. Prospective students have continued to visit our campus with increased frequency.

Approximately 35% of our current freshman are either children of alumni or siblings of current or former students. They are coming from economically diverse backgrounds and with high academic competencies. They are a more diverse group than we have ever had in the past.

We have few measurements that tell us more definitively how our students fit Taylor University than do our rate of retention and our Student Life Survey. Our retention rate (students eligible to return that do return) is at 94%, ranking among the highest in colleges across the nation. Our residence halls are filled to about 99% capacity.

Each year we survey our student body relative to their congruence with the Life Together Covenant. We are encouraged by the fact that 96% of our students worship weekly, that 75% of our students feel that their experience at Taylor has equipped them to function as Christian leaders, and that 95% of our students feel that the Taylor environment has been supportive of their spiritual growth. Our student body is fully enrolled and pleased with the product they are receiving.

We are in the midst of considering changes in our residence life policies, in our athletic program administration, in our health care delivery, in our financial aid awarding policy, and in our recruitment literature that speaks of "Taylor Today." And all the while, we are committed to the values and mission that have served our students and served the Kingdom so well these past 150 years.

### Financial Aid Comparisons (1991-92 through 1995-96)

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The department of university development has been charged with the task of encouraging gifts to the university from alumni, friends, corporations and foundations. What an exciting privilege we have to share information about the needs and challenges facing Taylor University.

In the fiscal year 1995-96, Taylor alumni, trustees, parents, friends, churches, foundations and corporations contributed over $4 million to the university through the annual fund, scholarships, estate gifts, and planned giving.

University development is strengthened through the efforts of not only development staff but those individuals serving in alumni relations and university relations. During the 1995-96 fiscal year, university relations was added to this department and is primarily responsible for Taylor publications, media relations, conferences and special events.

At this time the university is preparing to launch a capital campaign as part of our sesquicentennial celebration. The campaign will benefit both the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses by providing new buildings, endowments, larger annual funds, and the establishment of academic chairs. To be successful, this campaign will require that all our alumni and friends be involved as much as possible. It is the most ambitious campaign ever undertaken by Taylor, and many hours have been spent in preparation for meeting this new challenge.

Development can be divided into six major areas: alumni relations, capital campaign, Fort Wayne campus, university relations, annual fund, and the William Taylor Foundation. By working together, each of these six areas proclaim the Taylor story to our publics.

This past year, 47% of solicited alumni gave to the Upland campus and 27.5% of alumni gave to the Fort Wayne campus. The national average for alumni participation among private liberal arts colleges is 33%. We deeply appreciate the faithful support of Taylor alumni.

Your development team members are ambassadors for Taylor University who believe educating and preparing young men and women for the future is a vital part of the Great Commission. Thank you for your faithful support and prayers.

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Most of the functions and services of planning and information resources are in a significant state of change. This past year the Board approved the long-range plan for the university, which will serve as the foundation for the sesquicentennial campaign and beyond. This plan, together with the Vision from the president’s office, identifies who we are, where we are going, and how we intend to get there.

With the advent of new communication media, many Christian colleges have gained interest in collaborative traditional and distance education pilot projects. Taylor has hosted or led most of the discussions on these topics. We participated with another college in the first interactive video conference between colleges. Internet and interactive video have the potential to extend the influence and accessibility of Christian higher education far beyond the borders of a single campus.

This year, more than any other, the rate of change in technology has threatened to outpace the culture within the university. We now have almost a thousand Taylor-owned computers between the two campuses. The Last Mile Project fulfilled an academic goal of one networked computer for each full-time faculty member. The incoming freshmen, and their parents as well, are certainly the most computer literate users of technology that we have seen; their requests for access and functionality are significantly greater this year as compared to previous years.

The university has considered, rather than shunned, many technologies to identify those which will be most supportive of our mission. We had our first chapel concerning Christ and cyberspace to assure that our students are not only prepared to use the technology at hand, but will consider its appropriate use as well. Taylor will intentionally use high tech to improve teaching and learning, but will not fall prey to technology for its own sake.

The foundational information resources are also being rebuilt to provide for the future. The world wide web has already proven to be one of the most frequently used tools for scholarly research and will be extended for internal purposes as well.

Taylor has been blessed by many new members of the information services department. They have come with a sense of calling to provide their spiritual maturity and professional skills as technology continues to become a greater part of how we teach, learn, work, and recreate.
If a plaque was made to sum up the past year for WBCL/WBCY, it could well read, “Change cushioned by God’s grace.”

The car accident in December which claimed the life of our beloved Jeff Carlson brought instant change to the morning air waves. Amidst our grief, God graciously hand-picked two new employees for our radio team: Phil Reaser, who now hosts “Rise and Shine,” and Tim Yazel, who became assistant manager for operations.

God poured out His blessing in abundance during our 20th Sharathon in January as we surpassed the goal of $750,000, finishing with a total of $859,000 pledged. The $109,000 above the goal is being applied toward the installation of digital equipment throughout the studios. On October 20, the $120,000 project will be completed, and Studio A will be renamed “The Jeff Carlson Studio.”

By vote of the Taylor University Board of Trustees, WBCL/WBCY were reorganized July 1 of this year as Taylor University Broadcasting, Inc. (TUBI), a subsidiary of Taylor University. This decision allows for the effectiveness and efficiency with which media must operate.

A newly-formed board of directors overseeing the policies of TUBI is comprised of four Taylor University Board members, two administrators, and three community representatives.

In the past six months we have paid off the Archbold (WBCY) debt, one year earlier than projected, received a construction permit to build a station in Spencerville, Ohio, in 1997 (see graph below for coverage area), and received a construction permit for a translator in Muncie.

In this, our 20th year of broadcasting, we pause often to thank the Lord for His faithfulness as He has blessed the ministry of WBCL/WBCY far more than we would ever dare ask, or even dream of—“infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, thoughts, or hopes” (Ephesians 3:20). Daily, the mail reflects the impact that WBCL/WBCY’s programming has on its listeners, as they experience inspiration for spiritual growth, and encouragement to remain solid in their Christian commitments.

We look back over our 20 years of broadcasting with thanksgiving, and we look ahead with a determination to continue broadcasting “with obedience to God and integrity to man.”
This year, 1996, marks the William Taylor Foundation’s 63rd birthday. The Foundation is a legally separate entity which serves as a financial buffer for the University. Its primary purpose is to receive property, real or personal, tangible or intangible, outright or in trust; to hold, invest and manage any such property; and to distribute such property by way of grants, scholarships, and stipends for the direct or indirect benefit of Taylor University.

The Foundation was established in 1933 to preserve Taylor during a time when bankruptcy threatened. However, after the financial danger to the university had passed, the Foundation sold the school back to the Board of Trustees and went into quiet remission. Not until the mid-1980s was the Foundation revitalized to enhance financial support for Taylor.

Through the Foundation, estate counseling is naturally provided. This creates and builds a relationship with donors that goes far beyond financial transactions alone. Because of our Christian commitment, professional and caring attitudes, and the ability to answer technical questions, full confidence is placed in the Foundation.

This past year the Foundation completed the renovation of Sickler Hall, the oldest building on campus. Its offices, along with those of alumni relations, now occupy Sickler Hall. The major financial backing for this project came from the Neil and Renee Compton estate, which had been given to the Foundation. The Compton Oriental Art Collection is also housed in Sickler Hall.

The Foundation also established three new charitable trusts and nine charitable annuities with alumni and friends of the university last year, totaling more than $521,000. Through the Foundation, donors may enter into trust, unitrust, or annuity agreements, which allow for substantial tax and income benefits.

As President Kesler has stated, “Many care very deeply about the importance of developing tomorrow’s leaders today at Taylor, but they cannot be directly involved with students. The William Taylor Foundation allows individuals to use their talents and resources to support and enhance Christian higher education.”

It is exciting to work with people who love Taylor and to know we are not only providing them the tools they need to make wise estate planning decisions, but also helping them find joy in giving.
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Taylor explores relationship with Dagestan

In April, 1996, Dr. Gayirbeg Abdurakhmanov, director of the Institute of Applied Ecology (IAE) at Dagestan Pedagogical University, visited Taylor as a guest lecturer. During that time, he invited consideration of faculty and student exchange between the two universities.

Dr. Edwin Squiers, professor of biology and environmental science; Frank Pianki, assistant professor of business, accounting and economics; Dr. Stephen Hoffmann, professor of political science; and Timon McPhearson '97, environmental science major, accepted the invitation with a visit August 5-20 to Dagestan, a small Russian republic bordering Chechnya and the Caspian Sea.

The team explored opportunities to exchange teaching and research with IAE as well as the possibility of student exchange between Taylor and the newly-formed Russian American Christian University. Visits to potential areas for teaching and research in diverse ecosystems were informative for the group. The team successfully installed a geographic information system (GIS), data analysis software, and a global positioning system (GPS), which would aid the two universities if joint research efforts are pursued.

One of the efforts under consideration in Dagestan is the building of hydroelectric power dams. Squiers says, "With his expertise in that field, the IAE is in favor of a collaborative relationship with Taylor. However, basic conflicts have yet to be resolved, such as the language barrier and the limited availability of communications technology in Dagestan."

