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Wonderland Campus
Christian Excellence
Some Of Our Best Mothers Are Women
Life is a piece of paper white
Where on each of us may write his word or two
And then comes night.
Greater begin, though thou have time but for a line,
Be that sublime.
Not failure, but low aim, is crime.

JAMES RUSSELL LOWELL
When the late John F. Kennedy was president, he had a requirement for himself and his advisors which he called a “passion for excellence.” I believe this is often a missing note in our Christian evangelical enterprise. Too often we come to an assignment poorly prepared, or continue to live with sloppy habits, or are careless in the handling of our various Christian responsibilities.

When my wife and I were in Africa a couple of years ago, we were guests one day in the home of Gary Player, professional champion golfer. He had become a Christian through the influence of Billy Graham. Gary has a little plaque in his home in Johannesburg which says, “God loathes mediocrity. He says ‘If you’re going to keep company with me, don’t embarrass me.’”

Dr. John Gardner, former head of the Carnegie Corporation, wrote a book with the simple title, *Excellence*, and the subtitle, “Can we be equal and excellent too?” In this book, Gardner attacks the idea that it is almost undemocratic to excel in something—to do something better than most others do it. Dr. Gardner states, “Society which scorns excellence in plumbing, because plumbing is a humble activity, and tolerates shoddiness in philosophy, because it is an exalted activity, will have neither good plumbing nor good philosophy. Neither its pipes nor its theories will hold water.”

Many Christians fall into this trap. We become uneasy about being the best or doing anything outstanding.

Dr. David McClellan, professor of psychology at Harvard, says, “Most people in this world, psychologically, can be divided into two broad groups. There is that minority who are challenged by opportunity, and willing to work hard to achieve something, and the majority, who really don’t care all that much.”

In an essay, one evangelical leader wrote, “We must stress excellence over mediocrity done in the name of Christ. We must determine to put our best into the arts, so that when we sing a hymn about Jesus and His love, when we erect a building for the worship of God, when we stage a play about the soul’s pilgrimage, we will not repel men, but attract them to God.”

“Excellence is, first of all, a measure. It assumes a standard, and conversely, excellence assumes inferiority.”

A word of caution: our motive must be to honor God, not to attract attention to ourselves or to others who perform with excellence. Dr. Kenneth Wilson, former editor of *Christian Herald*, makes this point in a thought-provoking editorial, “The Christian Celebrity System.” He wrote, “I respect talent, and I respect dedication, but I am a little wary about exploiting either, especially about exploiting one against the other. A great singer who sings for God is not doing God any particular favor.

“Must we constantly reassure ourselves by featuring big name testimonies, that God is for real? We won’t take it on the say-so of a garbage man, but let the word come from an astronaut, and wow! As things stand, the vocalist whose recording has sold a million copies makes a more promotable religious star than the quiet little lady in the church choir who might have lived much closer to the sharp edges of life’s hurts and joys. He has a talent and she hasn’t—but a talent for what? There were no celebrities when the faith began. A band of men had been challenged to be what they had never been. A challenge and a becoming that reached into every space and every moment of their lives. Suppose they had done it our way?”

Continues Wilson, “Take Peter, for example. After pondering hard to make his reputation work for Christ, they might have put out a press release. ‘This coming Pentecost, Peter will speak. Widely known as a former fisherman, his record catch, when the weight almost sank the boat, stands unbroken in the northern Galilee fishing conference.’ Or this, about another of His disciples. ‘Matthew, notorious tax collector, who last year made a decision for Christ, tells how he cheated for a liv-

ing. Hear the inside secrets that will enable you to save tax money.’

“I can’t quite put my finger on it,” says Wilson, “but there is something that widely misses the mark when we make what was and is a dusty Galilean way of life, a television special. Maybe we should stop desperately hunting and using celebrities. I am not sure that Jesus seeks first the Big Man on Campus or what it proves when a Sunday School teacher becomes Miss America.”

