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Community at Taylor: An inside look
Winter, 1990
Bob Sprunger is a big man. And to me—a scared, painfully shy freshman—he looked even bigger. I thought surely he could make two of me—or two out of me, if he wanted to.

You'll understand, then, why it rather petrified me when he started tackling me on a regular basis. I'd be walking down the third floor hallway when suddenly, out of nowhere, kerwham! Books, pencils, pen, clipboard everywhere. As I'd lie there, nose in the carpet, a loose leaf sheet of paper would slowly waft its way down to the floor beside me. Then I'd stagger to my feet, collect my belongings, and make my way back to room 315.

You see, that first semester at Taylor, I spent a lot of time in my room. I'd slip out to class, and to meals and work, but otherwise I just stayed put. Or I did, until I decided to start tackling Bob for a change.

Of course, I didn't stand a chance. I went down again, day after day, but with the difference that I had initiated it. For me, that was the beginning of the end of my self-imposed isolation.

Maybe community doesn't always reach out and grab a person, but at Taylor I almost feel it does. Certainly a sense of family belonging has long been a distinctive quality of the university.

And that comes as no surprise to President Jay Kesler and Professor Dan Yutzy, both of whom address the subject in this issue. Alumni, too, testify to the close-knit fellowship they enjoyed at Taylor, former residents of Swallow-Robin Hall being among the most voluble.

But warm, caring community is not simply to be enjoyed, argue two class of '80 graduates. Community is to be shared, perhaps replicated where it is needed most.

And community is needed. Even in our modern, scientific, automatic, antiseptic world, we are still social beings at heart. Sometimes, however, we're too scared or ignorant or proud or foolish to choose community. Sometimes we think its something else we need. I'm thankful for the Bob Sprungers who—at those times, and in one way or another—wake us up to the facts.

—Doug Marlow '81, editor
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Warm hugs

Yesterday I received a copy of the Taylor magazine. Inside was an article and pictures about Dr. Snyder. How can I tell you how good it was to see him again? He instructed several classes that I attended from '64-'67, and a summer session at AuSable in '67. I remember him with much affection and respect. His sense of humor, and care for his students can through clearly to all of us. Every once in a while I think of Dr. Snyder and wonder how he is doing. Your article let me know he is doing well.

Presently I am working as a horticulturist for the Tulsa Parks' Department, and will soon finish an Associate's degree in horticulture from Tulsa Junior College. They have nominated me for a spot in the Who's Who in American Junior Colleges. All this was possible because of the excellent instruction from Dr. Snyder.

Maybe you could send this note on to him. Please remember to include a warm hug of deep affection and gratitude.

Charlotte Clark '67
Glenpool, Oklahoma

Practice your preaching

I just finished reading Tim Twining's article about the environment and recycling. I have tried to become conscious of the new 3 Rs—Reduce, Reuse, Recycle. As I read, I became conscious of what I was holding in my hand. I searched the magazine and no where found the symbol or any statement to the effect that this magazine was printed on recycled paper. I cannot recycle it because it is not the proper type. I cannot reuse it and it does not reduce the waste stream because it must either be sent to a landfill somewhere (our county landfill is full and closed) or it must be burned, creating air pollution.

My suggestion is, if magazines cannot be printed on paper which may be recycled, at the very least they should be on paper that has been recycled. Help save a tree!

Mrs. Philip Stureman
Kimmell, IN

Editor's note: Extensive research was done before the publication of the fall issue to find a suitable recycled paper. Unfortunately, the cost of using such paper is currently prohibitive in terms of overall stewardship of resources.

As a university, Taylor remains committed to using recycled and recyclable paper wherever possible.

Honorable mention

I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the generous publicity our "Team Brasil" Evangelistic Basketball Outreach Team received in the last issue. It was fitting to highlight my father, Don Granitz '52, as he provided the vision, dedication, and administrative skills to make this trip a reality.

However, he is the first to acknowledge the sacrifice, commitment and skills provided by the players were as important in the overall success of the tour. I would like to mention them, as their names were not included in the article. They are as follows: Pete Newhouse '91, Dale Miller '91, Scott Dean '90, Robby Phillips '88, Al Lettinga '78, Phil Price '78, Steve Schmok, Joe Graham, and Todd Firestone. Two spouses, Karen Granitz '89, and Lorie Lettinga '78 also acted as statisticians and managers throughout the entire trip.

Each player selflessly gave of his time, energy, and financial resources to impact the lives of others through Jesus Christ. The team has already been invited back to the city as our message was positively received by many. I hope Taylor athletic officials would support the program and help initiate a second trip in the near future.

Don Granitz '77
Elkhart, Indiana

Did your life change while at Taylor? Share your memories.

Don Odle '42 drove a nail into the floor of Shreiner auditorium to mark the place where, as a Taylor student, he accepted Christ. Members of the class of '40, back on campus for their fiftieth reunion last fall, pointed to the places where they first met their spouses—and their lives were forever changed.
President unveils Taylor Plan initiative

President Jay Kesler has a vision for Taylor University—as well as a means for putting that vision into action. It’s all rolled up in a newly-announced initiative called the Taylor Plan. Recently, Kesler outlined the features of the plan.

Unprecedented hour

Taylor University is entering an unprecedented time in its history, Kesler says, as he points to several indicators.

One is the national exposure Taylor has received in recent years. Taylor has five times been named by U.S. News and World Report’s to its roster of outstanding colleges in America. The Templeton Foundation cited Taylor for being “the best of the best” among character-building colleges in America. “I’m always very proud to be associated with this list,” Kesler says. “They listed Taylor University in Upland, Indiana; Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois; and Notre Dame University in South Bend, Indiana—that’s not bad company.”

He also points to enrollment, currently at 1760, its highest-ever level, and to alumni and friends’ support, which continues to increase each year.

One of the better indicators of a school’s well-being, according to Kesler, is its rate of retention, or the percentage of students who return year after year. “If you come to a college, that’s one thing,” he says, “but if you’ve gone there and decide to stay, that’s another thing altogether.”

By that yardstick, Taylor is in good health. Her retention rate measured 92 percent between last May and this past September. “As you know,” says Kesler, “against national averages in the 50s and 60s, that is pretty good.”

Vision for Taylor’s future

It is that health and vitality, the president believes, that will stand the university in good stead as she prepares to face the challenges lay ahead. Asked to elaborate his vision for Taylor, he replies, “I can say it in three quick bullets:

“(1) That we actualize our mission statement to the greatest degree that human beings can do, given human limitations. Taylor University is not an institution that is looking for a mission. We know why we exist—and that is to give young people a quality, Christ-centered education that will send them out into the world to make a difference in accomplishing the great commission at every level.

“(2) That we assure that any deserving son or daughter, regardless of the color of their skin and socioeconomic background, will be allowed to get a Christian education.

“(3) That we do such a fine job with our efforts that the word “Christian” in Christian college would mean more, rather than less, to a watching world.”

According to Kesler, the Taylor Plan is a fund-raising initiative that will empower the university to move toward fulfillment of this vision. It is a three-year giving program to raise funds for the Taylor Fund, two educational facilities—the Environmental Studies Center and the Communications Arts Center—and the general endowment.

Taylor University has always been supported by common folk, Kesler declares. That is why he believes he must take his vision for Taylor to her alumni and friends face-to-face, asking them to join him in helping Taylor to fulfill her role in the great commission.

Strategy explained

The strategy is this. During the next three years, alumni and friends across the country will be invited to attend a Taylor Plan banquet in their area. There, they will be brought up-to-date on happenings at the university. Guests will then be asked to (1) pray for Taylor at this critical time in her history and (2) to make a three-year financial commitment to Taylor and her future.

“By broadening our base to a three year commitment,” Kesler says, “we believe we can get away from direct mail and the telephone and simply have a group of people who, rather than receiving twelve request letters from me, can get thirteen thank you notes—and that is a pretty neat trade.”

For Kesler, the reason to participate in the Taylor Plan is compelling. “We evangelicals must think of Christian higher education as part of the great commission,” he says. “We cannot think of it as something we do on the side, out of what is left over of our resources. If that happens, Christian higher education will die in America.

With resolve in both his heart and voice, Kesler concludes, “What is Taylor’s future? Is God in it? I think it’s a marvelous thing to be in his hands. And I believe that investing for the future in the students he has placed at Taylor is the most solid thing we can do for the great commission, for our country, for our world.”—LR
New faculty appointed

Seven new full-time faculty members joined the university at the start of this school year.

Dr. Eleanor Barrick is the newest member of the foreign languages department. She previously taught French and Spanish at the Jimmy Swaggart Bible College & Seminary in Louisiana.

Dale Carlson comes from Lakeland College in Wisconsin to join the the Physical education/athletic department as professor and head coach of the football team.

Shelley Chapin served as teaching aid at Dallas Theological Seminary and director of a radio ministry. While retaining the latter role, she joins the psychology department.

New in the sociology department for a one-year term of service is Dr. Charles DeSanto who has taught for twenty-one years at Lock Haven University in Pennsylvania.

Jane Keiser this year joined the mathematics department. She hails from Muncie, Indiana, where she taught at Ball State University (BSU).

Also a former BSU professor, Dr. Stephen Messer is now teaching history at Taylor.

Previously at Asbury College in Kentucky, William Toll ’71 has returned to his alma mater to join the information sciences department.

Each reports a warm welcome. Veteran professor DeSanto gives the faculty and administration high marks for working together as a team and with a common goal in mind and says, “I am overwhelmed by the number of students who are serving the Lord in one way or another through both on- and off-campus ministries.”

Campus recycling: who’s going to clean up the mess?

Come April, Earth Day 1991 will stir up conviction. It will make Americans more environmentally aware and help them recognize their responsibility—at least for a while. If history and human nature again repeat themselves, the hoopla will fade and so will the commitment to put conviction into action.

National surveys indicate that while environmental awareness is up, personal concern is down. Americans seem to believe someone else is going to clean up the mess.

Taylor University’s campus-wide recycling program is plagued by the same sentiment. When the program was inaugurated nearly a year ago, administrators termed the initial response phenomenal: 50 to 60 percent of what was thrown away was being recycled.

With the start of the new school year, however, percentages plummeted to a meager ten percent. That’s far below the level that Gary Brenner, recycling supervisor, believes is realistic. “We should be able to recycle two-thirds or more of what we’re throwing away,” he says.

Dr. Daryl Yost, provost, understands it “might take an entire generation before we recycle as we should.” Nonetheless, the fact that Taylor is not reaching her potential has many people asking, “What happened?” and “How can it be fixed?”

More publicity will help, believes English Hall Director Kim Johnson.

“During much of the fall semester almost nothing was said about the recycling program,” she contends, adding that publicity is an essential ingredient in motivating students to recycle.

Rebekah Haddad ’91 agrees. “When I throw away my trash,” she says, “I don’t give (recycling) a second thought. Aren’t we all that way? We need to understand how our actions affect others, but we’re too short-sighted to see past our own backyards.”

Perhaps that is because the problem is not readily visible in our backyard, says senior Tim Timming, one of two students credited with getting the campus recycling program on its feet.

“Students need to know why they should participate,” he says. “We are not faced with the reality of environmental problems in Upland and so we don’t see how they really affect us. We need to be educated about them.”

To address this problem, Taylor administrators are developing a motivational plan to bridge the gap between knowing and doing. To solve some of the more practical dilemmas facing the recycling program, such as an insufficient number of receptacles in residence halls, a committee of students is forming to publicize what the students’ role can be. “I think students need to recognize that we’re not trying to hassle them,” remarks Dave Talley, Bergwall Hall director. “We’re trying to protect our environment.” Committee members hope that with more information and better publicity the percentage of waste being recycled will rise.