--- Randy Dillinger

Rothrock discovers new flora in Ozarks

Dr. Paul Rothrock, professor of biology and environmental science, is pictured above with a member of the Carex section Ovales, the genus in which he discovered a new species with Univ. of Michigan's A. A. Reznicek.

The study, recently published in Brittonia, describes carex ozarkana, a species local to the Ozark Mountain regions of Oklahoma, Missouri, and Arkansas. Rothrock also discovered a second new species during that time.

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Academics in Brief

Seminar encourages prejudice reduction

Discovering ways to reduce prejudicial attitudes was the agenda for “Celebration of Diversity,” a workshop coordinated by Toni Barnes, director of enrichment services. Dr. Zenebe Abebe, special assistant to the president for multicultural affairs and associate professor of psychology at Goshen College, led the workshop, held August 27.

Abebe led the group of participants through two sessions designed to promote positive, rather than prejudicial, relationships. Abebe sought to make the seminar as relevant as possible for the participants, using the group’s personal and shared experiences as illustrations.

Barnes is planning future seminars exploring cultural diversity, institutional change, and empowerment to cultural understanding. According to Barnes, the seminars are designed to provide the tools necessary to function in today’s society. Barnes is also in the process of arranging a second visit by Abebe sometime next year.

Spectrum ministers in the land “down under”

The Great Ocean Road. “G’day mate,” “keep left,” “Aussie, and “no worries.” These were just a few of the phrases learned by the Taylor World Outreach drama team Spectrum during their trip to Australia this summer.

The group was hosted by Australia Youth For Christ (YFC) for three weeks, from May 21 to June 11. The primary ministry for the group involved teaching drama classes in secondary schools. Each class period featured theater games designed to teach drama techniques, as well as an evangelistic sketch dealing with various topics.

At the end of each session, the class was divided into small groups of four to six students for discussions with Spectrum team members, ranging from issues raised by the sketches to spiritual matters and cultural differences between America and Australia. These discussions opened the door for the Taylor students to share their testimonies with the Australian teenagers.

The team learned the importance of planting seeds, as only two to three percent of Australians are evangelical Christians. But the groundwork that was done will open the doors wider for future evangelism in the schools.

The trip “down under” began with a stopover in Spokane, Washington, May 19-21, where the team ministered through drama for evening worship at a local church, and Monday morning chapel for Valley Christian School. Tim ’92 and Jennifer Hildebrand hosted the Taylor group during in Spokane.—Mary Rayburn

Taylor Theatre
1996-97 Schedule

Season tickets for Taylor University Theatre productions are available for $15 ($12 for alumni). The season begins Nov. 8-9, and 14-16 with Stefanie Hero, a magical performance for all ages by the author of “Children of a Lesser God.” An adaptation of Sophocles’ classic tragedy Antigone, by Jean Anouilh, will run Feb. 21-22, and Feb. 27-March 1. The Great All-American Disaster Musical, a wildly funny Tim Kelly mini-musical with lyrics by Jack Sharkey, will end the year with performances on May 2-3, and 8-10.

To order season tickets or for more information, please contact Jeane Bullock in the theatre office at (317) 998-5289.

Check out those dapper young men! Approximately 150 freshmen participated with the Taylor contingent in the annual Upland Labor Day Parade. A special Taylor Sesquicentennial float was featured in the parade.
Messer honored for excellence in teaching

Following tradition, members of the Upland faculty were not informed which of them had received the Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award. As they sat on the stage of the Rediger Chapel, Dr. Beulah Baker, last year’s recipient, introduced the new honoree by revealing facts concerning his life and accomplishments.

The 1996 Teaching Excellence and Campus Leadership Award was given to Dr. Stephen Messer, associate professor of history, for his contributions to the campus. Messer was selected, among other reasons, for his effectiveness in challenging students to examine cultural and gender stereotypes.

Messer has researched and studied a wide variety of topics, including runaway wives in colonial South Carolina and colonial responses to death. More recently, Messer worked with students to collect pieces of African-American oral history in the communities close to Taylor. During the summer of 1991, Messer furthered his knowledge of local African-American history through research of the Weaver Community, a project he co-directed with Tom Jones ’71, assistant professor of education and history. Messer has been a strong advocate for Taylor’s participation in the Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, and remains active in the leadership of the celebration.

Messer received his B.A. from Trinity College in 1973. He pursued graduate study at Florida State University, receiving his M.A. in 1982 and his M.S. in 1984. He also earned his doctorate in 1987. His wife, Betty, is also a member of the Taylor faculty, serving as associate professor of modern languages.—Herb Harjes

Miss Alabama to speak in chapel

As a contestant in the Miss Alabama Scholarship Program, Amie Beth Dickinson ’90, presented her “Abstinence Platform” for the first time. In 1994, she was crowned Miss Alabama and has since had the opportunity to travel all over the nation bringing a message of hope and encouragement to young people.

She has addressed audiences for such diverse occasions as school assemblies, youth rallies, worship services, civic clubs, conferences, and graduations. At the core of her message is a belief that many of society’s ills can be successfully combated through character education. Through her talks Amie Beth has encouraged her audiences to commit to building their own moral character. Her topics include the “Challenge to Develop Christian Character,” and “Helping Build Self-Esteem in Young Ladies,” as well as “The Need for Character-Based Education,” “Choices for Single Adults,” and the “Challenge to Excellence.”

Amie Beth will visit her alma mater as the featured speaker for chapel on Monday, October 21. She lives in Birmingham, Alabama.—Randy Dillinger

Department of Music

Fall Concert Calendar

Fri., Oct. 11 (Parents’ Weekend)
Rediger Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
College Concert
Admission $2 at the door.

Sat., Oct. 26 (Homecoming)
Odle Gymnasium, 7:30 p.m.
Sesquicentennial Pageant
Featuring various Taylor Ensembles

Wed., Nov. 13
Rediger Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Symphonic Band Concert
Featuring “Huffman Prairie Winds” from Wright-Patterson AFB
Jeannette Graff Concert Series

Fri., Nov. 22
Rediger Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Jazz Ensemble & Combo
Featuring guest artists “The Prime Time Band”
Jeannette Graff Concert Series

Sun., Dec. 8
Butz-Carruth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Carillon Chorus, Bell Choir & Taylor Ringers Concert

Tues., Dec. 10
Butz-Carruth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Chamber Orchestra Concert

Sat., Dec. 14
Butz-Carruth Recital Hall, 7:30 p.m.
Gospel Choir Concert

Sun., Dec. 15
Rediger Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
Carols and Candle Lighting
Music Department Ensembles

All concerts are free and open to the public unless otherwise stated.

Note: This is not a complete listing. For more information about these and other concerts, please call the Music Department (317) 998-5232.
Pressing on through the fire

Kurt Ringley’s testimony of grace and healing

It’s the opening round of the 1996 NAIA national tournament and a double-digit deficit hovers over Trojans Coach Paul Patterson. Looking for quick relief, he scans the bench and calls on Kurt Ringley ’96, who answers the call with a trio of three-pointers. The Trojans are back in the game. This was one of Kurt’s finest moments on the court. It isn’t rare for Kurt to face such challenges: not long ago he fought for his life against a daunting opponent.

It was during his freshman year that Kurt first noticed discomfort. A series of physician referrals led him to Indianapolis, where the malady was finally diagnosed. As the doctor joined the Ringleys in the waiting room, he was in tears. The words he spoke were devastating... Kurt had cancer.

When Linda Ringley, Kurt’s mother, heard those words she immediately thought, “Oh no, I’m going to lose my son.” She desperately desired to be there for him and care for him, but she knew she had to let him go. Kurt wanted to be at school and live a normal life.

As he lay in bed that night, cognizant of his condition but comforted by the love and prayers of his family, Kurt came to grips with his own life, praying, “Lord, I don’t know why you allowed this to happen, but it’s all yours.”

Shortly after the diagnosis, Kurt underwent surgery to remove the cancer, and he was soon able to return to Taylor. But the enemy had not yet been defeated. Seven months of normal life had passed since Kurt’s surgery. In March, 1994, he went in for routine follow-up tests and received another discouraging report—a small cancerous spot on his lung had been discovered through a CAT scan.

Kurt began chemotherapy treatments. Unable to eat, he quickly lost twenty pounds. He also lost his hair and his skin turned pale-grey. Even so, he often saw a lighter side to his circumstances.

“I didn’t care about the hair,” he says. “I thought it was cool.”

Once when a faculty member asked how he was doing, Kurt grabbed a fistful of hair and said, “I tell you, it’s making me pull my hair out!”

Though weakened by chemotherapy, he remained on the basketball team. Coach Paul Patterson visited and prayed with Kurt, and told him that there was a place for him on the team when he was ready to return. “I wanted him to know that we would fight with him,” Patterson says.

Kurt came back to the team with great determination and poured himself into the game. “I loved basketball too much to quit,” Kurt says.

Patterson was careful, though, to keep Kurt from becoming physically exhausted. “We had to go a little easier on him in conditioning and practice,” he says, “but he worked hard; he never wavered. He is a remarkable athlete.”

When Kurt returned for his final round of chemotherapy on May 9, 1994, he received the good news that the cancer had disappeared. Kurt testifies that “God definitely used the doctors, but He did the healing.”