Now part of our problem in wrestling with excellence may be just some defective theology. Many of us have great difficulty in living with the Biblical truth that God makes all things possible—and the parallel truth that man has not only been given responsibility to act, but also is commanded to act.

In his Philippian letter, the apostle Paul has a great deal to say about this. In Philippians 1:10 Paul prays that we may have the ability to approve those things that are excellent. As He speaks to us in the Scriptures, God never allows the good to be the enemy of the best. “Be perfect, complete, as I am perfect,” is the standard. But where do we begin? Does a call to excellence mean a call to be excellent in everything?

Let’s have some definitions. Excellence is, first of all, a measure. It assumes a standard, and conversely, excellence assumes inferiority. It assumes there is a way of doing or being something that is less than the best or less than what it could be. Secondly, excellence involves a goal, an objective. It demands that we think beyond dreams, beyond concepts, that we think in terms of what ought to be.

Thirdly, excellence assumes priorities. It not only has to do with doing one thing well, but is concerned with a choice between goals. Some goals are less worthy and less honoring to God than others—goals that fall short of what God expects of us. It is not that there is only one right way for all men, but rather that the potential for excellence in some areas lies with all men.

Fourthly, excellence is a process. It is, in fact, more of a process than an achievement. Life is a process, management is a process. There are times when we can look at an individual or an event and pronounce it
Ted Engstrom presents a challenge to Christian excellence during the Time Management Seminar which he, along with Ed Dayton, conducted on the campus in August.

excellent. But, it is the pressing on that marks the person truly dedicated to excellence. Paul emphasizes the importance of striving toward the goal, and, according to the Psalmist, "He whose name alone is excellent desires always the best to be offered to Him."

This leads us to a fifth definition. Excellence has to do with a style of life. We are all different. Some men and women are ahead of their time. Some few are geniuses, most are not. A few are great preachers. Some are conceivers of grand ideas, while others are concerned with detail. But for each of us, excellence demands that we be true to the best that God has placed within us as individuals. The Christian leader can adopt nothing less as his goal.

Sixthly, excellence requires motivation. The first 80% of excellence is rather easily achieved. The next 15% is much harder. Only the highly motivated person on occasion reaches 100%. George Allen, former coach of the Washington Redskins, is quoted as saying, "I demand of my men 110%." What is he saying? He is saying that on the football field he demands that his men give far more than they think they are capable of giving. Too many people settle for 80% or 90% and rarely reach out for that 100%.

When Sir Winston Churchill was a young man, he attended a preparatory school in Great Britain. At the bottom third of his class, he appeared to have little potential even though he was the son of Sir Ran-
dolph Churchill. Winston then attended a university and went into his military career in India and Africa.

At age 65 he was selected Prime Minister. Near the end of his career, he was invited back to the prep school to address the young men. The Headmaster, in announcing the coming of Sir Winston, said, "In a few days our Prime Minister will be here. He is the greatest orator of our times, perhaps of all time. It behooves you young gentlemen," said he, "that you listen very carefully and take extensive notes on what this great man has to say." The morning came. This 5'5" genius was introduced effusively by the Headmaster. Upon coming to the podium and acknowledging the introduction, Sir Winston Churchill said, "Young gentlemen, never give up. Never give up. Never, never, never!" And with that he sat down. This was the sum total of his address. But I guarantee you one thing, those fellows
will never forget the advice of their Prime Minister.

One of my closest friends is Bob Cook, president of The King’s College. One day when I was wrestling with some problems and was about to give up, Bob said to me, “Look, Ted, it’s always too soon to quit. Courage is the ability to hang in there five minutes longer.”

I don’t know where you are in life, in your leadership role. I don’t know your frustrations and the mountains you have to climb. But I know this: it is always too soon to quit. Never give up. This is part of the pursuit of excellence. There is a joy in such achievement that most of us all too rarely experience. One of the mysteries of living is that whatever is easily achieved brings little inner satisfaction or reward. We need to think big. We need to believe in a big God.