As a university, Taylor is committed to doing her part. Far-reaching plans are being developed to ensure the recycling program at Taylor will gain momentum.

“The best we can do,” suggests Yost “is to educate the Taylor community as to what their environmental responsibility is. Hopefully,” he adds, “the students might carry this sense of environmental stewardship with them the rest of their lives.”—SM
Persistence pays off, results in 11 frosh at Singapore campus

Karen Olson stepped off the plane at the Indianapolis International Airport amid cheers from the crowd of family members, friends, and students gathered to meet her and ten other members of this year’s freshman class.

The 11 exuberant but travel-worn passengers had spent the first semester of their freshman year at Taylor’s extension campus in Singapore. It was an adventure, they report.

“We grew more than we thought we would,” says Rachelle Baker.
“Dealing with another culture has been one of the best growing experiences.”

Jared Smith echoes that sentiment.
“I see the world differently. I’m not as narrow in my thinking.”

Other students in the program included Brad Butts, Marc Curliss, Anne Eddy, Anne Ellison, Brian Hoover, Daniel Leach, and Cathryn Robertson.

Because of the long waiting list for the fall semester, admissions staff developed the program to allow 11 students to start their Taylor career in Singapore, then fill spring semester vacancies at the main campus.

President Jay Kesler gives the inside story: “This last year we had 10,000 young people inquire about our freshman class,” he explains. “We had almost 1800 of them apply to come to Taylor. We accepted 725. We told 425 (of that group), ‘We have room for you on the campus.’ We told the other 300 they would be on a waiting list and if someone else dropped out we would call them.”

Of course, not all 300 students on the waiting list were called and, as Kesler explains, some couldn’t seem to take “no” for an answer. “Actually,” he says, “when we got down to the wire, we had 11 of the 300 students and their parents who were quite persistent. They kept calling and saying, ‘Isn’t there a room somewhere for my child?’”

That’s when Kesler suggested the admissions staff look into replicating a program he had heard about at a sister Christian coalition college where selected students are given opportunity to begin their course of study at an extension campus.

After working out the details, the admissions officers handpicked a group of freshman applicants and offered 11 of them the opportunity to spend their first semester overseas at Taylor’s extension campus in Singapore.

“They have had a good and exciting start. I will say,” declares Kesler. “A once-in-a-lifetime experience.”

Jennifer West acknowledges. “I learned so much in a short period of time. I was encouraged by the way God was working on the trip.”

Given sufficient interest, admissions staff plan to repeat the program again next year.—DM

Glad you’re back: Karen Olson (left) embraces freshmen Ann Lipp and Amy Stone upon a welcome arrival (above).

Volleyball, soccer, tennis teams score big

This fall marked a winning season for Taylor sports. Three teams made particularly noteworthy achievements.

For the second year in a row, Taylor’s volleyball team won the NCCAA women’s volleyball national championship. Senior Lori Arnold earned NCCAA all-American, academic all-American, and all-tournament honors. Freshman Anne Lee made the all-American and all-tournament teams, while Kristi Dyck, sophomore, also made the all-tournament team. Arnold and junior Lynne Kinzer also received scholar-athlete awards.

Coach Karen Traut was named Coach of the Year for the HCW, NAIA district, and for the nation in the NCCAA. Her team ends the season with a school-record-setting 45 wins and five losses. Last year’s winning season ended with a 43-4 record.

For the first time, Taylor’s soccer team under the direction of Coach Joe Lund earned a berth at the NCCAA national tournament, held this year in Longview, Texas. There the team finished seventh in the nation, ending their season with a record of 12-8.

In another first, the women’s tennis team became co-champions in the NAIA District #21 tournament. Coach Tena Krause led the team to a 7-2 season record in dual competition.—AC
Alum named to head American Bible Society

Dr. Eugene Habecker, Taylor alumnus of the class of 1968 and president of Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, has been named to head the American Bible Society, an international Bible distribution organization, headquartered in New York, New York.

Effective this June, Habecker will leave Huntington College, sister Christian College Coalition member to Taylor, where he served as president for the past ten years. “I am pleased and excited,” says Habecker of his new position. “It is an incredible opportunity and challenge to distribute the Scriptures.”

King addresses Puerto Rican all-stars

Jack King, associate director of development and former Taylor baseball coach, addressed players and coaches assembled for Puerto Rico’s Winter League All-Star Baseball Chapel last December. He spoke at the invitation of Carlos Ríos, a former major league player for the Atlanta Braves and the director of the Latin America Baseball chapel.

Campus calendar

Feb. 4: Spring semester begins
Feb. 11-15: Spiritual Renewal Week
March 4-8: Marriage, Family & Singleness Week
March 23-April 1: Spring break
April 12: Campus visitation day
April 19-21: Youth Conference
May 3: Campus visitation day
May 25: Baccalaureate and Commencement

Conference focuses on international issues

The United States is in the process of redefining its role in world affairs, U.S. Senator Richard Lugar, R-IN, told a standing-room-only crowd assembled as part of the conference on “Peace, Democracy, and Change in the 1990s” held on campus last fall. According to Lugar, a new world order has been formed in which past political trends have been thoroughly revolutionized.

Although the United States and the Soviet Union are working together for the first time in nearly forty years, Lugar believes that from a practical point of view, the United States will continue to provide the bulk of the military force involved in the process of global peacekeeping.

Lugar’s speech fits into the broader context of the conference, the purpose of which was to examine how Biblical faith and principles relate to the transformation of the international arena.

The conference, co-sponsored by the university and the National Association of Evangelicals (NAE), is the first of its kind to be held on Taylor’s campus.

At various symposia and discussion sessions, presenters focused on developments in the USSR, the Persian Gulf, Central America, and South Africa. “The conference rekindled my desire to be aware of world needs and to get further involved in the field of international studies,” says sophomore Phil Baarendse, reflecting the general attitude of many students.

Dr. Stephen Hoffmann, professor of political science, is pleased with the amount of student involvement. “I hope that many were challenged to start looking at world needs with a new perspective,” he says, “and to become seriously committed to impacting the international spectrum.”

Among the participants were Dr. Dean C. Curry, chairman of the political science and history department at Messiah College; Thomas Getman, director of government relations for World Vision; Dr. Kent R. Hill, executive director of the Washington DC-based Institute on Religion and Democracy; Roland Hoksbergen, associate professor of economics at Calvin College; Dr. David McKenna, president of Asbury Theological Seminary; and Brian O’Connell, program coordinator of peace, freedom, and security studies for the NAE.—DT

YFC’s Kesler Center honors president

Youth for Christ (YFC) officials recently honored Taylor President Jay Kesler by naming the organization’s new media center after him. According to YFC officials, naming the center after Kesler recognizes him for the communication skills he exhibited during his 13 years as president of YFC.

“Jay has always been recognized as a great communicator and spokesman,” says June Thomas, YFC presidential administrative assistant.

The Kesler Communications Center emphasizes evangelism through media. Several sections of the facility are named after other past presidents of YFC.—JV
Class of ’40 grads surprise themselves, show how new program can make big impact

Some 50 years ago, members of the graduating class of Taylor University left the school vowing to change their world. Some answered the call to ministry or missionary service, while others entered other service-oriented vocations. Few sought high-paying positions.

“We’re not a very wealthy group of people because most of us went into the ministry,” explains John Warner ’40. “That was one of the factors, he says, that accounts for the relatively small amount of money that he had collected for the class gift before the class members’ 50th reunion last fall at Homecoming ’90.

The reunion was a memorable one. Of 35 living members, 29 returned for the weekend. And when they did, their meeting together took a decidedly spiritual tone. They praised God, thanking him for his faithfulness; for their spouses, (many of whom they met at Taylor’s “match factory”); and for their families.

What happened next is something Warner calls "splendid." "When we saw the campus and heard Jay Kesler’s report, the size of our class gift kept mushrooming," says Warner. "We got a splendid response from class members."

So splendid was the response, in fact, that, at the Alumni Brunch, class members were able to present to President Kesler a check for nearly $10,000. Even more startling, the gift will mushroom again to $1 million.

This second growth spurt is possible because class members chose to become involved with Taylor’s newly unveiled endowment-building program.

Christened “Endowing the Vision,” the program is sponsored by the National Alumni Council. The Council spearheaded development of the program and Council President Ruth (Wolgemuth ’63) Guillaume was proud to take the wraps off of it at the alumni brunch festivities.

Taylor’s endowment is small compared to other, peer institutions, she explains, and that is a problem. Generally, endowment functions to keep tuition costs down, a significant consideration given that since 1985 Taylor’s tuition has increased at an average rate of 9.5% each year. While rising costs are inevitable, a sizable endowment fund would absorb the increases rather than adding to the students’ bill. But how do persons of limited financial resources give a sizeable gift to the endowment fund?

That is where Endowing the Vision comes in, says Guillaume. The program gives donors the opportunity to make significant endowment gifts from current income rather than from accumulated wealth. Under the program, the donor makes a modest, tax-deductible pledge over a one- to five-year period. The funds are either used to purchase a life insurance policy or invested, and allowed to mature, resulting in a significant gift to the endowment fund.

For example, a 30-year-old woman’s single contribution of $954.00 (or $234 each year for five years) purchases a life insurance policy through Taylor University. By making Taylor the irrevocable beneficiary, the endowment fund ultimately receives $25,000.

In recognition of their contribution, donors receive a Certificate of Participation at the time of the first contribution. Upon receipt of the full endowment, donors are recognized by inclusion on a plaque on the Taylor campus. Interested parties may contact Gene Rupp toll-free at 1-800-TU-23456 for more information.

So it is that even as members of the class of 1940 were celebrating their 50th reunion, they were demonstrating a visionary concern for Taylor’s next 50 years, and beyond.

Similarly, alumni and friends of Taylor University who agree to endow the vision strengthen Taylor and enable her sustained commitment to academic excellence and the Lordship of Jesus Christ. In so doing, they carry the founding vision of the university on into the 21st century.—SM

Taylor makes the grade—again

For the fifth time in as many years, US News and World Report has named Taylor University to its honor roll of America’s best colleges. This year, Taylor University is cited as one of the midwest’s up-and-coming liberal-arts colleges in U.S. News & World Report’s 1991 America’s Best Colleges. In compiling the list, the editors asked over 4,000 college presidents, administrations directors and deans to identify those institutions that have made the most significant educational changes.

President Jay Kesler is pleased by the report. “Taylor has received some wonderful national exposure in the last four or five years,” he says. “It’s just kind of a nice thing.”

In order to be named an “up-and-comer,” a school could not already be ranked in its category. The subjective judgement was based on what the college administrators knew about the schools’ “most recent educational innovations and improvement.”—DM
Why bother to build community?

The heart of higher education—and the gospel—is lodged in community, asserts Taylor’s president.

In a society where “bigger is better” it can be a bit threatening to represent a small anything, and to represent a small university has its own unique challenges.

When I first took the role of Taylor University president, I discovered that it involved a lot of dinners with groups of presidents and administrators.

Naturally, I wondered how I would fit in and how my life preparation would serve me in the mix. I soon learned college presidents come in all sizes, shapes, genders, colors, and backgrounds. They are an accepting group for the most part, and as educators are by definition committed to diversity, liberality, tolerance and civility.