Kurt has since found opportunities to minister to others stricken by cancer. Kurt and his wife Amy (Heindl ’97) met with a high school soccer player who was preparing to undergo chemotherapy.

“He was so scared,” Amy recalls. But after talking and praying with him they saw his countenance change. Kurt then told his new friend, “You’ve got the power of God on your side.”

This same power has kept Kurt cancer-free for the past two years. He and Amy are now thinking of what their “normal life” might be like as they grow older together. Amy says she “would love to see Kurt work in a church, and for us to have a family.”

As Kurt reflects once more upon the storm that passed through his life, one thing which remains transcendent like a glowing rainbow is “how great the Lord has been.”

The Ringleys reside in Upland and are currently working with youth in a local church.—Jim Garringer
Chris Rood: a sparkplug that fired the ’69 Trojans

During the years he played second base at Taylor University, Thomas Chris Rood ’70 developed his own pledge to treat each pitch as the most important ever, and to avoid arguments with umpires. Tenacity and passion came naturally, but the acquiescence didn’t. His tough, aggressive style of baseball won more games and grudging admirers than it did friends.

Chris died unexpectedly of natural causes on February 20, 1995, at the age of 47. Wabash Friends Church Pastor David Phillips ’67 conducted the funeral from the perspective of a minister and a parent; his son Mike played on the Wabash High School baseball team that Chris coached to the 1986 state championship with a 31-6 record, a startling feat for a small school competing against the top high school teams of Indiana. In his 21 years as the school’s coach, Chris led his teams to a combined 411-211 record.

Chris filled another role at Wabash High School as a history teacher. His fascination with the American Civil War stimulated many students. He had a knack for injecting his lectures with humor. One of his former students says Chris probably had 150 different stories about how he lost a fingertip. Taylor buddy Garth Cone ’69 knew the true story; while working as a meat cutter, Chris was listening to his favorite baseball team (the Yankees) on the radio and got overexcited when Mickey Mantle hit a home run. The story and the fingertip were history. That was no obstacle, however, for the relentless Rood. As a senior at Taylor the next season Chris played on the team, though due to the injury he had to play right field instead of second base.

Chris transferred to Taylor from Western Michigan University and helped Taylor capture three NAIA District 21 baseball championships from 1968-1970. The team yielded an outstanding 78-34 record over those three years. As a member of the 1969 team, Chris helped the Trojans capture fifth place in the NAIA national tournament. It was the only season the Trojans have ever advanced to the national tournament.

With Chris at second, Randy Mohler ’70 at shortstop, and Rick Arkinson ’69 followed by Garth Cone ’69 at third base, Taylor featured what some say was their best infield ever. In 1970 Chris was named team MVP and was selected to the NAIA All-District team (District 21).

“Chris was a definite key player on the team,” says Jack King, coach of Taylor’s most successful baseball teams. “He was our sparkplug.”

Search for athletic director remains open

The position of Athletic Director at Taylor University remains open, and the screening committee continues to review applications. Taylor University is committed to identifying an individual who will provide experienced leadership to our intercollegiate and intramural program.

Applicants are considered based primarily on their ability to exhibit and articulate strong Christian commitment, understand the educational and spiritual contributions of a quality athletic program, and demonstrate proven experience in athletic administration and leadership.

Perhaps you know of someone who fits this description. We anticipate that candidates will be found through the Taylor network. Please send your recommendations to Dr. Don Taylor, Chairman of the Screening Committee, Taylor University, 500 W. Reade Avenue, Upland IN 46989-1001.

Athletics in Brief

Dr. Joe Lund has been named the new Trojan softball coach. Lund also coaches men’s soccer and chairs the psychology department in Upland. • Joyce Fox started her new responsibilities as cheerleading coach this fall. She also serves as the director of conferences and special events. • The 1995 volleyball and women’s basketball printed programs, both produced by Mark Varner, sports information director, recently won national awards.
Trojan sports off to a strong season

After producing the best season in Taylor volleyball history last year with a 31-16 record, the Lady Trojans are well on their way to doing it again, with a 15-2 start to the season. The Lady Trojans won their season opener, winning 3-0. Natalie Steele '98 and Heather Pickrell '99 both were named to the All-Tournament Team at the Cedarville Invitational.

The Trojans charged into their 49th season of football on Sept. 14, but fell short to Anderson 37-27 in the season opener. The Trojans won three of their five games last year to finish 4-7. Don't forget to cheer the team on at Homecoming!

Women's soccer team kicks off first season

The Taylor athletic program proudly welcomed a new arrival this fall with the advent of an intercollegiate women's soccer team. The team, however, was not born without its share of labor pains.

The women's soccer club, predecessor to the team, began several years ago. Until this year there had been no funding provided for a women's soccer team. Now the women have both funding and their own practice field.

The season began with a 2-0 loss to Grand Valley State University followed by a 1-0 loss to Indiana Wesleyan.

Despite a 1-2 record at the beginning of the season, Coach Larry Mealy remains optimistic about the season.

The men's soccer team enjoyed its most successful season in 1995, finishing 20-2-1 and winning the MCC regular season and tournament championship. The 1996 team had a slow start opening week, but pulled ahead to a 4-2-1 record as of Sept. 19. The Lady Trojans opened their inaugural season Sept. 7 against Grand Valley State University (see story below).

Both the men's and women's cross country teams won the MCC championship in 1995 and qualified for the NAIA Cross Country National Championships. Both teams are on track for another great season. James Njorge '97 took first place at the Purdue Invitational.

Both men's and women's tennis both opened their seasons in winning fashion, with a collective 11-1 record by Sept. 19. Cathy Harner, the women's tennis head coach, was unable to perform her duties this season due to an extended illness. Rick Scaman, former men's tennis coach, and Beth Prior '96, four-year tennis letterwinner, are coaching in her stead.—Mark Varner

For round-the-clock scores, highlights and statistics from each Taylor athletic contest, call the Trojan Sportsline at (317) 998-4599. The Sportsline is updated every day.

Right On Schedule
Come cheer for Taylor at a visiting game in your area this season.

Volleyball
Oct. 15 @ Indiana Wesleyan
Oct. 18-19 @ Grace
MCCAA District Tournament
Oct. 29 @ Bethel
Nov. 9 vs. Mt. Vernon @ Ohio St.

Football
Oct. 19 @ Trinity International
Nov. 2 @ St. Xavier
Nov. 16 @ Westminster

Men's & Women's Cross Country
Oct. 18 @ Indiana Little State (IU)
Oct. 25 @ Olivet Nazarene
Nov. 2 @ Goshen (MCC Meet)
Nov. 9 @ Springfield, Oh.
MCCAA Championships
Nov. 16 @ Kenosha, Wis.
NIAA National Championships

Men's Soccer
Oct. 12 @ Tiffin
Oct. 15 @ Bethel

Women's Soccer
Oct. 17 @ Bethel
Oct. 29 @ Grace

Men's Basketball
Nov. 15-16 @ Asbury
Nov. 26 @ IU-South Bend
Nov. 29-30 @ Malone (Oh.)
Dec. 3 @ Tri-State
Dec. 6-7 @ Cumberland (Ky.)
Dec. 20-21 @ Hope (Mich.)
Dec. 30 @ Southern California
Dec. 31 @ Biola

Women's Basketball
Nov. 15-16 @ Malone
Nov. 19 @ Cedarville
Nov. 22-23 @ Georgetown
Dec. 10 @ DePauw
Dec. 14 @ Franklin
Dec. 28 @ Manchester

For complete schedules, times and home game information, contact Mark Varner at 1 (800) TU-23456 (ext. 84958) or send him email at mvarner@taylor.edu.
From tragedy to blessing: a story of God’s goodness

Freshman Joel Sonnenberg is a real achiever: student body president of his high school in Montreat, N.C., athlete with interest in several sports, and dynamic public speaker with a heart for ministering to others. In many ways he is representative of his class. But to really appreciate who Joel is today requires an understanding of his journey over the last 17 years of his life.

The journey began on Saturday, September 15, 1979, a bright day of promise for Mike ’68 and Jan (Schneider ’72) Sonnenberg as they began their first family vacation to the coast of Maine with their four-year-old daughter Jami and 22-month-old son, Joel. Joining the family were Mike’s sister Kathy (Sonnenberg ’75) and her husband Doug Rupp ’74. They had no idea what kind of trauma lay ahead.

“A toll booth in Southern New Hampshire. A Saturday afternoon. An automobile accident. In a stupor, stumbling away from a five-car smash-up, my hair and clothing on fire, I tried to look into the eyes of my son Joel, his body charred beyond recognition. In a few seconds, my life and the lives of my family became a survival test of unimaginable proportions,” wrote Mike in the Fall 1983 issue of Taylor.

Jan, Jami, Kathy and Doug were physically fine, and Mike was hospitalized in a burn unit for a time. But Joel was barely recognizable in his infant seat, which had been rescued from the blazing car by a stranger. His body was charred, and his arms were so hot that his mother couldn’t touch them.

After Joel was transferred to a Boston hospital, he was given a one-in-ten chance of survival when it was discovered that third-degree burns covered 85% of his body. Mike also suffered severe burns. Despite his injuries, though, Mike donated layers of his own flesh for his son.

