Lt. Governor Addresses 116th Graduating Class

Diplomas Awarded to 145 Seniors

The 116th Commencement rites at Taylor University were observed June 9, Saturday, at 9:30 a.m. in Maytag Gymnasium, with approximately 145 seniors receiving degrees.

Speaker was Richard O. Ristine, Lieutenant Governor, State of Indiana.

A descendant of early Indiana settlers with a long history of service in law, education, and government work, Ristine was graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa from Wabash College, and received the LLB degree from Columbia University.

His broad scope of interests and capabilities have earned him leadership posts in church and educational organizations and in community and governmental service.

The Lieutenant Governor is Elder of the Wabash Avenue Presbyterian Church, Chairman of the Church Building Committee; Trustee, Wabash College; and President, Wabash College Foundation.

He is Past President of numerous community groups and currently is chairman or member of many state governmental committees and boards by virtue of his position.

Taylor Awarded Two Grants to Advance Science Teaching

Funds Received from Atomic Energy Commission and National Science Foundation for Training Equipment

Taylor has received two new science teaching grants, one from the Atomic Energy Commission, and the other from the National Science Foundation.

The Atomic Energy Commission, Office of Nuclear Education and Training, has awarded the college a grant of $8,200.00 for the purchase of equipment needed to expand the curricula in nuclear physics.

First Fissionable Material

Included in the grant will be a neutron source consisting of four curies of plutonium beryllium, the first fissionable material to be used on the campus, and a $3,000.00 recording gamma ray spectrometer.

The funds will also provide a special radioactive source needed to perform the Mossbauer experiment. Named in honor of Nobel Prize winner Dr. R. L. Mossbauer, this experiment demonstrates the Doppler shift observed with low-energy gamma radiation.

Two research contracts with the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, Division of Biology and Medicine, have just been renewed for the fifth and third years respectively for research in radiation biology and in genetics. The college has also been conducting a radioisotope training program for the past five years, also made possible by two previous grants from the A.E.C.

The National Science Foundation has awarded Taylor a matching grant of $6,970 for the purchase of laboratory equipment for teaching purposes.

Taylor is one of 263 colleges and universities throughout the nation selected by the N.S.F. for participation in the new program. The purpose of the grant is to assist educational institutions in meeting the national need for competent scientists and engineers by keeping abreast of the rapidly changing needs in undergraduate instruction.

Well-Defined Plans

In selecting the recipients, the Foundation placed priority on those schools which indicated the best defined plans for using the equipment sought through the grant, for a new or improved instructional program in a specific area of science.
Theodore Roosevelt once said, “Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win mighty triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the great twilight that knows not victory nor defeat.”

Since every problem is a challenge, we don’t have to look far for a challenge these days. The explosion of paganism, delinquency, immorality in high places, communist exploitation, poverty, and other symptoms of a sick world call for every force for righteousness to stand up and give an account of itself.

In forthright and exacting terms Taylor is coming to grips with this challenge. It is no “more pay for less work” philosophy which motivates the University to fulfilling her calling. As you know, the college is currently engaged in the monumental project of relocating in Fort Wayne to make possible a larger and more effective ministry.

But the relocation effort is only a small part of the story. THIS HAS BEEN A PEAK-PERFORMANCE YEAR FOR THE COLLEGE. Her twin-peaks of distinction—spiritual emphasis and academic excellence—now stand higher and with greater surety than ever against the foreboding horizon.

Much is written and said about Taylor’s progress and her “twin-peaks.” Is this just another slogan, or can this claim be validated? Let us take a quick look.

Spiritual Emphasis Week, Youth Conference, Missionary Conference, student and faculty prayer meetings, three chapels weekly, and student deputation work are not frosting on the cake of campus life, but are vital ingredients which form the texture of the college program. This emphasis is integrated into the classroom by dedicated teachers with a Christian philosophy of life and service.

No place for mediocrity.

Taylor cannot and will not accept scholastic mediocrity. This would be to fail our Lord and country at so vital a moment in history. Taylor’s professors are dedicated both to God and to their academic disciplines, approaching them with reverence, honesty, and maturity. Enhancing the total academic program this year were many events, including the Science Lecture Series, Fine Arts Festival, Business Lecture Series, Reade Lectures in Theology, International Day and the Indiana Collegiate Press Association Convention.

We cannot say that we have accomplished all our goals this past year—the more we achieve the higher our goals become. But important strides have been taken. Significant decisions have been made and many new friends have added encouragement and strength to the college. For these blessings and for God’s benediction upon Taylor we are humbly grateful.

Colleges do not “sneak up” on greatness; no short-cut to effectiveness in God’s service or in any worthy pursuit has yet been found. But we are compelled by divine conviction to help meet the world’s needs, and with the generous assistance of friends and alumni who believe in her ministry, Taylor will become an even greater spiritual, academic and cultural force.

DIRECTOR OF TESTING ATTENDS SUMMER INSTITUTE

Charles D. Bromley, Assistant Professor of Education and Director of Testing is one of 50 college psychology professors selected to attend an eight-week summer institute at the State University of Iowa.

The Summer Institute for College Teachers of Psychology will be conducted June 12 - August 8 under sponsorship of the National Science Foundation.

Purpose of the Institute is to improve the quality of college instruction, the role of experimental and theoretical psychology, and the use of psychological statistics.