At one of the first dinners that I attended, I sat next to a representative of a very large state university. We introduced ourselves and sat down to eat our from little nut cups while we awaited the salad.

Betraying my insecurity, I suppose, I asked, “How does it feel to be introduced to the president of a small institution that calls itself a university when, in fact, you have more faculty and staff than we have students?” He laughed, then asserted that he knew quite a bit about Taylor and commended me for the quality of our program. I thanked him and indicated that I had absolutely nothing to do with it since I had just been newly appointed as president.
Taylor University's president, Dr. Jay Kesler, is author of 17 books, past president of Youth for Christ, and a nationally recognized speaker. He and his wife, Janie, are great believers in the Taylor community—so much so, he says, that “we believe an investment in these young people is superbly worth our lives.”

He steered the conversation back to the topic of university. “Actually,” he said, “the word ‘university’ does not speak of size, but of the diversity of programs. Strictly speaking, you at Taylor have a school of liberal arts, a school of business, a school of education for teachers, and more.

At our institution we have a great deal more diversity than you do or, in fact, can ever have. We are tax-supported and must have programs broadly based that meet the perceived needs of the taxpayers. We obviously have more ‘versity’ than you do, but we also have less ‘uni.’ That’s what we strive for—the uni.’

The salad arrived, but he and I continued our discussion along these lines.

Taylor is called a university—a word that suggests in the midst of the diversity, complexity, and ambiguity of human experience there is a unifying core that holds everything together.

Our forefathers would have asserted with certainty that this unifying reality is based on our belief in God. In fact, history is replete with the conflicts, provincialisms, and cruelties associated with disagreements over whose God was most valid or most powerful. This, indeed, has presented mankind with an embarrassing and tragic report card.

Systematic dismissal of God from modern life, however, has not made the dilemma less complicated. Today we speak of alienation, fragmentation, breakdown, and estrangement of individuals and society.

Psychologists, sociologists, ecologists, political scientists and theologians all have particular vocabularies to express the symptoms. “Letters to the editor” are filled with assertions of personal rights, privatized religion, special interest groups and entitlements until one muses whether the Stars and Stripes might not appropriately be replaced by the earlier version, “Don’t Tread On Me.”

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In the midst of all of this, at Taylor we have a dining commons, take communion, speak of the Taylor community, refer to common sense and common law, listen to a symphony for the common man, and commit ourselves to a Life Together statement.

These ideals, which many moderns find naïve or even a source of cynical ridicule, are at the very core of what education is all about at Taylor.

If our knowledge does not make us more caring and tolerant of one another; if study and exposure to the ideas, accomplishments, personalities, and follies of mankind do not adjust our attitudes toward others; and if these attitudes do not get expressed in loving behavior to those closest to us; then the noble experiment of higher education is indeed open to question.

Taylor University is a microcosm in which students, faculty, and staff are attempting to learn and practice this type of community. Dining commons and Christian communion both find their root in the Latin communis.

But it goes deeper than that. We not only have things in common, we have our common root in God himself. It is this central assertion that motivates the Christian gospel—a way to community, not only in Upland, Indiana, but in our world as well.

Is community important at Taylor? Not only is the answer a resounding “yes,” but I believe this fragile component must be encouraged in all of our programs and priorities.

One can curl up in a corner alone with a book or interact with a video screen by oneself, but community demands far more than this. It is the reason for a resident campus, a full-time faculty, small classes, concerts, interaction on the playing fields, theater, chapels, lounges, Parents’ Weekend, Homecoming, and walks in the moonlight.

Community, in the ultimate sense, is mankind functioning as the family of God. In the shorter term, it is probably one of the most important reasons in a modern society for a small Christian university to exist.
In search of the ideal Taylor community

There is true community on Taylor's campus though, in this modern world, it is neither so rich nor so satisfying as one might wish.

When Gary Gallup '90 stepped up to receive his diploma last May, the entire commencement audience spontaneously rose to their feet with him, cheering. In his eight years at Taylor, Gary had won their hearts. They had watched him struggle with cerebral palsy and had admired his plucky determination. As one body, the Taylor community celebrated with him and shared his joy. Walking off the platform that day, Gary's was not the only face wet with tears. His accomplishment had touched the entire Taylor community.

That word, "community," is one we use rather loosely. By it we sometimes mean a place—a village, town, or city with easy-to-see streets, buildings, and boundaries—but generally, however, we have in mind a certain quality of life and relationship.

Community in this sense involves living and sharing together common values and beliefs, committed to the common good.

People create social community as they live close together in space and time, sharing common practices, pursuits and meanings. Their common culture and common ethnicity bonds them together. Thus, we can somewhat loosely speak of a town, a city, or a nation as a community. We also use the word to describe a group of scholars pursuing common intellectual tasks or using shared techniques. Churches are communities of faith and worship. Organizations, businesses, and

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universities may also be described as communities.

What then is the Taylor community we so frequently refer to? Is it the visible organization of the university? Yes. Is it shared thought, dialogue and debate in classroom, offices and around campus? Yes. Is it the participation in living, working, recreating, worshiping together? Yes. Is it extended to nearby residential, shopping, and living communities? Yes. Is it also the alumni, parents and friends? Yes, indeed. Taylor is a multilayered, multifaceted and overlapping set of communities.

Most students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents and friends encounter Taylor as a very positive experience. Yet one also hears complaints about being left outside, having difficulty integrating or finding one's niche.

At Taylor, we speak of family and community but in reality experience organization. We speak of primary or family relationships but actually experience much more limited and partial secondary relationships. Everyone is busy. So we settle for brief encounters, passing remarks, and sometimes almost meaningless greetings such as, "Have a good day."

This is not unusual. Whether they use the word to designate a place or to refer to a shared quality of life, people rarely speak of a satisfying and complete community experience. Often there is a yearning, a longing for relationships of support, continuity and trust, a place of grounding for otherwise fragmented lives.

Perhaps that type of complete community experience was once found in rural European villages. In the mid-1700s, however, the rapid growth of industrialization and advance of technology forever changed the community experience. Cities attracted the population from villages and rural areas like a mighty magnet. The city could not duplicate the simple life style and close-knit population of the rural communal village, however. As a result, severe social and cultural dislocations occurred.

Similar changes and disorientation took place in the U.S. after 1865 with rapid population increase, industrialization and migration to the cities. The situation in this country was heightened by the thousands of immigrants who came to the new world seeking freedom and opportunity for a better life.

At the time, scholars, philosophers and theologians tried to come to terms with this dramatic social and cultural shift. Most were critical and pessimistic about the changes they saw taking place. To them it seemed that something valuable—even essential—to our humanity was being lost.

Today, one still hears pessimistic assessments of these changes and their current manifestations. Though now 250 years old, this new social and cultural pattern often called modernity still chafes. At times it seems to stifle or to erode the core of compassion and empathy so important to society's well-being. Patterns of modernity are hostile to healthy, fulfilling community life, most analysts conclude. However, we have embarked on a journey from which there seems to be no return.

In his recent book, Belonging, Professor Stan Gaede of Gordon College focuses upon our need for community in church and family. He nicely summarizes three key characteristics of community: relationships, tradition, and vision.

True community is relationships—durable, personal and dependable relationships based on the inherent value of each individual in the community. Community is tradition. It is a pattern of life considered worthwhile because it has been cherished and passed on by previous generations. Community is also vision—persons sharing a transcendent vision that goes beyond that of any one individual. Briefly, then, community is relationships set within the context of specific traditions and rooted in a transcendent vision. Developing

Team spirit: Throughout the season, members of the Trojan basketball team share a highly-developed sense of close-knit community.
these traits requires effort and takes time.

Modern society emphasizes temporary, instrumental relationships, however, and has little time or patience for durable whole-person interaction. Modernity focuses its values upon the rational and utilitarian. It thus stands at odds with the needs of community, Gaede says. It is really impossible to have both modernity and community in full measure. We can either have modernity and an anemic and truncated version of community or we can challenge the assumptions of modernity and create for ourselves an alternate form of relationships based upon different assumptions and values.

If we expect a fulfilling, whole-orbed community at Taylor we shall not find it. If we despair and become cynical because the rhetoric and the reality are not always the same, we will miss much of the warmth and support that is an integral part of the Taylor experience. On the one hand, we expect too much of an organization dedicated to achievement, excellence, and competence. On the other hand, there is ample opportunity here to experience and share community if we will take the time and make the commitment needed.

Real community exists at Taylor. No one present at the November 9 chapel service this past fall could say otherwise. That day, senior Brad Smith walked to the podium and in so doing, brought the audience to its feet. While on short-term mission assignment in Colombia, South America a few months earlier, Brad was severely injured. Physicians had predicted a quadriplegic existence for the rest of his life. Seeing him walk called forth the crowd’s spontaneous ovation. It was joy and exuberance. It was praise to God. Such occurrences become part of our story. They bond us to each other. Somehow, such events are also part of what Taylor is all about.

Yet there are problems. Campus life at Taylor does not recreate the idealized close-knit, rural communal village, but instead evidences diversities in age and experience, in ethnicity, and in nationalities. Can there be meaningful relationships which support, encourage, and help others.

Bearing with one another: Difficulties in relationships can occur. In such cases, we are to respond as the Scripture states in Colossians 3:12.

Burden-bearing: Expressions of bearing one another’s burdens include comfort, encouragement, consolation and intercession.

Speaking the truth in love: Problems in relationships and behavior can be resolved constructively by confronting one another in an appropriate spirit.

Reconciliation, restoration, and restitution: When relationships have been harmed, regardless of the reason, individuals are expected to reach out to one another, to forgive, to restore relationships and to make restitution.

Achieving these expressions of love in relationships is no small task; it requires continual effort and sensitivity to others. Relationships of this quality, however, enrich our lives, honor God, and forge genuine community.—WC
intimate community in diversity?

Recent news reports indicate an alarming rise in racial incidents at our colleges and universities nationwide. We are sharply reminded that the civil rights movement of the 50s, 60s, and early 70s, while it produced a spate of legislation and legal decisions guaranteeing equal rights to all citizens, did not eliminate bigotry and prejudice or discrimination.

Since 1966, there have been more than 250 racist incidents in our nation's colleges and universities. Officials at the University of Wisconsin at Madison recently rewrote their discipline code to prevent ethnic slurs after a rash of racial incidents on campus which included a mock slave auction by a fraternity. The new code sets up a range of penalties for hate-filled speech which ends in expulsion.

Racist incidents may be symptomatic of deeper, unresolved issues. For instance, nearly four decades after Brown v. Board of Education 1954, higher education in Louisiana is still strongly segregated. Four colleges are 90% black, fourteen others 92% white. There is considerable uncertainty among Louisiana politicians and administrators over whether that status quo should be maintained.

Although we at Taylor are both an educational community and a Christian community, we are not completely exempt from these problems. We do articulate an ideal concept of community: that is, wholehearted acceptance regardless of gender, race, ethnicity, age or handicap. But we find that the actualizing of this ideal suffers now and then as "built-in" biases express themselves.

We are predominantly anglo and middle class. It takes rare courage and stamina for one outside that description—the minority student or faculty member—to become successfully integrated into our community. But for us to move into the 21st century as leaders in Christian higher education we must find ways of providing for the community needs of minorities.

Our education and life experience will become more and more provincial and isolated unless we increase the multicultural and international seasoning of our community.

During the last decade there has been considerable activity at Taylor with regard to minority and international students and the handicapped. And there is evident progress. But much remains to be done.