The Sonnenbergs lost everything in the fire. They had no money, no credit cards, and no nearby relatives or friends. That’s when the Body of Christ went into action. Several Taylor alumni came to the aid of the Sonnenbergs, including Barbara (Johansen ’68) VanVicklin, who offered her immediate assistance, and Dr. Garrett Crow ’65, who offered daily encouragement.

Joel was later transferred to the Shriners Burn Institute, Boston Unit, where his chances of survival rose to 50 percent. He underwent numerous surgeries where his remaining skin and that of donors were grafted into the burned areas of his body.

Five months later, Joel was discharged from the hospital and the family finally made their way home. But challenges remained as they, especially Joel, tried to get back to “normal” life. As a family they had to battle the enemies of anger, frustration, and depression. They had to adjust to the perpetual coming and going of physical therapists, constant health needs of their son, and many sleepless nights.

Again, the Body of Christ was there. Taylor alumni who reached out to the Sonnenbergs during this time included Kathy (Luedeke ’76) Mascaro, who provided regular meals for the family, Dr. Linwood ’66 and Elsie (McWherter ’48) Barney, who provided a much-needed car for the family, Dr. Thomas ’44 and Joyce Wentz ’46 Bailey, who gave frequent encouragement, and Bob ’68 and Priscilla (TenEyck ’68) Wynkoop, who provided a week-long getaway for the family at their New Jersey cottage.

A special scholarship fund was established at Taylor for Joel. These gifts given to the family were absolutely essential due to the reconstructive surgeries which Joel would have to undergo.

Seventeen years later, Joel has more than survived. He arrived at Taylor this fall as a vibrant member of the class of 2000. Within his first three weeks on campus he ran for Inter-Class Council (ICC), started playing intramurals, and even spoke in chapel.

He had previously spoken in chapel last spring in anticipation of his arrival.

Joel and his family have had numerous opportunities to share their testimony. In 1983, Janet published Race for Life, which chronicled the first three years of the ordeal following the accident. Joel has also made several television appearances on shows such as the 700 Club and the Today Show.

Joel is a Christian education major and enjoys the Taylor community. As he said to Echo reporter Andrea Anibal ’97, “I feel at home here, like this is where God wants me to be.”

Joel also wants his classmates not to dwell on their differences, but to think of him as a regular friend. “I want to be a friend who will listen and be there for them,” he says.

Indeed, Joel Sonnenberg exemplifies the truth that a good tree will bear good fruit. Though times of pruning are painful, they produce a great harvest.

—Amy Eversole with Randy Dillinger
**Primary Content**

**Young alumni participation on the increase**

Professor Rick Seaman introduced this effective program in 1993

Rick Seaman, assistant professor of business, first made his Young Alumni Participation challenge to the graduating seniors of 1993, giving each graduate a one-dollar bill and a two-dollar bill. He asked them to give one dollar back to Taylor that same day, classifying them as alumni contributors.

The two-dollar bill, Seaman told them, was to be used the following year to double their giving total. Seaman then challenged the seniors to double their annual giving for each of the next ten years.

**State of Indiana honors Taylor celebration**

Members of the 109th General Assembly of the Indiana House of Representatives recently agreed to House Resolution No. 64, adopted in honor of Taylor University’s Sesquicentennial celebration.

Introduced by Representatives P. Eric Turner (District 32) and Dennis Kruse (District 32), the resolution names several significant persons and events in Taylor’s history, including Samuel Morris, Thaddens Read, and the school’s founding as a female college in an era when “many higher education administrators believed that educating females ‘disturbed God’s order.’” The resolution also recognizes Taylor for its “tremendous academic achievements and service to the Lord.”

The Indiana Senate, likewise, honored Taylor by proclaiming October 25, 1996, Taylor University Day. The proclamation was introduced to the Senate by Senator David Ford (District 19), and was signed by Governor Evan Bayh.

—Randy Dillinger

**Keep warm and cozy over the holidays with your own Taylor University afghan**

In honor of Taylor’s 150th celebration, commemorative afghans were designed for both the Fort Wayne and Upland campuses which are available for purchase. The afghans consist of 100% cotton material and measure 6’ x 5’. Buildings and symbols throughout the history of each campus are depicted. The afghans are available in navy, hunter green, or cranberry red.

To order your Taylor University afghan, send $36.75 (includes shipping and sales tax), payable to Taylor University, to the Office of University Relations, 500 W. Reade Ave., Upland, IN 46989, or call (317) 998-5109. Be sure to write “afghan” on your check memo.

—Mary Ann McDaniel models a sample Upland campus commemorative afghan.

**Reformation Europe**

The William Taylor Foundation is sponsoring a unique trip, July 5-18, 1997, which will include seven days in Germany and five days in Switzerland. Join President Jay and Janie Kesler, along with your hosts Ken and Beth Smith, as we visit the places and events surrounding Martin Luther’s experiences.

See the door upon which Luther nailed the 95 Theses, visit the site where he hid from the authorities who sought to silence him, and see the churches which welcomed his powerful words of change. The Switzerland portion of the trip will be highlighted by visits to Lucerne, Interlochen, and Geneva. For more information, please call the William Taylor Foundation at 1 (800) TU-23456, ext. 85239.

You are invited... to hear Dr. Jay Kesler speak at the times and places listed below

**Oct. 27-28** Christian College Consortium  
**Ashby College, Wilmore, KY**

**29-30** “Preparing for College” with Jim Dobson and Rich Stevens  
**Colorado Springs, CO**

**Nov. 1 - 3** The Cove  
**Asheville, NC**

**4** Taylor-Fort Wayne  
**10** Lakeview-Wesleyan Church  
**Marion, IN**

**12** LaPorte YFC Banquet  
**LaPorte, IN**

**16-17** Fishers UMC Bible Conference  
**Fishers, IN**

**22** Washington Crossing Christian School  
**Washington Crossing, PI**

**24** Northview Christian Life Church  
**Carmel, IN**

**Dec. 3** Taylor-Fort Wayne  
**11** Taylor-Fort Wayne

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Kerlins announce plans to establish endowed chair

Longtime Hartford City resident Tracy Kerlin never attended Taylor, but with a strong family connection to the University, it was inevitable that the two would become well-acquainted.

Tracy taught for many years in Hartford City and is still an active Rotarian there. Though he started his post-college career as a teacher in Lapaz, Indiana, Tracy's career plans were put on hold during World War II.

Wanting to serve his country, Tracy enlisted in the Navy, but was rejected for service due to colorblindness. That didn't hinder Tracy, however, as he enlisted in the Army instead.

Tracy was assigned to the 249th Coast Artillery Medical Corps, stationed at Fort Stevens, Oregon, where his principal duties involved clerical work. When the war was over, Tracy returned to Indiana and pursued graduate studies at Ball State University.

Tracy was once again with his family. He still carries the memory of those earlier years with him. Even though the Kerlins often struggled financially, Tracy saw in his parents a genuine concern for others. His father, Clarence, served as a Methodist minister.

After living on the East Coast, the Kerlins moved to Grant County, Indiana. In addition to pastoring a church in Marion, Clarence worked with untiring dedication for Child Evangelism Fellowship.

"He didn't quit working when he retired," Tracy says. "He worked right up until he had to quit driving. That was the hardest thing for him, because he drove all over town to visit homes."

Many of these visits would be to the homes of children he taught in "Good News Clubs." Clarence ran 16 of these clubs during one summer alone. One of the Taylor students who worked with Clarence at that time was Jay Kesler '58. To this day, Kesler includes Clarence Kerlin with other men, such as Milo Rediger '39, who have greatly influenced him.

Rediger was also a great influence on Tracy's brother Joe '56. As a student at Taylor, Rediger gave him counsel about a girl, Rosie Baugh '55, who had co-chaired Youth Conference with Joe.

"I remember Joe talking to Dr. Rediger about choosing Rosie as his wife," Tracy says. "And he gave him good encouragement that way."

Joe took Rediger's advice as he often had done before.

Tracy, Joe, and Rosie Kerlin's gratitude for Taylor has remained strong over the years. They recently announced their decision to establish in memory of Clarence Kerlin an endowed chair in Biblical studies, the first in Taylor history. This will ensure perpetual funding for one full-time faculty member's salary.—Randy Dillinger

The Benefits of Charitable Remainder Trusts

Through charitable giving, you can have the satisfaction of both contributing to an organization you wish to support and reducing your income tax. A charitable gift is tax-deductible (with certain limitations) and will not incur estate taxes in the event of your death.

A charitable remainder trust is an irrevocable trust which will pay you an income each year. Upon your death, this income can be paid to your spouse or others, such as children, for life. There are no estate or gift tax consequences incurred when your spouse succeeds as beneficiary, assuming he or she is a citizen of the United States. Upon your deaths the remaining property in the trust will pass to a charity or charities as designated by you.

The amount of income tax you may deduct is calculated by the gift amount times a factor. The amount of income being paid to you and your spouse, and your ages will both impact the deductible amount. For example, if you give $100,000 to a charitable remainder trust with income at 5% of the market value of the trust assets, and you and your spouse are currently age 65, then the factor is approximately 29%. This means that you can take a $29,000 charitable deduction.