However, too many of us are willing to settle for good enough instead of good—and good instead of excellent. We should never be able to equate mediocrity with the things of God.

Calvin Coolidge said, “Press on. Nothing can take the place of persistence. Talent will not. Nothing is more common than unsuccessful men with talent. Genius will not. Unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not. The world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are overwhelmingly powerful.”

Seventhly and finally, excellence assumes accountability. I believe that all of us need to be accountable to someone else. I think every leader needs three kinds of people with whom he identifies. First of all, every Christian leader needs a Timothy—someone to give himself away to. Paul had his Timothy. I have one. In fact, I have had several in my career. And I thank God for them—young men whom I have been able to give myself to. I urge you to have a Timothy.

Secondly, every leader needs a Barnabas—son of consolation, son of encouragement. Early in his career, Paul had Barnabas. I have a Barnabas, Dr. Carton Booth, a retired seminary professor. I go to him with problems and he prays with me, counsels with me, and holds my confidences. It is so important for leaders to have a Barnabas.

“... too many of us are willing to settle for good enough instead of good—and good instead of excellent.”

Thirdly, every Christian leader needs to be part of a peer group. For the last eight years, when in town, I have met with five men for breakfast every other Friday. It is not a prayer meeting, but we pray together. It is not a Bible study, but we refer to the Word of God together. We share with each other. There is nothing we would not do for each other. We are accountable to each other, and we motivate, challenge and inspire each other.

We all need to be accountable—either to our own inner standards or to the standards of a group. Oh, how we need that!

In summary, excellence is a measurement that assumes a standard of accountability. Excellence demands a goal. Excellence demands priorities, and that means telling people what comes first in our life. Excellence is a process. That means continually evaluating our progress. Excellence has to do with deciding what gifts God has given to us and how we should be responsible for these gifts. Excellence requires motivation. That is what it is all about.

How should you respond to the calling of excellence? Set out your goals. You cannot do everything—that is all right. Of those goals that you believe you must push toward, decide which have top priority. Then strive toward those with excellence. It was said of Jesus, “Behold, He does all things well.” The god of mediocrity, the god of the average, is not the God of the Bible.

Paul, in Philippians 1:9, says we will be able to tell how we can judge that which is excellent. He states, “It is my prayer that your love may abound more and more with knowledge and all discernment so that you may approve what is excellent and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ to the glory and praise of God.”

Note the purpose—the glory and praise of God. Note the goal—excellence. Note the steps to the goal—knowledge and discernment, thoroughly mixed together with abounding love. The measurement—the fruits of righteousness. The power—coming through Jesus Christ!

Faculty members and student leaders work on a time management project following Engstrom’s address. Left to right: Randall German, Robert Pitts, and seniors Sara DePree and Kevin Conklin.
On October 31, President Milo A. Rediger called a news conference to announce plans for a new football stadium at Taylor University.

The stadium will be financed through a gift of about $350,000 from John Wheeler, a 1954 Taylor graduate, and his wife Jodie. It will be named the Jim Wheeler Memorial Stadium in honor of the donor's late son.

Jim Wheeler, a 1979 Taylor graduate, died September 19, 1979, of cancer. Taylor officials stated that Jim was a highly-respected student at Taylor, and was well-known both on and off the campus for his musical ability.

Gregg Lehman, Executive Vice President at Taylor, said the stadium will seat 3,500 (3,000 on the home side) and will be equipped for field hockey and soccer. It also will have a heated press box. Dr. Lehman expressed hope that the facility would be ready by September, 1980, in time for the first home football game.

The University has yet to select the final structural design. One plan being considered would place the football field in an excavated bowl-shaped area with seating around the entire field.

The new stadium will be located on a football practice field east of the present stadium, close to the Don Odle Gymnasium. "We will be able
to utilize a total athletic complex," Lehman said. Dressing rooms, restrooms, and concessions all will be in one area of the campus.