Finally, one may say that we are neither better nor worse than most Christian evangelicals. We at Taylor have absorbed essentially the same values and world view as others in the evangelical tradition. All the strengths and weaknesses of middle class America are here at Taylor.

So our agenda for the 1990s must include vigilance to continue guarding the rights and privileges of all Taylor members. We must hold fast to our commitment to pass on to succeeding generations of students, staff, faculty, alumni, parents, and friends the best of the Taylor tradition. We must tell our stories to each other. We must intensify our efforts to identify the cultural idols, biases and social practices hostile to community here at Taylor and strive to neutralize and/or eliminate them. We must truly become a community of intimate diversity.
Here, community is easy to swallow

Since 1917, Swallow-Robin Hall has garnered a reputation for developing a sense of close-knit community among her residents.

As the ’64 Plymouth Barracuda slowly circled the loop, the female residents of second floor East (later Olson) Hall were all eyes. The threat the Barracuda represented was no secret. The men of Swallow-Robin had vowed to take revenge that Saturday night at 1:00 a.m. The women were still snickering over the prank they had recently pulled off on the Bird Barn inhabitants: uncooked rice scattered in the carpets and chicken droppings strategically placed in the heaters so as to make an unpleasant aroma.

Now, the women watched and waited as the avengers glided by. Unbeknownst to the ladies, however, the Barracuda was but a decoy, intended to hold their attention while three daring young men opened East Hall’s side door, raced up the steps, and entered the militarized zone. With lightning speed the three added their own unique touches to the second floor: honey on just about everything from toilet seats to doorknobs, toilet paper everywhere else, and—in return for the chicken droppings—sardines placed in similarly strategic places.

Their work completed, the men fled down the stairs sight unseen, jumped in the circling car, then stopped right in front of the still-vigilant women. Taking a long and deliberate bow, the men of Swallow proudly announced, “Ladies, you’ve been had!” With that, they made their escape, and spent the remainder of the night telling and retelling the story over and over again.

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Nurtured in part by incidents such as this, residents (a.k.a. "birds") of Swallow-Robin Hall have throughout the years enjoyed their own unique sense of community. At events like Homecoming, they eagerly share memories of a close-knit family atmosphere.

Over the course of seven decades, Swallow-Robin has acted as home away from home to generations of Taylor students. She has sometimes housed women, sometimes men, and now, as a "common lounge" dorm, both. Always, close friendships among her residents have developed.

Though recent renovation increased the number of beds from 50 to 70, Swallow-Robin is not and never has been a large dormitory. And that's just fine with former Hall Mother Roberta Kessler '51. She believes the hall's relatively small size creates a sense of family unity. "That's its greatest quality," she says, remembering with pride how the young women used to call her "Mom." She yet relishes the closeness they shared.

Former residents, too, cherish the friendships made among hall mates. Janie Kesler x '59, wife of Taylor President Jay Kesler '58, lived in Swallow-Robin when it was called the "hen house." She echoes a common theme. "The people made Swallow beautiful and wonderful," she says. "We were like family." Male alumni of Swallow-Robin testify to a similar sense of camaraderie. Of his Swallow mates, George Jackson '86 claims, "They became the brothers I never had." And indeed, friendships made in Swallow have stood the test of time. "We still keep in touch," says Jim Hopkins '73. "The guys in Swallow are still the ones I call my friends."

While the Swallow-Robin community is based in her people, it is the shared experiences of fun and fellowship which made the friendships so dear. If her walls could speak, they might tell stories such as these that follow.

In 1956, freshman women woke to an unexpected fire alarm. In seconds the women poured out of the hall. It turned out to be a false alarm and, hitting the night air, the modest young ladies came to their senses and made a dash for the hall mother's car to hide their baby-doll pajamas.

That same year, the Birdbarn became a sick bird's perch as every single resident came down with the Asian Flu. Roberta Kessler was hall mother that year. "There just wasn't enough room in the health center so they quarantined us to the dorm," she recalls. "I was the last to go down. I really thought that I would get by without it, but after everyone got well, it was my turn."
"The best memory I have," reminisces Janie Kesler, "is of the bells on each floor. We didn’t have telephones in the rooms, so anytime a caller came to visit a code would chime over the bell. It was so exciting to hear your code—you always knew it was a young man.

"The doors locked at 10:00 p.m. but that still gave Jay enough time to run in for a minute or two after work. My code would sound every night at 9:45 and we would find a place around the central staircase to sit and talk. If you could snitch a few extra minutes past 10:00 you really felt like you had accomplished something. Needless to say, our hall mother had to throw Jay out almost every night."

The stories and memories which make the Swallow-Robin community come alive might never have been were it not for the Prohibitionist movement and one of its leading crusaders, Dr. Silas C. Swallow. Dubbed the “Fighting Parson,” this militant Methodist minister leaped into the political arena after writing a controversial exposé on political thieves in Pennsylvania. In that state, he received more votes in a gubernatorial race than any other Prohibitionist in history. In 1904, the Prohibition Party selected him as their presidential nominee.

Already a benefactor of the university, Swallow became increasingly interested in Taylor during the heyday of the prohibition movement. At that time the school was making a name for herself in the crusade against liquor. Year after year, members of the campus chapter of the Intercollegiate Prohibitionist Association (IPA) dominated state prohibition oratorical contests. Probably spurred by the school’s “dry ideals,” Dr. and Mrs. Swallow donated over half of the $10,000 needed to build a new dormitory. The couple asked that the new hall be named in memory of their mothers (Mrs. Swallow’s maiden name was Robin). Swallow-Robin Hall was completed in 1917.

This unique legacy faced an uncertain future when in 1986 Swallow-Robin was closed after being labeled a fire hazard and unfit for residence due to general disrepair. Last year, however, the board of trustees voted to renovate and reopen the hall, preserving this element of Taylor’s heritage and tradition. Now students are nesting in Swallow-Robin once again and the campus is reawakening to Taylor’s rich heritage.

There are no happier birds than the ones who returned at Homecoming ’90 to find their old nesting grounds renovated. These former residents of Swallow-Robin seemed to approve of the changes—a few even sang a melancholy song wishing it had been as nice when they lived there. "The floors still creak," notes Janie Kesler with a big grin. "It’s just about the only thing that reminds me of the old building but it’s more than enough—the new building is beautiful and so comfortable."

That new-old building on the northeast corner of Taylor’s campus is now open to future generations of students building their own sense of community—based on the traditions and memories that still live in the hearts and minds of the hundreds who once called her home.

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The ‘64 Barracuda circled the campus loop once again on Sunday morning. This time there were no eyes watching from the second floor of East Hall. The battle was over. But from each of the second floor windows hung a white towel, signifying surrender. The birds of Swallow-Robin were victorious.
Creating community where hope is scarce

They use the term “soul brothers” to describe their friendship—and “alternative Christian community” to define their ministry.

Night has fallen and it’s dark outside as a lone van careens through the narrow streets of Detroit’s inner city. The driver suddenly pulls up short and blares the horn. Two girls scurry out to the van, struggle with the door, and climb inside. They head for the back seat. The process is repeated several times until the van swells to 21 passengers, well past its legal limit of 15. “Dan, you sure you weren’t a Detroit taxi driver?” queries one of the young passengers.

That same night, some 300 miles away in what has been named one of the ten worst neighborhoods in Chicago, 15 youngsters labor over their reading workbooks in an upstairs room. The 12 tutors have their hands full. “Mark, what does d-e-b-r-i-s mean?” calls 11-year-old Kimberly. Outside, the light shining through the heavy wire over the colored window panes makes dappled patterns on broken glass in the small, cemented churchyard.

Fifteen years ago, had you asked Dan Pederson and Mark Soderquist if they planned to devote themselves to inner city ministry in, say, Detroit or Chicago, both might have been surprised by the question. Though they grew up in suburbs of those cities—Pederson, just north of Detroit, and Soderquist, just west of Chicago—they were then just starting their college careers at Taylor as business majors. Inner city ministry to the folks back home was far from their minds. Today, it’s their life’s focus.
After graduating from Taylor, Doug Marlow ‘81 worked with troubled teens from many different communities—inner city, small town, and rural neighborhoods—until 1989, when he returned to his alma mater to serve as university editor.

Food for the soul: ▼ Pederson says it is at Youth for Christ club meetings such as this that “we throw out the seeds (of the gospel) and see who’s hungry.”

▼ Discipleship is key: “We create a counter-culture with Christ at the center—and model it in our relationships,” says Pederson.

▼ Be cool and don’t swear: Pederson explains expectations for behavior before his passengers enter McDonald’s.

Pederson and his wife have been in inner city Detroit six years. Soderquist and his wife in the Chicago suburb of Lawndale for about a year now.

Both couples agree: ministry to the people of inner city neighborhoods is not easy.

“There are days you wake up with a lot of hope,” says Mark. “There are other days when you drive the streets and it seems there’s no hope. The problems go so deep. Where do you start?”

“The best advice we got when we were planning to move to the city,” says Pederson, “was, ‘Walk the streets; talk to the people; get to know the city.’ We see much of our ministry is to live in the neighborhood where we minister. When the fire engines run, when the gunshots fire, we’re there—a part of it—a part of what’s going on in their lives.

“Kids here are surrounded by decay and hopelessness,” says Pederson as he points down the street to burned-out shells of what were once homes, factories, churches. “That’s why sharing Jesus Christ is so important. That’s also why drugs have such a strong pull.” Soderquist agrees, contending that many children view drug trafficking as their ticket to the American dream. A 12-year-old child in Chicago can make $1000 a week by serving as a lookout for drug pushers, he says. “Compare that to a $3.25 an hour at McDonald’s while working your way through high school.”

It is in this atmosphere that both Pederson and Soderquist seek to create what the former describes as an “alternative Christian community”—one that’s safe, that offers life and hope as a part of the kingdom.” Living in the community is a part of that, Pederson explains. His home has become a sort of “safe house” where kids who have made decisions for Christ come for support or when they just need to get away.

Soderquist concurs: “We see our home as our main avenue of ministry. Jennifer and I being married—not living together, and never having been married before—is very abnormal (in the inner city environment) and is a tremendous witness. So too, will be raising our children here.”

If creating alternative Christian communities in inner city neighborhoods seems a somewhat unusual occupation for two former business majors, then Pederson and Soderquist have been out of the mainstream
for quite some time. It started during their time at Taylor.

They arrived as freshmen in 1976, soon struck up a friendship, and that next fall became roommates for the remainder of their college years.

The friendship they developed is unique. "For the first time, I experienced true openness with another Christian," Soderquist recalls. "I was free to share anything, to be real. Ours was just a true friendship—something unusual in our modern society. Dan and I have met very few guys who have as deep a relationship with another male friend."

Describing their friendship, Pederson cites Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." "Mark and I were being challenged by similar things," he says. "We shared about it—and challenged each other to do something about it. That accountability made the difference."

Both men were being provoked by the words of Christ as recorded in Luke 12:48, "From everyone who is given much, much will be demanded." It was a theme that kept cropping up.

It really hit home one day, Soderquist relates, when chapel speaker Tony Campolo asked, "Are you going to spend the rest of your life doing what's comfortable or are you going to spend the rest of your life doing what's needed?" The two roommates talked it over and realized everything they were doing was aimed at a comfortable life style.

"We knew we had to change direction," says Soderquist. "I wasn't sure what that meant. I wasn't sure God could use business majors in full-time ministry. Were it not for our relationship, I don't know if Dan and I, humanly speaking, would have had the courage to step out, go against the grain, and take the action we did."