If you own highly appreciated property, the charitable remainder trust has an additional advantage in that the current market value is much greater than your original cost basis. You cannot sell that property without paying a significant capital gains tax, but a charitable remainder trust can sell the property without paying any capital gains tax. Therefore, 100% of the proceeds can be reinvested to produce income. This is particularly advantageous if the property is not currently producing income at the level desired.

Neither you nor your spouse may access the principal after you give the property to the trust. Therefore, before making such a transfer, you should be confident that you will not need that principal. In the right circumstances, though, a charitable remainder trust offers many significant advantages to you.—Nancy (Schmidt '73) Roush

For more information on charitable trusts or estate planning, please contact the William Taylor Foundation at 1-800-TU-25456, ext. 85239.

Nancy (Schmidt '73) Roush is a partner in the law firm of Shock, Hardy & Bacon L.L.P., Kansas City, Mo. She resides in Olathe, Kan., with husband, John Roush '73 and daughter Jessica.
1922
George Fenstermacher died on April 21 in the United Methodist Memorial Home in Warren, IN. He was a music, English and German professor, and dean of men at Taylor from 1922-1945. He was also exec. secretary of the Board of Education UM Church North Indiana Conference from 1945-65. Survivors include wife Eloise (Abbey ’24), daughter Dorothy (Fenstermacher ’47) Villwock and son Robert Fenstermacher ’50. Eloise resides at the UM Memorial Home, 801 Huntington Ave, Warren, IN 46792.

1928
Elizabeth (Bebee) Irish died on April 8 in Sun City, AZ. She was preceded in death by husband Deane.

1932
Irene (Witner) Hoover passed away on March 4 in Sun City, AZ. Husband Kenneth ’31 preceded her in death.

1936
Rev. VanNess Chappell passed away on April 17. He was a retired United Methodist minister from the South Indiana Conference. He is survived by wife Louise (Cline), who resides at 3475 E Chappell Ct., Hernando, FL 34442-3921, as well as son Edwin ’65 and 2 daughters.

1939
Nellie (Blake) McKitrick died on April 18. She lived in Greenville, SC. She had been a HS teacher before she retired. She is survived by husband Max who resides at 1101 Garlington Rd No. 115, Greenville, SC 29615.

1942
Dorothy (Hislop) Miller received a Spirit of Excellence award from the Sacramento Sierra Chapter of the American Red Cross for “superior commitment to the goals and mission of the American Red Cross to those who serve as an inspiration to others and epitomize the qualities essential to achieving excellence.” Dorothy, who received the support award, has been involved with the Red Cross since the 1980s. She supervised the CPR Saturday hotline for many years. She and husband Vern ’43 live at 7007 Altair Pkwy, Sacramento, CA 95823.

1945
Agnes (VanMeter) McLane died on July 22 at her son’s residence in Feeding Hills, MA. She had lived in Indiana most of her life. Agnes came to TU in 1941, but her studies were interrupted. She finally graduated as a member of the class of 1993.

1949
Dr. Elmer Nussbaum has moved to Robin Run Health Care Village, 5354 W 62nd St, Indianapolis, IN 46268-6631. His son Mark ’82 and daughter Kathleen ’77 both live in the Indianapolis area. Elmer would love to hear from TU friends!!

1950
Frank Carver retired from Point Loma Nazarene College, San Diego, CA after 35 yrs of teaching. He recently had a book published titled When Jesus Said Goodbye: John’s Witness to the Holy Spirit. Frank will be teaching the next 2 yrs at European Nazarene Bible College in Buesingen, Germany. His wife Betty (Ireland) will accompany him and tutor/teach English. Their address is ENBC, Postlach 60, CH-8238 Schaffhausen, SWITZERLAND. • Jo (Young) Martin has recently retired from full-time work with Union Gospel Mission. She and husband Jack had been in the ministry together for over 50 yrs. They lived in Mexico for 20 yrs. During this time they founded 2 missions and a ranch for abandoned boys. Jo acted as office manager, secretary and newsletter editor. They have 12 children, 5 of whom are adopted Mexican children. They will be doing interim work with Intl. Union Gospel Missions. Their address is 704 S Dungan Ave, Cushing, OK 74023.

1951
Reg Alford is a retired minister of the Missionary Church and has just completed a 6-month interim pastorate at the Pu’ula United Church of Christ at Pahoa, Hawaii. About 2 yrs ago he underwent open heart surgery (quadraple bypass) and is doing quite well. Sue (Adams) is a piano teacher and worked in Hawaii with children and youth in choral and piano music. Their address is RR 2, Box 1-B, Oxford, NY 13830. • Rev. Reynolds & Marilee (Brown x’52) Bohleen have retired near their family. Their daughter lives with them, and they are blessed to be members of The Chapel in Akron where their son, Geoff, is Dir. of Family Ministries. The Bohleens’ address is 5053 Portland Cove Dr, Stow, OH 44224.

1955
Mike & Lorena (Smith x’56) Murphy continue to serve in Brazil with OMS Intl. Their overseas address is Caixa Postal 58, 86.001-970 Londrina, PR, BRAZIL. • Edith Peters is in Honduras working with CAM Intl in a Christian school. Her address is Apartado 767, Tegucigalpa DC, HONDURAS.
1959
Two Illinois Taylor alumni were elected to the Winnetka Interfaith Council. The Rev. Robert Dvorak '60 is vice president and Sherry (Perkins) Gormanous is president. In a recent editorial of the Winnetka Talk, a North Shore weekly publication, Sherry talks about the Council's membership and its goals. The Council includes representatives for a dozen affiliations and works to serve such needy organizations as: Emergency Family Housing, Greater Chicago Food Depository, Interfaith Council for the Homeless, and the North Shore Food Pantry. Each November the Council hosts a Thanksgiving Eve Service for the neighboring communities. A book titled To Serve the Hungry was written by the Council, giving a brief history of each of the affiliations and including a cookbook by the members. Sherry also serves on Taylor's National Alumni Council, the executive committee, and is a class agent. She is the widow of David Gormanous and lives with her 2 children, Jeff and Jennifer, in Kenilworth, IL. • A retirement reception was held for Robert Trout for 31 yrs of service as principal of Lancaster Elem School in Huntingdon, IN. He and wife Beverly reside in Warsaw.

1961
Stewart & Marlene (Silvis) Georgia continue to serve with TEAM in the English as a Second Language (ESL) Center. Their address is Hse 31 B St 31, F 7/1 Islamabad 44000, PAKISTAN. • Dale Williams is asst dean of the College of Science and Technology at St. Cloud State Univ. Edythe (Brown '60) is teaching in a private music school, directing a community senior citizens' chorus and a children's choir at church, as well as working in sales at Dayton's dept store. They currently have 3 children in college! Their address is 2903 12th St N, St. Cloud, MN 56303.

1962
Rodina (Priestly x) MacLean and husband Sutherland are back in Odessa, Russia where they are serving with Fellowship Intl Mission. They recently obtained a 3-yr visa and will be helping a university team evangelize and disciple the lost student population. They are also assisting a new medical project by bringing needed medical supplies and equipment.

1965
Susan (Beam) Crumbacher, VRC of the Ohio Rehabilitation Services Commission, Bureau of Vocational Rehab in Xenia, has been inducted into membership in the Order of the Starfish, an Honorary Society for exemplary community support and employment services practitioners, by the Ohio Dept of Mental Health. Susan was honored for her lifetime career commitment to people with psychiatric disabilities and her work to help them get and keep jobs.

1967
For 8 yrs, David Bowermeister has directed a 123-voice choir in the Springfield (OH) community. He and wife Connie reside at 3917 Mumper Rd, Springfield, OH 45502. • Barbara Van Wicklin has accepted the position of program manager for instructional technology for the Canaragus/Alegheny BOCES. They serve the educational needs in technology for 24 school districts.

1968
David Knauss recently earned a master of arts in biblical studies (with honors) from Dallas Theological Seminary. He is president of Ulrichsen & Knauss, Inc, building luxury homes in the Philadelphia metropolitan area. • Richard & Ann (Henton) Shaw graduated 28 yrs ago, and their son Brian graduated last spring! Their son Eric is a freshman at TU this fall. After several years of HS teaching and serving with Campus Crusade, the Shaws returned to Ohio where Richard is employment manager for Battelle Memorial Institute, a contract research and development organization. Ann taught English for several years at Columbus State Community College, but is now back in HS teaching. The Shaws reside at 4575 E Walnut St, Westerville, OH 43081.

1969
Michael Minnema was presented a 1995 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science and Mathematics Teaching. He teaches secondary science at North Community HS in Minneapolis, MN. He and wife Katherine (Stone '72) reside in Fridley, MN.

1970
Billard Foraker is western region manager for Medex, Inc. He supervises 10 reps covering 6 states. They sell medical products to hospitals. His new address is 2404 Calle Aquamarine, San Clemente, CA 92673. • Terry Jordan has taught at Orange HS in Pepper Pike, OH for 23 of his 26 yrs in education. The class of 1996 honored him by asking him to give the featured address at this year's graduation. He has also been listed in Who's Who Among High School Teachers. He and wife Linda have 3 children: Lea (8), Cali (6) and Cody (almost 4).