Dr. Elmer Nussbaum, Director of Research, has been granted a 14-month leave of absence to accept an appointment as a Senior Scientist at the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies, Tennessee.

Dr Nussbaum and family will leave for Oak Ridge on June 15, where he will devote the summer primarily to teaching college science professors. Beginning next fall he will conduct nuclear research in addition to teaching. His work there will be in the Special Training Division of the Oak Ridge Institute. Upon completion of his 14-month assignment the Institute will underwrite the expense of his return move to Taylor campus.

For the past four years Nussbaum has been conducting radiation research and radioisotope training programs at Taylor under sponsorship of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission.

During his absence from the campus, Nussbaum will serve as consultant for the continuing research programs at Taylor and will be designing new research problems to be introduced upon his return.

PRESIDENT MARTIN SLATED FOR WINONA CONFERENCE

Taylor Opens Display Lounge

President B. Joseph Martin will be a featured speaker at the Winona Lake Bible Conference during Youth Week August 12-19. Also, Professor Marvin G. Dean, Chairman of the Fine Arts Division, will be the Director of Music during the Week of Evangelism, July 22-29, when Dr. Billy Graham will be one of the speakers.

In addition, Taylor will be represented at Winona Lake throughout the entire summer with a “store” in the shopping center across the street from the Billy Sunday Tabernacle. The facilities will include a lounge with Taylor literature and large mural photos of campus activities on display.

Edward Bruerd, Alumni Executive Secretary, will serve as host and will be delighted to welcome all visitors.
Taylor Nine Captures Hoosier Conference Baseball Title

Track Team Sets New Marks; Held Named Outstanding Conference Track Star

The college enjoyed an outstanding year in Hoosier Conference competition. The Trojans were co-champions in football, with an 8-1 record; finished second in basketball with an overall 21-7 mark; set six new school records in track, and won the Conference baseball crown, with a season record of 14-10.

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Track star Bob Held, a sophomore at Taylor University, was chosen Outstanding Track Athlete in the Hoosier College Conference following the annual Conference meet last month, on the Indiana Central campus.

Held placed first in the 100 yard dash and the 220 yard dash, and was anchor man on Taylor's 880 yard relay team which set a new conference record.

Held is the first Taylor athlete in history to earn this award.

TAYLOR TRUSTEES DISCUSS NEW CONSTRUCTION PLANS

The Taylor Board of Trustees held their annual spring session in Fort Wayne June 7-8, at the Van Orman Hotel. High on the agenda was a discussion of construction plans for the new campus.

A dinner meeting of Trustees, Taylor Associates, and Fort Wayne civic leaders and relocation officials was staged Thursday evening, June 7.

VAN VALKENBURG CHOSEN FOR BUSINESS SEMINAR

Dalton A. Van Valkenburg, Assistant Professor of Business and Economics, has been chosen by the Selection Committee for the Program for Teachers of Economics to attend a four-week seminar at the University of Chicago this summer.

Six-Week Reading Improvement Course Open to the Public June 15 - July 27

An intensive six-week reading improvement course will be given at the Taylor University Reading Improvement Center June 15 - July 27.

The course will be open to adults, college and high school students and children above the third grade.

Equipment to be employed in the course will be an electronic Craig Reader for improving accuracy and speed in reading, and recorders and film strips.

The course is aimed at corrective treatment in a developmental reading program, laboratory experience for students in diagnostic and remedial reading and the improvement of speed, comprehension and vocabulary for adults.

At the conclusion of the course a test will be given to determine the progress made by each student.

"CLEAN-UP DAY" HELD ON FORT WAYNE CAMPUS SITE

The Taylor "family spirit" was as tangible as the fresh country air May 12, as approximately 100 members of the faculty and staff and their children journeyed to the new campus site for a work day and picnic outing.

On the northwest section of the 700-acre property is a now-vacant farm home and several barns. One, a huge 100' x 50' structure is to be converted into the new home of the Trojan Players for the presentation of dramatic productions. To be decked in Early American motif the facility will provide a rustic and delightful setting for this use, and at very nominal expense. The "barn" is to be open for business by next June.

With everyone vigorously joining in, the men worked in this and other barns, while the ladies cleaned the farm house. Many hands made the work light and much was accomplished in anticipation of the day when the construction crews will begin sculpturing the new Taylor campus.

A seventh week, July 8-14, has been added to the Junior Basketball Camp, originally scheduled for July 15-August 24. Boys 8-14 years old are eligible. For applications write Box 163, Upland.
The Company We Keep

Many events on the Taylor calendar bring to the campus notables in various fields to enhance the academic program. Scenes from two such events, held this spring, the Science Lecture Series and the Indiana Collegiate Press Association Convention, are shown here.

Dr. Ralph T. Overman (2nd from left), Chairman, Special Training Division, Oak Ridge Institute, uses napkins to illustrate theory during informal reception. Looking on (center), is alumnus Dr. Gilbert H. Ayres, Professor of Chemistry, University of Texas.

A distinguished group of college and university administrators and students discuss campus publications problems in a forum during the ICPA convention.

Students engage in lively discussion with Dr. O. Hobart Mowrer (2nd from left), Research Professor, Dept. of Psychology, University of Illinois, in residence hall lounge following a lecture.

The copy editor of the Chicago Sun Times leads a newspaper clinic, one of six workshops featured during the journalism convention.