What they did was to work one year at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange in the futures and commodities market, then resign their positions to serve in overseas ministry—Pederson in the Philippines and later the East African country of Somalia; Soderquist in England, then the Indian subcontinent, then in numerous other countries.

While overseas, both men began to feel promptings to work in inner city neighborhoods.

"God put on my heart the backyard of where I grew up," says Pederson. For Soderquist, the call to inner city ministry came when he contrasted the extreme poverty in India with what he saw when he came to visit his former roommate in inner city Detroit. The hard part, he says, was knowing there were rich Christians just 20 minutes away on the expressway. "I knew then," he says, "that if I weren't involved in ministry overseas, I'd be in the inner city."

Ederson and Soderquist readily admit to the rigors of inner city ministry, but say there is no place they'd rather be. "Mark and I do have hopes of ministering in the same context some time," says Pederson, "but whether in the city or elsewhere, that's in the future."

For now, however, these soul brothers are content to nurture alternative communities in the midst of their own backyards.
President, school: much in common

1846

It was 1846 when both Fort Wayne Female College and Dr. Horace N. Herrick were birthed in the same city. The college was later to be christened Taylor University; Herrick was later to be named her president (1888-1890). He remains the only president in Taylor’s history to be born in the same municipality in which the university was located.

Herrick was ordained in 1868 and joined the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church that same year. During his 46-year career, he pastored 10 of the largest churches in the conference, served as district superintendent of three different districts, and was three times elected to the general conference.

Herrick was a strong believer in missions. A plan he created for use at the local church level encouraged the then-highest-ever support of missions. For many years he supported a native preacher in China. His ambition, he said, was by this means to preach as many years in China as he had in America.

In 1910, he became historian of the conference and worked to record its history in book form.

Long-time dean of the university Dr. Burt Ayres remembered Herrick as a thought-provoking preacher and a very serious-minded man. Others spoke of his kind and genial spirit.

1916

When Vere Abbey set about doing a task, he put into it his heart and soul. Unfortunately, it seems the former gave out before the latter.

“Church at 7:30, Sunday School at 8:30, then an hour at the hospital, followed by a short time for retreat and study,” writes Vere Abbey ’16 to his classmates in 1921. “Then an hour at a prison taking each of the European prisoners a Testament, then a trip to an old lady’s house to give a bedridden soul the communion service, then taking an old lady to her home in the car and home to dinner and bed. Just a regular Sunday program.”

That pace of life characterized the man who, five years after his graduation from Taylor, was pastoring the English-speaking church in Rangoon, Burma, and serving as superintendent of all his church’s mission work in that country.

He was later appointed to head the work of the Christian Endeavor Union, an interdenominational youth organization, in India, Burma and Ceylon.

Abbey’s enthusiasm for ministry and the hectic pace at which he served took its toll on his body. In 1938, after ten years of service overseas, Abbey returned home, broken in health. He accepted a Presbyterian pastorate at Freedom, Pennsylvania. He never fully regained his health and died at age 49.

What was said of Dr. Thomas Dooley may be said of Vere Abbey: “In serving the Lord, he loved so much, at an early age, he forgot himself into immortality.”
Odle family seems Taylor-made

When David Odle was graduated from Taylor in 1968, he represented the family’s third-generation of Taylor students.

His grandmother, Mrs. Cleo (Beekman) Weaver, was graduated with the class of 1918, one year before her sister, Cliffie (Beekman) Sherry also received a degree. Cleo married a Taylor professor of mathematics, Fred E. Weaver. She now resides in Warren, Indiana.

The Weavers’ daughter, Bonnie ’44, entered Taylor in 1940, majoring in English and History. She served as president of the Holiness League and was named to Who’s Who in American Colleges and Universities her senior year, the same year she married Don “Coach” Odle ’42.

David’s uncle and Bonnie’s brother, Jack R. Weaver, was graduated from Taylor in 1946. He served as an air force pilot during World War II, flying many missions in Europe.

David, who graduated with a major in physical education in 1968, is one of two of Don and Bonnie’s children who attended Taylor. His sister Susan x ’78 Belcher spent two years at the university.

David did graduate work at Marshall University in West Virginia. He lives in Danville, Indiana.

Out of the inner city—to Upland

1940

The Taylor experience is a common thread running through the Odle family. It is one that now spins its way back three generations.

1973

In 1973, inner city youth from New York came to Taylor to study—not as college students, but to learn, nevertheless. They were participants in the Teen Challenge program founded by David Wilkerson, the preacher who took the gospel to the gang members and drug addicts of inner city New York.

Ten college-age men came at the invitation of Taylor University and Jim Mathis ’64 who, while visiting the Teen Challenge center with his sociology classes, had learned of the difficulty Teen Challenge had in finding jobs for its ex-addicts, most of whom had not finished their high school education.

Mathis suggested that Taylor students could earn credit and experience by tutoring the men, who, in turn, would receive help in earning their high school equivalency degrees.

It was a challenging interterm and spring semester, both for the New York youth and the Taylor students involved in the program. According to Mathis, it was a rewarding time, as well.

Of the ten inner city youth involved in the cooperative venture, eight went on to complete the entire Teen Challenge program; two now serve as pastors.
Taylor gatherings in this country and internationally unite alumni, friends, current students and their parents, prospective students and their parents—friends, all, who share a common interest and belief in Taylor University.

**Hendersonville, NC**
June 13, dinner and campus video
Hosts: Daniel ’50 & Lee (Clinton x ’51) Hutchens

**Greater Denver**
October 15, dinner for alumni, parents, and friends
Guest: George Glass
Hosts: Dottie (Keeler ’56) Hash, Nanci (Henning ’71) Pyle, and Marijane (Ritter ’64) West

**Central Ohio**
September 22, picnic at Blendon Woods Park for alumni, parents, and friends
Guest: George Glass
Hosts: Paul ’87 and Cully (Powell ’87) Watson, Steven Huprich ’88, and Suzanne Huprich ’90
Club president: Cully Watson

**Greater Indianapolis**
September 30, reception for alumni, parents, friends, prospective students, and accepted students
Guests: President Jay Kesler, Dr. Albert Harrison, Dr. Fred Schulze, and the Brass Ensemble
Hosts: Charlie ’77 and Donna (Shaerer ’76) Tripple, Thad ’79 and Donna Lee (Jacobsen ’79) Poe, and Mark ’79 and Martha (Kashian ’79) Collins
Club president: Charlie Tripple

**Fort Wayne, IN**
October 11, dinner for alumni, parents, friends, and prospective students and their parents
Guests: President Jay Kesler, Tom Essenburg, George Glass, and Shannon Coggburn ’92
Hosts: Cindy Krauss ’86 and Ron Shaw ’57
Club president: Cindy Krauss

**Greater Indianapolis**
October 23, luncheon at Old Spaghetti Factory for alumni, parents, and friends
Guests: Leon Adkison, Tom Essenburg, and George Glass
Host: Debra (Richardson ’84) Mason
Club president: Charlie Tripple

**National Alumni Council**
October 26-27, meeting, unveiling of Endowing the Vision program
Council president: Ruth (Wolgtemuth ’63) Guillaume

**Chicago Loop**
November 2, 14th consecutive Loop Luncheon for alumni and friends
Guest: Walt Campbell
Hosts: John Clarkson, Jr. ’72, Charlie Hess ’71, and Skip Gianopulos ’87
Club president: John Clarkson, Jr.

**Nashville**
December 1, luncheon
Guests: President and Mrs. Jay Kesler, George Glass, Karen Muselman
Hosts: Dick & Bonni (Fisher) Gygi, both ’67
Club president: Dick Gygi

**Taylor Plan banquets**
Detroit, MI: November 15, 16
Presidential dinners

Grand Rapids, MI: November 17
Presidential dinner

**Upcoming Taylor Plan banquets**
Miami, FL: February 14
Boca Raton, FL: February 15
Presidential dinner

Orlando, FL: February 16
Titusville, FL: February 18
Jacksonville, FL: February 19
St. Louis, MO: March 5
Presidential dinner

Indianapolis, IN: March 12, 14, 21
Presidential dinners

Fort Myers, FL: March 25
Tampa, FL: March 26
Presidential dinner

Upland/Marion, IN: April 9, 11
Presidential dinners

West Suburban Chicago, IL: April 22, 23
Presidential dinners
Fitness pioneer Vern Miller '43 receives national attention, recognition—at last.

Fitness pioneer Verne Miller has made a name for himself—and it certainly hasn't taken him all of his 68 years to do it. One can't be around Miller for very long before sensing his unique drive, energy, and enthusiasm. It's no surprise, then, that in 1939 the Taylor community recognized there was something different about the 16-year-old preacher's son from Pittsburgh. What they noted, however, did not always meet with their approval. "I was a legend in my own mind," admits Miller, "but not in theirs. I was totally unready for the rigors of academic life. I nearly got thrown out six times."

If Miller's enthusiasm evidenced itself in practical jokes and frowned-upon pranks, it also showed up in his sports prowess. One highlight he recalls is Taylor's win over Wheaton College when the two schools met for the first time on the basketball court. Another is being a teammate of Don "Coach" Odle '42. "I learned a lot from playing one-on-one with Don," says Miller, who was voted outstanding all-around athlete at Taylor his senior year. The editors of that year's school newspaper-cum-yearbook describe Vern "Wee" Miller as "one of Taylor's most colorful and noticeable athletes."

Now the nation has chosen somewhat similar accolades in honoring Miller as one of the pioneers and unsung heroes of America's fitness movement.

Miller has been named a winner of the "Healthy American Fitness Leaders Award." The nation's most prestigious and coveted health and fitness award, it is often referred to as the Academy Award of fitness leadership.

The award honors Miller's lifetime achievement in promoting health and fitness. In so doing, it honors a man who was among those to shape the resurgence of the physical fitness movement in America, who led the way when the rest of the
Country was at a crawl. It honors an undertaking begun four decades ago at a time when most members of the medical establishment agreed rigorous exercise was very dangerous for anyone over age 40.

Miller arrived at Sacramento's Central YMCA in 1955 with the strange notion that a regular program of physical exercise might do people some good. His start was inauspicious. In fact, Miller says, it was one of the hardest moments of his life. "I had just made a big pitch to start a men's physical fitness class," he recalls. "I thought maybe 25 would show up. One man actually appeared. I was so darned mad I cleared the floor of basketball players and the two of us held a running and exercise program."

Before long Miller's exercise programs had gained in popularity with participants but still received criticism from the medical profession, the public, the media, and even experts in the area of physical fitness. However, Miller is not the kind of person to let that get him down. Even the threat of a restraining order did not prevent him from carefully supervising the exercise program he had designed for a heart attack survivor (now common practice, but then considered a radical procedure). A year later the heart attack victim was feeling fine and swimming a mile three times a week.

That spirit characterizes the man who has been "singularly the most influential figure in moving the giant national YMCA program from a strong sports-oriented emphasis into a new age and a nationwide fitness undertaking that in today's world involves more youth and adults than any private organization in North America," writes the late C. Carson Conrad, former adviser to four presidents as executive director of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, who nominated Miller for the award.

Conrad also cites Miller as the architect of local fitness leadership seminars that eventually became the model adopted by the President's Council in the retraining of some 250,000 physical education teachers. Years ago, Miller created an early water fitness program and instructional methods for teaching men, women, and the disabled how to swim. He has since been honored for a lifetime accomplishment of personal instruction of some 12,000 beginning swimmers, most of whom were adults.