1971
Fred Jenny recently graduated with a doctorate in instructional design and technology from Univ of Pittsburgh. He is chair of the computer system dept at Grove City College. Wife Gerri (Covert '73) is a doctoral candidate in ed. leadership at Duquesne Univ, Pittsburgh. She is an adjunct education prof at Thiel and at Butler County Community Colleges. Fred and Gerri are the parents of 3 children: Nate (20), Seth (17), and Joy (13). Their address is 608 Stockton Ave, Grove City, PA 16127.

And the winner is... Trudy Johnson '13 Clark won our Mystery Alumni contest by correctly identifying the three women pictured in the summer edition. Joyce (Wentz) Bailey, Ruth (Berger) Messerschmidt, and Marion Brown, all three from the Class of 1946.

...Trudy Clark!
NAC hosts Summer of Service

To celebrate Taylor’s 150 years of establishment and to provide a service to the community of Upland, Indiana, the Service Committee of this year’s National Alumni Council accomplished quite a task. On Friday and Saturday, June 21 and 22, 17 alumni, friends, and family gathered together with tools and energy!

With the help of a bulldozer, the dedicated volunteers cleared and replaced the gravel flower beds around the Town Hall and Library including the parking lot tree squares. Following a brief break and devotions, they moved on to the Upland Park where they transplanted trees and shrubs, removed debris, and cleaned out and replanted two large flower beds.

Participants in the work day were Lois (Jackson ’63) and Dennis Austin ’65, Mary and Carl Brown, Aaron Brown ’97, Mary (Baker ’65) Campbell, Michael Cooper, Linda Cummins ’74, Randy Dillinger ’95, Betty Freese HA’83, Sherry (Perkins ’59) Gormanous, Marty (Cleveland ’78) Songer, Loralee Songer, Chuck Stevens ’67, Helen and Bill Stone ’48, and Rosalie (Closson ’60) Valutis. – Sherry Gormanous

1975

Allen & Danielle (Messinger ’76) Mathis have developed a cavern attraction called DeSoto Caverns. Danielle has been busy home-schooling their children: A.W. (17), Brandon (14), Jordan (11) and Joy (7). Two of the children are in church schools this year. If anyone is traveling through central Alabama, swing by DeSoto Caverns Park, just 35 minutes southeast of Birmingham near Childersburg. The Mathises live in the park and welcome visitors! Call them at 205-378-6283.


dan

Rockefeller has been appointed as a member of the Workers’ Compensation Oversight Board for the state of Florida. He will be serving a 3-yr term.

1976

J. R. McFarland is a teacher at Wilmington Area Middle School. He teaches PE for grades 5-8, is head coach for girls’ varsity volleyball and head coach for girls’ varsity track and field. He and wife Joanne live in New Wilmington, PA.

1977

Tom Gross is working as news/sports director for Marcus Media, producing nightly television news and sports for Columbus and Bartholomew Counties. He and wife Lynnette live at 4865 Timbercrest, Columbus, IN 47203. Tom is always on the lookout for members of the “Brotherhood” from 1973-1980!

1978

Dr. David Ellis relocated to Salt Lake City, UT. He recently sold his business in Champaign, IL. He and wife Carol, along with their children Graham (8) and Taylor Grace (6), reside at 1920 S Imperial St, Salt Lake City, UT 84105.

1979

Don & Beverly (Ehringer ’80) Fugett proudly welcome Kathryn Elizabeth born March 25. Brothers are Brad (11) and Brian (7). Don is an RN and Bev is director of children’s ministries at their church. The family lives at 8023 E 34th St. Indianapolis, IN 46226. ● James & Sandy (LeMaire) Gonzalez are the proud parents of Paisley Elizabeth born July 19, 1995. James is self-employed doing rental real estate and Sandy is a stay-at-home mom. The family’s address is 172 3rd St, Huntley, MT 59037.

1980

Keith & Vicki (Daugherty x) Gollinhe joyfully welcome Kevin Edward, born Jan. 24, 1995. Sisters are Erin (8), Kelly (6) and Casey (3). Their address is 1377 Williamstown Rd, Erial, NJ 08118. ● Scott & Colleen (Scott ’81) Goodman are pleased to announce the birth of Lucas Scott on March 5. Lucas was welcomed home by brother Grant (7) and sister Abbie (6). Scott serves as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Niles, MI. ● Joseph Daniel was born on Jan. 17, 1995. Kevin & Ruth (Smith) Johns thankfully welcomed home their precious adopted son on May 12, 1995. Ruth’s father Rev. Berman Smith (FWBC ’53) officiated at the dedication ceremony of his newest grandson. The Johns family has recently moved from Colorado to Michigan.

1981

After Martha (Palmer) Chambers’ husband Dave lost his job in the computer industry last Sept., he decided to do something he’d been wanting to do for several years: attend seminary and go into full-time ministry. So, on June 12, Martha, Dave and their 2 children, Caity (8) and Keven (5) left New Jersey and moved to Englewood, CO, where Dave began at Denver Seminary. Dave is interested in going into men’s ministry, teaching at a Christian college, or serving in a church. If anyone is passing through the Denver area, they hope you will stop in and say hi.

The Chambers’ new address is c/o Denver Seminary, CB 312, PO Box 10,000, Denver, CO.

Are you trying to simplify your life? Do you wish you could get rid of all that “stuff” you’ve kept for years? We’re looking for some stuff specifically, pre-1960s Taylor University publications. If you would like to get rid of those old magazines and newspapers, we’d gladly add them to our collection. Send publications to Bonnie House at the Taylor University Archives (or bring them by when you’re in town).
Alumnus accepts new position in Werner Burklin Ministries, Inc.

Erik Burklin '81 accepted a new position as director of operations with Werner Burklin Ministries, Inc., in Littleton, CO. The organization holds regular evangelism training conferences all over China. Besides traveling to China twice a year, Erik is responsible for running the total operations of the ministry including communications, fundraising, and processing donor receipts.

Erik recently returned from China where he taught evangelism and evangelistic preaching in Jinan and Fuzhou. Following in the steps of his grandfather, Gustav Burklin, Erik is carrying on the mission of bringing souls to Christ. For 23 years Gustav and wife Lena worked diligently, but saw few results from their sacrifice. Their faithfulness to the task, though, has resulted in a growing harvest for Christ in China.

Erik lives in Littleton, CO, with his wife Tammy (Rediger '81) and two daughters, Brittany (8) and Briana (5). You can write to the Burklines at Werner Burklin Ministries, Inc., 14A W. Dry Creek Circle, Littleton, CO 80120.

1982

Andrew Bowman has served in the military for over 13 yrs and was recently promoted to Sergeant First Class. He is a full-time recruiter and career counselor. Wife Reagan is completing her master's in audiology at the Univ of TN. They would love to hear from old TU friends! They reside at 111 Bristol View Dr, Bristol, VA 24201. Glenn & Laura Brower are the proud parents of Jordan Glenn born Feb. 17. Sister Rachel is 5. Glen is eastern regional sales mgr. for NEC Technologies. The family lives at 220 Timber Laurel Ln, Lawrenceville, GA 30243. Adley & Jen (McCaughan '84) Harms joyfully welcome Mason Adley born May 9. The family lives at 5801 S Kingston Way, Englewood, CO 80111. Mark & Kim (Ramsland '83) Mentzer are pleased to announce the birth of Gunnar William on May 29. Gunnar joins brothers Ryan (6), Jack (5) and Colton (2). Mark is sales manager at Somers Point Marina, while Kim stays at home. The family resides at 20 Seaside Ave, Marmora, NJ 08223. John Moser is senior pastor of Community Gospel Church in Melrose Park, IL. He and wife Eileen have 6 children: Miriam (10), John Paul (9), Mark (6), Hannah (5), Peter (3) and Hosea (1).

1983

Dr. Judy (Gufford) Allison became asst professor of pastoral counseling at Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, OH in the fall of 1995. Husband John is a pastor and full-time student at the seminary. They have a son Michael who is 4. Paul Branks has accepted a position as director of communications with the world's second largest nursing research organization. He oversees a staff of seven at the int'l headquarters based in Indianapolis. Paul's wife Ann is a homemaker and they have 3 girls: Lauren Elizabeth (11), Ellen Ruth (7) and Meredith Jo (3). Paul's e-mail address is paul@stilt.sun.iupui.edu. The Branks family lives at 611 Jackson St, Brownsburg, IN 46112.

Tim & Cheryl (Anderson '84) Duncan are excited to announce the birth of Natalie Marie on Jan. 23. She is joined at home by brother Joseph (2). The family resides at 133 S Summit St, Wheaton, IL 60187.

Charles May II has transferred to a new duty station with the Marine Reserves. He was promoted to Major in 1994 and has assumed the duties of operations/executive officer for 4th Force Reconnaissance Co, Honolulu. He continues to work in civilian life as Japanese Operations Director for the Ocean Activities Center. They have large boats that take tourists snorkeling, whale watching or sports fishing. He attends the Maui Niteki Christian Church where services are conducted in Japanese. CJ and wife Kimiko, daughter Naomi (6), and son Makoto (3) live at 807 Paniolo Place, Makawao, HI 96768.