Though Miller says he has never been accused of being modest, his life testifies to a determined compassion for others. His years of volunteer service with numerous charitable organizations sometimes take a very personal twist. Once, Miller learned of a boy scout whose fear of the water had kept him from earning a merit badge for life saving. The badge was the only obstacle to the scout receiving the Eagle and God and Country awards. Over an 18-month period, Miller volunteered his Friday evenings and Saturday afternoons to help the scout overcome his fear of the water and so earn his badge.

With the national fitness award come requests to join a number of boards and councils. Miller dismisses the notoriety, saying, "We live in a world of heroes, and once you win an award like this, everyone wants on the bandwagon." He welcomes opportunities to serve, but says his first commitment is to spending time with his wife of 44 years, Dorothy (Hislop '42). He has agreed, however, to serve on a national committee charged with creating governor's councils on physical fitness in each state.

When the editors of the '43 yearbook promised that Vern "Wee" Miller would not be soon forgotten, they were referring to the memory of the Taylor community. Now, the nation has had its collective memory jogged. It seems that larger community, too, will not soon forget the man who, as a hero in the world of fitness, looms larger than his 5'11" height might indicate.—DM
1909
Helen B. Wengatz, widow of Dr. John C. Wengatz, died September 2, 1990, in Winter Park, Florida, following a long illness. John and Helen Wengatz served the Lord as missionaries in Africa for many years, always maintaining a close relationship with Taylor University where John later served as a trustee. Although not a graduate, Helen believed fervently in the ministry of Taylor University and was a beloved friend. Wengatz Hall, a campus residence for men, is named in their honor.

1916
Robert & Marie (Gibbs ’18) Tressler celebrated their 72nd wedding anniversary June 19, 1990. On August 18, Marie celebrated her 96th birthday, and on September 29, Robert became 100 years old. They live with their daughter and son-in-law, and report that they both enjoy life. Their address is 308 Charlotte, Portsmouth, VA 23701.

1926
Pascoe P. Belew x died August 20, 1990. He spent over sixty years in the ministry, including service as district superintendent of Georgia, evangelist and author of a number of books and articles. His widow, Marie, lives at 6903 Main Street, Apt. 152, Lithonia, GA 30058.

1927
Maurice Jones died August 22, 1990, at age 88. Maurice had devoted his life to the pastoral ministry in the United Methodist Church, except for a tour of duty as a US Army Chaplain during WWII. He and wife Hazel (Chamberlain) were married for 63 years. Hazel has established the M.L. Jones Memorial Fund to assist worthy Taylor students. Hazel’s address is 5231 East Cicero, Mesa, AZ 85205.

1933
Dr. Dayton Musselman x, a well-known educator and counselor, died September 24, 1990, in Fort Wayne, Indiana. During his long career he taught at both the high school and university level, served as a guidance counselor, and was active in community affairs. His widow is the former Hazel Simons x’34.

1934
Paul Illk x was honored by the Executive Committee of the World of Poetry by the selection of his poem, Your Life, for presentation at its Silver Poets Round-Robin convention on August 27, 1990, in Las Vegas. Paul has published a volume of his works titled The Sespe Sage Says. He lives at Crowell Memorial Home, Apt. 5, 245 South 22nd Street, Blair, NE 68008.

1939
Reuben & Kathryn (Rupp x’42) Short observed their 50th wedding anniversary on August 19, 1990, with a service at Pine Hills Evangelical Mennonite Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Reuben is a minister in the Evangelical Mennonite Conference, and the Shorts live at 3618 Naguaga Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815.

1948
Wesley & Dorothy (Horn) Bullis retired from High Street UM Church in Geneva, Indiana, on August 31, 1990. They are living at 1301 North Winthrop, Muncie, IN 47304.

1949
After more than 17 years as pastor of Royal Oak Missionary Church in Michigan, Vernon Petersen resigned July 1, 1990, and was named Pastor Emeritus. In June he received the DMin degree from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and is currently pastor of Maples UM Church in Fort Wayne. He and Wilma (Steiner ’47) live at 3916 Oak Park Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815-4720.

1951
Art & Carol (Dixon ’49) Mix have retired after 40 years serving Methodist and United Methodist churches in Indiana, New Jersey, Hawaii and Kansas. They have returned to Restminster Hale, their first home, in rural Kansas where Carol teaches English and psychology at Spring Hill HS and Art enjoys puttering on their five acres. Their address is RR 2, Box 164M, Louisburg, KS 66053. • Howard Stow died suddenly on August 13, 1990. He had retired a year ago from a career in farming, and had been a 4-H leader for 19 years. His wife, Barbara (Thamer x’55), lives at Rising Sun, Indiana.
1952
Lee & Ruth (Dixon) Truman live at 2814 East Roberta Drive, Orange, CA 92669. Ruth is associate vice president at California State Fullerton for research and external programs. Lee is in his sixth year as senior pastor of Orange United Methodist Church. Last year they were chosen by the Rotary Foundation to lead a group study exchange to India for five weeks. Lee is president of Rotary's Antique and Vintage Auto Fellowship.

1953
Michael Taylor Rex Gearhart is pleased to carry on the name of his grandpa, Rex Gearhart. Michael was born to Paul ’81 & Becky Gearhart on May 2, 1990. He is the fifth grandchild of Rex & Ruth (Gentile ’54), joining sister Chrissa and three cousins, Matthew, Kelsey and Kara Leigh. ● Joseph Hawkins x died September 16, 1990, at his home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, after a long illness. He had been active in community service, including coaching and directing a community center. ● After 31 years with Africa Inland Mission in Zaire and Kenya, Hal Olsen is now minister of missions at Calvary Undenominational Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Calvary helps to support over 100 missionaries in 30 countries. In May his work will take him to Romania. Hal and wife Sally live at 761 Bradford Place NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546.

1954
Guyvanna Truman of 1731 Manzana Way, San Diego, CA 92139, was named outstanding teacher of 1989 in the Chula Vista School District.

1962
Sheldon Basset has been appointed director of Solheim Center, an $8 million athletic facility of Moody Bible Institute which opened January 1, 1991. In addition to his responsibilities as athletic director, Shel directs the center’s urban ministry which emphasizes education by using athletics as a tool.

Janet (Mendenhall) Horner (Above, left) of 1551 Larimer Street #2403, Denver, CO 80202. Judy (Johnson) Leigh of 803 Westmoor Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80904 and Pricilla Bruce of 1 S 111 Spring Road, Oak Brook Terrace, IL 60181 pose for this picture, taken in the mountains near Judy’s home.

1963
Michael D. Zehr x passed away September 7, 1990.

1965
Dennis Moller died November 9 of complications following treatment of cancer. A memorial service brought hundreds of his friends, colleagues and students to praise God for the life and ministry of Dennis. His wife Nancy (Verdell) and their five children live at R. 4, Oakwood, Decatur, IN 46733. Eldest son, Matt, is a freshman at Taylor, and Nancy is a member of Taylor’s National Alumni Council.

1967
Carol (Chumney) Snyder died August 27, 1990. In 1984 she became the first systemic lupus patient to be transplanted with a kidney. She had a second kidney transplant in 1986. Her husband, Cliff, and sons Aaron (12) and Adam (7) live at R. 3, Box 85, Russiaville, IN 46979. Cliff and the boys miss her, but find comfort in knowing she is with the Lord.

1968
Terry Snyder was recently appointed pastor of First United Methodist Church in Washington, Pennsylvania. He and his wife, Shirley, are fully certified leaders for the Association of Couples for Marriage Enrichment (ACME). Their daughter, Shetley, is a freshman at Taylor. Son Mark is 15. They reside at 403 North Wade Street, Washington, PA 15301.

1969
After serving at Emmaus Bible College since his graduation, Don Dunkerton and family have moved to New Jersey where Don is a resident full-time worker at Kenilworth Gospel Chapel. Their address is 120 Cranford Avenue, Cranford, NJ 07016. ● Pat Moore has returned to the states permanently after missionary service with TEAM—12 years in Irian Jaya, 4 years at TEAM headquarters, and 3 years in Spanish ministry in Mexico and the US. Her temporary address is c/o her mother at Box 23, Modoc, IN 47358. ● Rick Poland recently coached his 14-and-under Maine ASA softball team to its second consecutive state championship. The 1990 team also won the runner-up trophy at the New England tournament, qualifying for the national tournament in Fort Worth, Texas. Rick is an attorney in Skowhegan, Maine.

1972
David & Janet Brown and son Jonathan have returned to England where David will resume his ministry with Muslim students. Their temporary address is 19 Frenchay Road, Weston-S-Mare, Avon BS2 4JL, England.

1973
Dennis Zimmerman has received a master of science in financial services from The American College, Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. Dennis is an associate in Gale Rickner Jr. and Associates in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

1974
Travis Robert was born February 13, 1990, to Larry & Sue (Rohrer ’75) Hunt and welcomed home by sisters Danielle (6) and Stephanie (3) Larry is a senior industrial hygienist with the
Alumni tour Europe, taste Old World life

Thirty-nine passengers comprised the 1990 alumni tour to Switzerland, Austria and Germany. Led by Dr. William Fry of Taylor’s English department, accompanied by his wife, Lura, and Betty Freece of the alumni relations office, the tour itinerary provided a variety of experiences—from the panoramic grandeur of the Alps to the culture and charm of Old World cities, and from the powerful spiritual impact of the Passion Play to the warm and intimate Christian fellowship within the group.

\section*{Left breathless: Tour participants experienced the glory of the Alps, as evidenced by this view of the awesome Matterhorn towering over the village of Zermatt in Switzerland.}

\section*{Opportunity of a decade: The world-renowned Passion Play, performed every ten years by the people of the village of Oberammergau in Germany, was a highlight of the alumni tour.}

\section*{Fancy meeting you here: Dave ’65 & Karen (Plueddemann ’66) Horsey of Kandern, Germany hosted the first-ever Taylor Club banquet for European alumni and tour group members. Nate Phinney and Kevin Roth, both ’90 and on a tour of their own, joined the fun.}

General Motors assembly plant in Doraville, Georgia, and Sue is at home with the children. The Hunt family lives at 1107 Wildwood Lane, Lawrenceville, GA 30045. David Wierengo has been appointed chief operating officer of Myro, Inc., and has been elected to its board of directors. David, who joined the firm in 1986, was included in the 1990 issues of Who’s Who in U.S. Executives and Who’s Who of Rising Young Americans, and was cited for his contributions in market and product development with plastic technology. He and Karen, with Jonathan (14) and Christina (11), reside at 9449 North Waverly Drive, Bayside, WI 53217.

1975

John & Peggy (Douglas) Hirt have a daughter, Heidi Lynn, born February 22. Big brothers are Christopher (10), David (8) and Brian (6). The family lives at 728 Wayfield Drive, St. Louis, MO 63132. John & Carol (Ives) Hughes announce the birth of Erin Colleen on July 13, 1990. John operates his own dairy farm and takes care of baby Erin while Carol teaches learning disabled students in grades 1-3. Their address is Route 1, Box 77, Decatur, TX 76234. Paul Kasambira, associate professor and director of minority student affairs at Bradley University, was selected to co-author the Second Handbook of Minority Student Services, in which he discusses factors essential to effective minority student services. Paul’s program at Bradley is considered to be a model by many administrators.

1976

Kevin & Carla (Stump ’80) Butcher announce the birth of Caroline Elizabeth on March 16, 1990. She joins Andrea (7) and Leigh Anne (4). The Butchers live in Harper Woods, Michigan, where Kevin is pastor of Ebenezer Baptist Church and Carla is a homemaker.

Gloria Grenwald-Mays has been appointed to the faculty of Webster University, St. Louis, as assistant professor, behavioral and social sciences. Gloria is also a licensed psychologist for Family Life Consultants in Collinsville, Missouri.

Mark Helm has been appointed pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church in Marion, Indiana, after serving as associate pastor for twelve years at West Shore Christian Fellowship in Muskegon, Michigan. Mark and Kathy, and sons Jeff (12), Jason (9) and James (2), are at home at 1115 West Third Street, Marion, IN 46952.

Jeff Meyer, basketball coach at Liberty University since 1981, has brought the sport from the NAIA to the NCAA Division II level, and now to NCAA Division I. This season they moved into a new 9,000-seat arena. Jeff and his family live at 303 Simsbury Lane, Forest, VA 24551.

1977

Brian Christy has been named director of development at Brebeuf Preparatory School in Indianapolis. He formerly served in the same capacity at Scottsdale...
Retreat reunites friends of '77, '78

On July 28, 1990, six couples from the classes of 1977 and 1978 retreated together to the Wandering Wheels Kitchen adjacent to the Taylor campus for a weekend of fun and fellowship. What was once a gathering of 12 has become a gathering of 27!—Hosts Brad & Gail (Verch) Pontius, both '77, of Upland, Indiana, and their three children; Dan '77 & Mary (Cargo '78) Wolgemuth of Nashville, Tennessee, and their three children; Randy & Debbie (Wolgemuth '77) Birkey of Oak Park, Illinois, and their three children; Larry '77 & Carol (McGregor '78) Stratton of Batavia, Illinois, and their two children; Gerry '77 & Karen (Baker x'78) Briggs of Russell, Pennsylvania, and their two children; and Mark '78 & Becky (Nordin '77) Verhagen of Cincinnati, Ohio, and their two children.

1979

Mark & Martha (Kashian) Collins are the proud parents of Stephen Milton, born July 11, 1990. The Collins family lives at 8354 Twin Pointe, Indianapolis, IN 46236. • Diane Gabrielsen received her doctorate in clinical psychology in 1987 from Rosemead School of Psychology at Biola University. She remained at Rosemead until 1990, serving as assistant professor of psychology. On June 9, 1990, she married David Cabush, PhD, a clinical psychologist, and is now working with David in private practice in Fullerton, California. Their home is at 779 South Ruby Lane, Anaheim Hills, CA 92807.

• Tim & Betsy (Lonie x) Martin are the happy parents of Anne Elizabeth, born August 20, 1990, and her sisters, Abigail (5) and Ellen (3). The Martin's lives at 117 Ashland Avenue, Elyria, OH 44035. • Heather Anne was born May 15, 1990, to Thad & Donna Lee (Jacobson) Poe. Her siblings are Ryan (5), Taylor (3), and Kristen (2). The Poe family lives in Danville, Indiana, where Thad is a family practice physician. • Dean & Suzanne Swanson announce the birth of Deanna Marie on October 1, 1990. The Swansons live in Clawson, Michigan.

1980

Paul & Leanne Beach were blessed with the birth of Megan Marie on October 7, 1989. She was welcomed home by sister Heather (4). Paul teaches business system analysis for AT&T. The Beach family resides in 164 Ronsaville Road, Hampton, NJ 08827. • Timothy & Teri (Murphy) Bulicek have a son. Jacob Andrew, born March 22, 1990. Teri is assistant dean of chapel at Gordon College, and Timothy is finishing his doctoral work at Boston College in higher education administration. Their address is 106R Highland, South Hamilton, MA 01982.

• Ruth (Vaporis) Davis has been named a manager in The Prudential’s North Shore Agency in Skokie, Illinois. Ruth and husband Jay live in Zion, Illinois, with their three daughters.

• Keith & Vicki (Daugherty x) Gollhuue announce the birth of Kelly Anne on March 20, 1990. Sister Erin is 2. They live at 8 Deer Park Circle, Blackwood, NJ 08012.

• Jann (Doehrman x) & Steve Irvin had a daughter, Jillian Breanne, on July 26, 1990. Brothers Ben (4) and Nathan (2) welcomed her home to 2411 Live Oak Road, Escondido, CA 92029.

• Jeff McFarland, a captain in the Marine Corps, is currently serving in Saudi Arabia. In an attempt to expose his men to the
gospel, Jeff and the chaplain use a desert tent as the setting for an effective small-group ministry. ● John McFarland, a graduate of Eastern Mennonite Seminary, left in January for language school in Tanzania. Serving under the Mennonite Board of Missions, John will travel throughout Kenya teaching Bible courses to African pastors.

● Nancy Wallace has been promoted to director of marketing for Focus on the Family, with responsibility for circulation development for seven magazines and two newsletters, as well as marketing and publicity for books and curriculum. Her address is 1136 Hayes Street, Irvine, CA 92720. ● Al & Jeannie (Swift) Wilgus, Andrew (4) and Amanda (2), welcomed the birth of Jonathan David on June 20, 1990. Al is a computer analyst at the Perry Nuclear Plant, and Jeannie is happily busy at home. The family lives at 420 River Street, Madison, OH 44057.

1981

Paul & Becky Gearhart and big sister Chrissa are pleased to announce the birth of Michael Taylor Rex on May 2, 1990. Paul is a youth minister at Southport Presbyterian Church, while Becky is enjoying being a homemaker. Their address is 3135 East Southport Road, Indianapolis, IN 46227. ● Kyle Timothy was born April 28, 1990, to Tim & Karen (Norcross) Norton. His sister, Karissa Brooke, is 6. The Norton family resides at 4464 Briarhill, Kalamazoo, MI 49009. ● Ray & Wanda Pfahler announce the birth of Joel Andrew on September 27, 1990, at Greenville (PA) Regional Hospital where his mother works part-time as a registered nurse. He came home to the parsonage of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church at Kinsman, Ohio, where his father has served as pastor since last February. Home address for the Pfahlers is 6590 State Route 87, Kinsman, OH 44428. ● Curtis William was born September 10, 1990, to Paul & Sherry (Bradford) Sanford who live at 25 Chidsey Road, Avon, CT 06001. ● Jarrett Michael was born July 17, 1990, to Mark & Lisa (Lehe '82) Smith. Mark is a marriage and family therapist in private practice with offices in Carmel and Martinsville, Indiana. Lisa is a programmer analyst at Resort Condominiums International. They live at 10112 Orchard Park West Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46280. ● Bob & Mary Ellen Summer recently moved from Fairbanks to Soldotna, Alaska, where Bob is teaching in a junior high school. They are the owners of The Summer Inn Bed and Breakfast in Haines, Alaska, and have employed two Taylor graduates, Amy Young '87 and Deb Spencer '88. The Summers have three children—Jessica (4), Rebekah (2) and Danika Nicole, born May 4, 1990. Their address is 281 Lorraine Court, Soldotna, AK 99669.

1982

Phil & Terri (Kesler '85) Collins and son Luke (3) welcomed Katelyn Jane to the family on August 31, 1990. Maternal grandparents are Jay '58 & Janie (Smith x'59) Kesler. The Collins family lives at 11805 Wainwright Blvd, Noblesville, IN 46060. ● A daughter, Nicole Park, was born July 11, 1990, to Thom & Peggy (Kendall x') DeWaele. Nicole has two big brothers, Nathan (6) and Andrew (3). The DeWaele family lives in the Boulder, Colorado, area where Thom is in real estate development and Peggy is at home with the children. Their address is P.O. Box 1135, Nederland, CO 80466. ● Mark & Kim (Ramsland '83) Mentzer are the proud parents of Ryan Mark, born September 10, 1989, and Jack Daniel, born September 14, 1990. Mark is owner/operator of Clayton’s Marina, and Kim is at home with the children. The family resides at 14 Seaside Avenue, Marmora, NJ 08223. ● Lori Weber married Ken Armstrong on May 12, 1990, in Indianapolis. Taylor participants were Deb Vogler '80 and Jeff Weber '85. The couple’s address is 1554 Greenbriar Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220. ● Douglas '83 & Kimberly (Westbrook) Willman were blessed by the birth of Kameron Westbrook on May 14, 1990. He was welcomed home by sister Kaley Faith (4). Doug is a southeastern regional manager for GNA Mortgage Investments, and Kim is at home with the children. Their address is 1218 Saddle Ridge Court, Kennesaw, GA 30144.

1983

Rachel Marie was born to Lee & Sharon (Locker) Augsburger on June 23, 1990. Lee is a corporate securities attorney with Bell, Boyd & Lloyd in Chicago, and Sharon is a full-time mom. The Augsburgers live at 263 Hill Avenue, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137. ● Brian & Carol (Barnes) Beall joyfully announce the birth of Ryan Carter on June 13, 1990. Brian is sales manager at Computer Service Center in Bloomington, and Carol returned in September to Bloomington Hospital where she works part-time as a charge nurse in the progressive care unit. The Bealls’ home is at 7170 Harmony Road, Bloomington, IN 47403. ● Stephanie Humbles (2) was pleased at the arrival of Allison Nicole on July 1, 1990. Their parents are Chip & Diana Humbles, 303 Jamestown Court, Collinsville, IL 62234. ● Lyle & Betsy (Burns) Johnson are pleased to announce the birth of Aleta Marie on May 14, 1990. She joins sister Ketubah, only 18 months her senior. Lyle is pastor of singles and college students at Metropolitan Bible Church in Ottawa, Ontario, and Betsy is a homemaker. Their address is 32B Sonnet Crescent, Nepean, ON K2H 8W7, Canada. They’d love to hear from old friends. ● Benjamin Reed joined the Korfmacher family on July 14, 1990. Mother Julie (Reed) is at home with Benjamin and sister Sara (3), and Daddy Ron is offensive coordinator, assistant track coach and athletic recruiter for Taylor University. The Korfmachers live at 309 Wright Street,
Upland, IN 46989. ● On August 26, 1990, Seth Mariowe stood atop Crestone Peak, and has now climbed 41 of the 54 Colorado 14,000-foot mountains. Seth is a gardener in the DC metro area. His address is P.O. Box 357, Cabin John, MD 20818. ● Wayne Landis and Beth Banmerlin were married July 7, 1990, in the UM Church, Akron, Indiana. Taylor participants were Scott Simpson, Dave Hosteller, Dave Ferris, Kurt Bullock ’81 and Rochelle Manor-Bullock ’88. Wayne is a math teacher and coach at Mentone Jr. HS. Beth completes her education degree at Manchester College this year. The couple’s address is P.O. Box 283, Mentone, IN 46539. ● Paul Timothy was born October 9, 1990, to Tim x & Penny (Smith x’84) Shultz, joining Emily (5) and Anne (2). They live at 3931 West Dakin, Chicago, IL 60618.