Mark & Brenda (Hugenin '81) Metzger are both teaching at Camanche HS. In addition, Mark is varsity football coach and asst boys' track coach and Brenda is the girls' varsity track coach. Their children Noah, Nathanael and Samantha keep them hopping! The family resides at 720 4th Ave, Camanche, IA 52730.

Kelly & Cheryl (Hochstetler) Neer are glad to announce the arrival of Abigail Joy, born June 5. Brother Patrick is almost 4. The family lives in Columbus, OH, where Kelly works for Secretary of State Bob Taft as a campaign finance examiner. Cheryl, who plans on staying home awhile, was a tutor with Columbus City Schools.

1984

On May 14, Halley May was born to Don & Denise (Combs) Crum. Hannah is her big sister. Denise is currently working at Earlham College in the computing center's administrative programming staff. Jeno & Sherri (Hewlett) Smith, and their children Andréa and Austin, are serving with Foreign Mission Board in South Brazil. They are working with student evangelism on 4 university campuses. Please remember them in your prayers.
1985
John & Diane (Huff) Roberts are the proud parents of Allison Nicole born May 11. John is an electrical engineer and Diane is at home with Allison. They live at 4418 Williamsport Dr, Beaver Creek, OH 45430.

1986
Chris & Sarah Adams are proud to announce the birth of Amelia Rose on March 29. Siblings are Drew (5) and Emily (2). Chris teaches and is head baseball coach at Carroll HS. Sarah is a full-time homemaker. They reside at 908 Woodland Springs Pl, Ft. Wayne, IN 46825. ● Scott & Terri Crutchfield joyfully welcome Taylor Leigh born April 28. The family's address is 363 US Hwy 27 S, Sebring, FL 33872-2140.

1987
Dan & Kris (Leffingwell) Chilcott joyfully announce the birth of Troy Matthew on August 16, 1995. Brothers Jonathon and Andrew are 6 and 4. Dan is in his 8th year as a product engineer at Delco Electronics. He was recognized as a 1995 recipient of the "Boss" Kettering Award (GM's top technical award) for one of his five patents. The award-winning invention is used to deploy airbags on GM cars. Kris keeps busy at home with their 3 sons. The Chilcotts live at 419 W 350 N, Sharpsville, IN 46068. ● Jere & Stacey Johnson proudly welcome Caleb James born May 10. Sister Lauren is 2. Their address is 1400 SE Delaware Ave, Bartlesville, OK 74003. ● Karen Muselman married David Thomas on Sept. 2, 1995 in Louisville, KY. TU participants in the wedding included Roger '86 & Naomi (Humphrey) Muselman, Lynette (Bullock '92) Maligora, Jayanne (Householder) Roggenbaum, and Jenny (Sprunger '89) Collins. Dr. Jay Kesler '58, Bob Brummel '81, Alicia (Helyer '92) Brummel, and Wesley Steury '72 were among the TU participants at the reception. Over 60 Taylor personnel and friends attended the festivities. David serves as senior pastor at Hodgensville United Methodist Church in Hodgensville, KY and Karen is deeply involved with him in service to the church. ● Rod & Coreen (Zoromski '89) Ogilvie are the proud parents of Dana Grace born June 28. Rod works at Rapha in community relations and is a therapist. Colleen works part-time at Wheaton College as a biology lab associate. They live at 214 N Williston St., Wheaton, IL 60187. ● Marty & Deanna (Ogren) Rietgraf proudly announce the birth of Joshua Taylor on Nov. 29, 1995. Brothers are Andrew (5) and Peter (3). Marty is youth pastor at Western Springs Baptist Church and Deanna is at home with the boys. They reside at 5408 S 6th Ave #2, LaGrange, IL 60525. ● Willy & Angie (Smith '88) Wood are the proud parents of Hanna Gabrielle born on April 15. Sister Taelor Danielle is 4. Willy is head track and field and cross country coach at Columbia Univ. The family resides at 560 Riverside Dr #7G, New York, NY 10027.

1988
Todd & Janine (Newell '89) Bauder joyfully welcome Austin Todd born June 6. Todd owns and operates a jewelry store and Janine is a retirement home administrator. They live at 2638 Morning Dove Ln, Charleston, SC 29414. ● Madeline Hollis was born Dec. 9, 1995, to Jeff & Carole (Newing) Johnson. Carole has resigned from her position as editorial mgr at Tyndale House Publishing where she has worked for over 7 yrs. Jeff is director of personnel and administrative services at Tyndale House. The Johnsons reside at 0 S 264 Church St, Winfield, IL 60187. ● On July 15, 1995, Beth Mignon was married to Douglas Callihan in South Dayton Presbyterian Church. TU participant was Susan (Kellum) Crites as matron of honor. Beth is teaching at Cedarville College on a part-time basis and working in the aquatics program at Kettering Recreational Center. The couple lives at 1118 Sharon Ave, Kettering, OH 45429. ● Jeff & Kimberly Miller are the proud parents of Madeline Michelle born Nov. 12, 1995. Jeff graduated from Bradley Univ with an MA in psychology and is working as a clinical therapist. Their address is 9010 W Goetz Rd, Hanna City, IL 61536. ● Earl & Kim (Frederickson) Schmoll proudly welcome Kordell Stuart born March 10. Sister Dani is 4. Their address is N3928 Shamrock Cir, Appleton, WI 54915.

1989
Jim & Lori (Arnold '91) Bushur proudly announce the birth of Lydia Anastasia on April 23. Jim is pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church and is completing an STM degree at Concordia Theol Sem. The family's address is Box 254, Goodland, IN 47948. ● James & Beth (Batjie) Harnish joyfully announce the birth of Bekah Louise on March 17. Brother Toby is 2. Their address is 24 Nebraska St, Geneva, IL 60134. ● Tim & Ashlyn (Feil '90) Holz have moved to 7138 Logan Ave S, Richfield, MN 55423. Tim received a promotion with Home Depot. ● Clare (Voigt) Kasemeier is working with Lydia Home Assoc as a counselor/therapist for children who need residential treatment due to behavioral difficulties, physical or sexual abuse. Husband Chris is working for Baxter Healthcare as an information consultant. ● David Matthew was born to Jerry & Sheri (Bedi) Meleski on March 7. After teaching for over 6 yrs, Sheri...
is staying home with David. Their address is 12112 Arbie Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20904.

- Rex & Jenny Stump are the proud parents of Collin James born June 5. The family resides at 355 Virginia Dr, Wauseon, OH 43567.

- Jeff & Lisa (Gammage '80) Wallace are the happy parents of Adrienne Suzanne born June 3. Sister Megan is 2. Jeff is with the Clinton Township Police Dept. Lisa enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. Their address is 42383 Clinton Place Dr, Clinton Township, MI 48038.

- Gary & Jenny (Moody) Wilcox are the proud parents of Jonas Albert born May 31. Siblings are Stephen (3) and Crystal (2). The family lives at 10477 Bottle Rock Rd, Kelseyville, CA 95451.

**1990**

This spring, Steve Baarendse received 2 master's degrees from Indiana Univ in comparative literature and art history. He is spending the next 2 yrs serving at Black Forest Academy (an MK boarding school in Germany) as an RA/HS teacher with TEAM. His address is c/o Black Forest Academy, Postfach 1109, 79396 Kandern, GERMANY.

- David Benjamin completed an MA in political science at Auburn Univ in June.

- Doug & Tonya (Davis) Cotton have put the finishing touches on the home they built last year. Tonya does graphic design for LEWISytems, a division of the Menasha Corp. They live at W 362 S2313 Lisa Ln, Dowsman, WI 53118.

- Eric & Donna (Mickelson) Winding Brook Ct, Bloomington, IN 47401.

- Larry Butt and Lisa Anthony were married on April 6 in Piqua, OH. Larry is area director for Young Life in the Miami-Shelby County area and Lisa is a teacher at an adolescent residential center. The couple resides at 4105 Camelot, Piqua, OH 45356.

- The proud parents of Mallory Elaine born April 25. They live at 110 E Jackson, Morris, IL 60450.

- The proud parents of Daniel Phillip born April 15. The family resides at 2850 S Pantano Rd, Tucson, AZ 85730.

- Linda Sechrist has been struggling with Lyme disease since 1994. This illness caused the loss of a good job for her and the past 2 yrs have been long and difficult. Linda’s address is 1015 S 21st St, Chesterston, IN 46304.

**1991**

- Mitch & Melissa (Miles '93) Beaverson are proud to announce the birth of Heather Nicole on April 4. The family lives at 2295 W 1109, 79396 Kandern, GERMANY.

- The proud parents of Sydney Rose born June 18. Siblings are sister Taylor and brother Austin. They live at 4 Church Ln, Towaco, NJ 07082.

- Mark & Sheri (Russell) Daubenmier joyfully announce the birth of Megan Marie on Dec. 27, 1995. Mark is teaching HS math and computer science and coaching soccer and basketball at The Columbus Academy. Sheri is working part-time as a property/ casualty actuary at Nationwide Ins. Their address is 155 W Kenworth Rd, Columbus, OH 43214.

- Caity & Susan (Johnson '92) Littlejohn give thanks to God for the gift of Peter Caity born August 26, 1995. They live at 1424 Briarwood Dr, Naperville, IL 60540.