1984
Scott & Suzanne (LeMaster) Amstutz proudly announce the birth of Kelsey Cathleen on September 13, 1990. She was welcomed home by Isaac (2). Scott is a manager for Ernst & Young, and Suzanne keeps busy in their home at 7511 Rose Ann Parkway, Fort Wayne, IN 46804. ● Bob Benson was married August 25, 1990, in Troy, Ohio, to Mary Carrol Shipman, a graduate of Ohio State University. Bob and Mary live in Chicago. ● John & Jeanne Courtright are the proud parents of Philip Ryan, born September 30, 1990. In August they moved into their first home at 9316 Barkerville Avenue, Whittier, CA 90605. ● Tom & Janice (Shipley) Jentink received a double blessing on October 15, 1990, with the birth of twins, Alec Grayson and Nathan Thomas. The happy family lives at 959 Chatsworth Drive, Newport News, VA 23601. ● Shelley Glenn and Dave McClow were married June 2, 1990. Taylor participants were Glenn Harsch, Mary Moore, John Jacobi ’82, Joe Habecker ’83, Tim Glenn x’88, Tom Reynolds ’85 and Peggy (Blanchard ’82) Ranz. Dr. Larry Helyer performed the ceremony. Dave and Shelley live at 1140-F Mohawk Hills Drive, Carmel, IN 46032. ● Steve & Jana (Green) McGarvey joyfully announce the birth of Olivia Marie on May 16, 1990. Big brother Andrew is 2. Steve is a senior, children, youth and families counselor with the State of Florida, and Jana is a full-time mom. Their address is 825 South Wymore Road #7B, Altamonte Springs, FL 32714. ● Colby James was born October 6, 1990, to Jon & Cylinda (Monroe) Ring. They reside at 500 Inglewood Drive N., Baxter, MN 56401.

1985
Terri (George x’85) Allbrook completed the MEd in counseling and is now working as an elementary school guidance counselor in Spartanburg, South Carolina. She and husband Bob became the proud parents of Robert John III on August 22, 1990. ● Dan & Annette (Shipley ’86) Bragg announce the birth of Josiah Dan on March 17, 1990. Dan is a teacher and coach at Dayton Christian High School, while Annette is a full-time mother and homemaker. In June they took twenty high school students to the Dominican Republic for a two-week mission trip, with Josiah as the youngest team member. The Bradgs live at 317 Kenilworth Avenue, Dayton, OH 45405. ● Dennis & Valerie (DeBolt x) Kesler are the parents of two sons—Jonathan David, born December 6, 1988, and Daniel Barnabas, born August 24, 1990. They live at 119 Staunton Street, Piqua, OH 45356. ● Steve & Melinda (Harlan) Moffit and daughter Olivia will live for the next two years in Elizabethton, Tennessee, where Steve is enrolled in the Avionics Specialist Program at Moody Aviation. Upon the completion of his studies, they will serve on the mission field. Their address is R. 1, Box 2340, Elizabethton, TN 37643. ● John & Lori Montgomery announce the birth of Anna Marie on May 31, 1990. John has completed his MD degree at Indiana University and is now in a pediatric residency at Akron Children’s Hospital. They live at 538 Melrose Street, Akron, OH 44305. ● Steve & Tami Resch live at 4162 Plantation Cove Drive, Orlando, FL 32810. Steve is working toward the MDiv degree at Reformed Theological Seminary, and Tami is a nurse in maternal child health. ● Katelyn Elise was born April 30, 1990, to Michael & Patricia (Heath) Wills. Their address is 7062 Royale Drive, Hamilton, OH 45011. Mike is with Motorola, Inc.

1986
Only three weeks after her parents moved back to New Jersey, Paige Elizabeth surprised Greg & Renay (Rossi ’84) Billing by arriving six weeks early on April 7, 1990. After working together for three years at an ocean-front condominium in south Florida—Greg as general partner and Renay as sales manager—Greg is now vice president of the northeast region for JBS & Associates, Inc., a Chicago-based real estate consulting and auction firm, and Renay is a full-time mom. Their home is at 29 High Ridge Road, Randolph, NJ 08769. ● Rob & Jennifer Conley were married November 3, 1990. Taylor participants were Mick Bosworth, Terry Jackson, Jeff Rockey, Susan Conley ’90 and Mary Ann (Conley x ’88) Cameron. Their address is 14932 Beacon Blvd., Carmel, IN 46032. ● Michael Harlan married Cathy Williams on June 16, 1990, in Lewisville, Texas. Jeff Rockey and Monty Harlan ’87 participated. Michael is an electrical engineer with Texas Instruments, and Cathy is a 2nd-grade teacher. The couple resides at 2048 Vista Drive, Lewisville, TX 75067. ● Erin Lurie Porter, born October 1, 1990, made her first trip to Taylor’s Homecoming this fall with her parents, Juan & Carrie (Green ’83) Porter. Juan is manager of financial systems
with Asea, Brown, Boveri. The Porter family lives at 45 Stuart Avenue, Unit K, Norwalk, CT 06850. • Tove Shergold and Robert Gardner were married July 7, 1990, in Palos Heights, Illinois. They met while both were traveling with family on a Caribbean cruise, so they chose a Caribbean cruise for their honeymoon as well. Bob is a CPA with the Chicago Board Options Exchange. Tove was formerly employed by Yan- kelovich Clancy Shulman in Westport, Connecticut. They now live at 1046 Mohogen Lane, Schaumburg, IL 60193. • Don Vite and Leanna Henderson were married March 31, 1990, and moved to South Bend, Indiana, where Don is with Crowe, Chizek & Co. The couple resides at 295 East LaSalle Street #202A, South Bend, IN 46617.

1987
Daniel Carter married Nancy Grippi November 5, 1989. Taylor participants were Randy Southern, Marc Dubois, Kent & Darla (Griffith) Nelson and John Brand ’86. Daniel is a programmer analyst with International Mineral & Chemical in Mundelein, Illinois. He and Nancy live at 2851 Leanne Court, Northbrook, IL 60062. • Monty & Janette Harlan are happy to announce the birth of Benjamin James on August 18, 1990. Monty completed his studies at Wienenbrenner Theological Seminary last May and is now associate pastor at Wooster Church of God. The family lives at 640 Arlington Drive, Suite B, Wooster, OH 44691. • Michael & Cindy Heiniger announce the birth of Andrew Michael on May 27, 1990. The Heinigers live in Indianapolis where Mike is a senior auditor with Ernst & Young. • Rod Ogilvie and Coreen Zoroskki ’89 were married August 18, 1990, in Ripon, Wisconsin. Taylor participants were Jim Orr ’88, Walt Ogilvie ’85, Jim Zoroski ’94, Dave Ruths ’88, Rob Hanlon ’88, Yvonne Morrow ’89 and Carolyn Schumacher ’89. Rod and Coreen live at 17 Forest Hill Drive #203, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.

1988
Janeen Anderson left last September for Alaska where she is working for a year with National Ministries, American Baptist Churches USA. She is an editor/writer and is learning all about running a print shop. Her address is 1399 Springwater Drive, Fairbanks, AK 99712. • Michael Bertsche, actuarial consultant with Lincoln National Life Insurance Co. in Fort Wayne, has successfully completed a series of examinations earning him the designation of associate of the Society of Actuaries. Michael’s address is 2020-B River Run Trail, Fort Wayne, IN 46825. • Rob Hanlon & Jodi VanderMeulen ’89 were married October 6, 1990, in Grand Rapids. They are living at 2023A North Main #102A, Wheaton, IL 60187. • Jamey Schmitz and Rachel von Seggern were married June 30, 1990, in Delta, Ohio, with Jay Kesler ’58 as presiding minister. Other Taylor participants were Nathan Beadle, Aaron Neuman ’89, Brian Walls x’89 and Chip Jaggers ’69.

1989
Del V. Roth has been hired by Patterson Riegel Associates in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to oversee the desktop publishing department. • Jan Wallace and Robert Reber were married August 18, 1990, in Lafayette, Indiana, where both are graduate students at Purdue University. Taylor participants were Jeff Wallace, Donna Wallace x’85, Debra (Wallace ’80) Rice and Lisa Gammage ’90.

1990
Steve Heiniger and Dana Michel were married July 28, 1990. Participants from Taylor were Chris Otto, John Graham, Suzy Moeschberger, Mike Heiniger ’87, Brett Michel ’92, Ray Nairn ’89 and Jo Ellen Wallace ’91. Performing the ceremony were Thomas Murphy ’53 and Milo Nussbaum ’51. The couple’s address is 7171-C Jessman Road East Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46256. • Tim Murphy and Sharon Jones ’91 were married August 4, 1990, in East Lansing, Michigan. Taylor participants were Jeff Roberts, Julie Rose, Brad Pontius ’77, Mary Ann Spahr x’91, Jayne Deaton ’92 and Melissa Berger x’92. Sharon is completing her student teaching, and Tim works for Capin, Crouse & Co., a CPA firm in Greenwood, Indiana. Their address is 7110 #2B Foxborough Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46226.
“The Soviets have always believed in the integration of faith and learning,” says Dr. Stephen P. Hoffmann, professor of political science at Taylor for 11 years, “they’re just changing their faith.”

To Russia with love

Someone’s knockin’ at your door

Consider the following scenario:

Taylor University’s president decides there is a spiritual void in the kind of education the college has been offering. Part of the solution, he says, is to establish an exchange program with a Soviet Russian university so that Taylor students and faculty can be exposed to socialist ideals. The faculty itself votes to remove Bible survey courses from the general education requirement, and passes a resolution encouraging the religion department to offer courses on the history of atheism.

Sound incredible? Perhaps, yet this is analogous to what has now been happening at Soviet universities.

An elaborate system of atheist indoctrination has been developed in the Soviet Union over a long period of time. Until recently, church organizations were either barely tolerated or manipulated by the state for its own purposes. An alternative religion had been set up around the figure of Lenin, the leader of the 1917 Bolshevik Revolution, which turned the old Russian Empire into a new communist state.

Lenin’s writings were treated as scripture. His mummified remains still rest in a mausoleum just outside of the Kremlin walls on Red Square, a “holy of holies,” where viewing the body was intended to be an act of worship. The faithful chanted such slogans as, “Lenin lived, Lenin lives, Lenin shall live!”

Long lines still form outside of Lenin’s tomb daily. But now they are composed of the curious rather than the committed. Communism’s failure as an alternative religion is widely acknowledged in the Soviet Union. Whereas Lenin once declared, “Nothing is more abominable than religion,” Gorbachev’s tone is just the opposite as he acknowledges that “the moral values of religion generated and embodied for centuries can help in the work of renewal in our country.”

This new respect for the religious roots of morality is behind the recent initiatives by Soviet educators to establish education exchanges with American Christian students and faculty. When the Christian College Coalition invited member schools to “brainstorm” about possible responses to this interest last December, Taylor was among the first to become involved.

Less than a year later I flew to Moscow with representatives of eight other Coalition schools. From there, I and two others journeyed to Nizhni Novgorod, some 400 kilometers east of Moscow. Situated high on the bank of the Volga River, this city was until recently known as Gorky and had been closed to foreigners for reasons of national security. (Soviet authorities had exiled Nobel Prize winner and political dissenter Andrei Sakharov to Gorky so that Western reporters would no longer be able to talk with him.)

We were overwhelmed by the welcome we received there. The rector (president) of Nizhni Novgorod State University, his staff and students. There was no mistaking their eagerness for contact with specifically Christian colleges. What a thrill to face an auditorium packed with 500 students eager to ask questions about Christian higher education in America, and then to hear fresh-faced young Russians serenade us (in English) with the spiritual, “Someone’s Knockin’ at Your Door!”

Right now work is being done on a pilot program which could send a group of Taylor students and faculty to study at Nizhni Novgorod as early as this June. An equivalent group of Russians would participate in academic and co-curricular life at Taylor in September. The Lord seems to be providing a rare opportunity for that combination of education and ministry which reflects the very core of Taylor’s purpose as an academic institution.

Stay tuned.—SH
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