- Jeff Smith is an orthopaedic occupational therapist working in a hand injury program. He and wife Lisa live at 51837 Miller Dr, Granger, IN 46530.

- David & Donalee (Moore '90) Vermeech are the proud parents of D. Paul Vermeech III born May 20. They live at 20986 River Ln, Winfield, IL 60190.

- Bill & Jill (Ivey) Wickham welcome God’s gift to them of Jessica Holly born April 24. Jill is an accountant with Larry Nunn and Assoc in Columbus, IN. Bill is a computer technician with Eli Lilly. Their address is 1048 Monitor Ct, Greenwood, IN 46143.

**1992**

- John & Michelle (Martin) Aho are the proud parents of Christina Deveé born Dec. 28, 1995. The family resides at 2041 Redwood Rd, Napa, CA 94558.

- Kenyon Knapp finished an MS in community counseling from the Psychological Studies Institute in Atlanta. He has a counseling job with the American Family Assoc in Tupelo, MS and would love to hear from Taylor friends. His new address is AFA, Outreach Division, PO Drawer 2440, Tupelo, MS 38802.

- Scott Leu received a master's degree in social work from the Univ of South Florida in May. He is employed as a social worker in the Pasco County School Systems. His wife Nicole is an elementary teacher at Belle Shoals Baptist Academy. They reside at 145 Picardy Villa, Apt. #201, Brandon, FL 33511.

- Chris Moell graduated from Ohio Northern Univ Law School on May 12 receiving the degree of Juris Doctor. He also received the ONU Recognition Medal for
having the highest GPA in his class. Chris is with a law firm in Dayton, and wife Becky (Brandt) is teaching English at Dayton Christian Schools. The couple’s address is 7652 Normandy Ln, Centerville, OH 45459. Until May 1997, Jenny Peters x will be teaching 4th gr. at the Christian Academy of Guatemala. Her address is CAG (M-299), PO Box 025345, Miami, FL 33120-5279.

1993
Six TU grads were together in Seoul, Korea last spring. Lance David was serving at Seoul Union Church with youth and singles and retreat planning.

Marc Curless '94 taught English in Korea for a yr and is now a substitute houseparent at White’s Institute (IN).
Edie (Rader ’81) Moon returned to Seoul Foreign School, from which she graduated, to teach HS English. She lives in Seoul with her husband Jack and daughters Melissa (6) and Kayla (4). Matt ’96 & Alex (Patterson ’96) Lutz are teaching English in IlSan for 2 yrs. Edie was pleasantly surprised at the influx of TU grads to Korea after many years of being the sole Taylorite there!

Ted Hollis is an attorney with Baker & Daniels Law Firm. His address is 10732 Seaview Ln, Indianapolis, IN 46236.

Darcy Schmatichenberger has been appointed athletic director of Sheridan Hills Christian Schools. She would enjoy hearing from friends at 4128 Montcalm NE, Gowen, MI 49326.

1994
Tina Bardsley married Dee Myron Rupley on August 5, 1995 in Berne, IN. Assisting in the wedding from TU were Irene Chong ’95 and Esther Ho ’95, both from Singapore. Tina completed her master’s in social work from the Univ of Kentucky in May. Dee is employed fulltime with S&S Firestone. The couple resides at 121 Todd’s Rd, Apt. #88, Lexington, KY 40509.

David Chamberlin has moved from the Family Research Council to become the assoc producer/publicist of Sweet! Digizine, an interactive CD-rom magazine. David’s new address is 5824 Whitsett Ave #3, North Hollywood, CA 91607.

Jonathan & Kristin (Hoffrage) Couch are pleased to announce the birth of Caleb Jonathan on April 19. The family resides at 4747 W Waters Ave, Apt #816, Tampa, FL 33614.

Jeff Lasane had the opportunity to travel to the Olympics in Atlanta last summer with a missions team known as “Medals for Glory.” This group, representing a class from First Baptist Church in Defiance, OH, participated in a much larger effort spearheaded by a national non-profit organization known as Baptist Mid Missions. The team shared their faith in four separate languages: English, Spanish, French and Arabic. Jeff works in customer service advertising at The Crescent-News and lives in Defiance, OH.

Charity Smith and Hal Paddock were married in Cincinnati, OH on May 6, 1995. Maid of honor was Kari Rieskytl.

Best man was Doug Griffith ’95. Others from TU participating were Jill Klinehaver x, Clark Holland and Marshall Potter. Hal is a manager with Pitney Bowes Management Services and Charity works for the Northwest School District. Their address is 5620 Whitney PI #2, Cincinnati, OH 45227-2126.
WTF group experiences “trip of a lifetime”

They saw the empty tomb and sang on the sea He walked upon

Greece: a civilization rich in history; a nation painted with picturesque villages; a land surrounded by deep-blue waters and dotted by secluded beaches; a panorama boasting green hills against an azure sky. These were the images that welcomed our group of 43 diverse individuals, touring Greece and Israel with the William Taylor Foundation May 28-June 9, 1996.

In Greece we visited Athens and Corinth, then sailed to Ephesus, home of one of the first established Christian churches. We visited the island of Patmos, where the Apostle John wrote Revelation.

We explored several historical sites in Israel as well, with the aid of wonderful local guides. Highlights of this part of the trip include singing on the Sea of Galilee, swimming in the Dead Sea, and visiting the caves of Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found.

Most of our time in Israel was spent in Jerusalem, which is celebrating its 3,000th year as the Jewish capital. There we visited the Wailing Wall, the Dome of the Rock, and the Holocaust Museum. The highlight of our time in Jerusalem, though, was walking from the Garden of Gethsemane through the judgment hall and down the Via Dolorosa to the site of Christ’s crucifixion and burial. We then celebrated Christ’s resurrection with communion in the Garden of the Empty Tomb.

Drs. Jay Kesler ‘58 and Bob Nienhuis added helpful commentaries throughout the trip.

By the end of the trip, our group of forty-three strangers had bonded as brothers and sisters in Christ. We will never forget this remarkable experience. We can hardly wait for the next trip!—Phil & Joan Ritchie

Phil & Joan Ritchie are Taylor parents. Son David graduated in ’96 and Paul is currently enrolled as a sophomore. The Ritchies live in Shippensburg, Penn.

TU Northwest: Way up beyond the village border

Taylor alumni, parents, friends, and students gathered July 20 in Tiegard, Oregon, this summer for “Taylor Northwest.” The program, sponsored by Dale and Bonnie Slat (both HA’93), was hosted at their church in Tiegard.

The program included a video greeting from President Kesler, updates and memories from all, a meal, and prayer for Taylor. Response was enthusiastic and all asked for a repeat in 1997.

Those present included Dr. Dave (‘53) and Becky (Swander ‘53) LeShana, Elizabeth Hampton ‘31, Emily Hubler ‘99, Marci Slat ‘93, Lori (Jacobsen ‘81) Walker, Gay and Naomi (Knight ‘42) Hicks, Randy (‘84) and Nancy (Ericsson ‘84) Brannen, Craig (‘70) and Marilyn (Minks ‘70) Hubler, Bill (‘58) and Catherine Loewen, Heidi Oakley (‘94), Melinda Hugoniot (‘95), Janice (Roehl ‘82) Cook, Candi (Jacobsen ‘75) Sonerholm, Betty Tusant Roehl (‘50), and Gwen (Davies ‘58) and John Gettman.
Looking Up at Life

You know that God answers prayers, and you know that the answers often disappoint, baffle, or anger us. As a respiratory quadriplegic for over forty years now, I serve as rolling proof. My Christian "walk" doesn't include any meditative strolls in the woods—polio eliminated such activity from my life when I was seven years old.

The handbook of "Pat Answers to Any Question" (if such a book existed) probably would state, "When you're on your back, you can look up more easily," "The hard times make you strong," and "What we obtain too easily, we esteem too lightly." You know the drill—you've heard it all before and you've probably said those things to someone who was hurting.

You and I also know it's a lot easier to recite platitudes than to hear them... especially when you're hurting... even from God. The thoughts might apply in a situation but the pain remains. I prayed that my body would be made strong and attractive; I prayed that my career would shake and shape the business world; I prayed that an intelligent and beautiful woman would marry me. (She wouldn't need to sweep me off my feet.)

These and similar selfish requests haven't been granted yet, and I'm not good at holding my breath.

I now believe God broke my body and has refused many of my requests for several reasons. First, He used a hammer on me because He knew pinpricks wouldn't penetrate my stubbornness and arrogance. Second, He uses my physical weakness to show others His strength and goodness. Third, He sees and understands our needs more than we ever can.

I'm not pleased to be a quadriplegic, but I'm pleased that God listens to our prayers.—Jere Truex

Jere shared these thoughts during a devotional time this summer with his co-workers in the development office. It is with honor that we dedicate this issue to him, our dear friend.
Alumni Directories Available

If you have not yet received your copy of the Sesquicentennial Alumni Directory, and you have donated any gift to the Taylor Fund between February 19, 1996 and June 30, 1996, we have a complimentary copy waiting for you. To receive your directory, contact Joyce Helyer at 1 (800) TU-23456, ext. 84956.
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