The track around the present football field will continue to be used. Some of the old bleachers will be refurbished and used for track spectators, and some will be moved to the baseball field. One section of stands collapsed at last year's first home game, but no one was seriously hurt. Lehman said the University had become concerned about the long-range safety of the facility.

Taylor officials agreed that the new stadium should aid in the recruiting process. "This will be appealing to prospective students," Taylor Athletic Director Larry Winterholder, said. "I think this should really help our football program."

Taylor football coach Sam Sample, whose team experienced a losing season, was ecstatic about the new facility. "Our football program needs a kick in the pants, needs to be lifted up, and this will help accomplish that. We will promote football, the sports program, and above all, Jesus Christ," Sample added.

Besides attracting new students, Sample observed, the new stadium will demonstrate to present players that the University supports the football program.

John Wheeler said that the family gift also will serve as a fitting memorial to his son. "Jim was a very special guy," Wheeler said. "We have received many communications from coast-to-coast since his death—many from people we didn't know. All have spoken of the influence Jim had on their lives through his life, his music and his Christian testimony."

A memorial to Jim will be located outside of the new stadium. Wheeler indicated that it probably will contain a bust, a plaque and the text of some of Jim's songs.

He is happy to make the gift during a time when Taylor's football program is struggling. "I think maybe it's best that this is happening in a down year," Wheeler said. "This shows the guys on campus we are with them, win or lose."

Wheeler, who works in data processing in Franklin, Ohio, said he has attended an average of six Taylor football games a year since he graduated in 1954, and that Jim started attending the games with him at the age of 8.

Although Jim was not in a varsity sport at Taylor, he was interested in athletics and competed in four intramural sports. Before his cancer was detected last spring, Jim had hoped to go out for track.

Taylor officials spoke highly of the positive impact Jim had on the campus. "Jim was a likable, personable young man," Taylor President Milo Rediger said. "He was known by everybody on campus, and had a lot of visibility because of his music and outgoing personality."

Although he was a history major, Jim had a keen interest in music. He had written more than 100 songs, and, accompanying himself on the guitar, performed many of his works at campus concerts. Jim also was president of the Student Union Board his senior year.

According to Dr. Rediger, Jim's death had a major impact on the campus. "It really became a supercharged campus with a lot of deep emotion because of the genuine love for him," he said.

"God has blessed our family abundantly," John Wheeler affirmed. "We know that the only way to enjoy God's blessings is to share them. No one will be able to enjoy the new facility more than we enjoy giving it. And we want to perpetuate the kind of Christian influence Jim had," his father concluded. (Jim's mother is Carol Herber Coblenz x'56, of Dayton.)

Ironically, Jim had scheduled a campus concert for Sept. 22, the night his memorial service was held.
This article may not answer all your questions about the role of women in today's world—in fact, it may not answer any.

Art by Anne Mather '80

I ask you, what kind of woman dares to be a mother these days? I mean who really has that kind of fortitude? There was a time when it surely seemed easier—a time when a set of basic skills in making peanut butter sandwiches, producing laundry that didn't pucker or cling, and serving a cereal with roughage at least got you by.

No more! I speak especially for those mothers who are also called "professionals." We are a group torn between those who make their own apple pie crust and those who live by the Scarsdale diet using apples only for lunch on Tuesdays. We are the group that wears only dark-patterned polyester clothing suitable for traveling from staff development meetings to P.T.A. meetings, to women's caucus meetings, to the Little League ball field.

We are those mothers who want to believe fast foods will someday be discovered to be nutritious. It is we...
The committee has decided against food items this year—instead, each child is to donate clothespins painted like shepherds or other religious figures suitable for decorating Christmas trees—needed Wednesday. 2) The only time I can remember having all the laundry done with the socks coming out even was that same night I was awakened by a small child at 2 a.m. He then informed me he needed a costume that would make him look like Plymouth rock for the next day’s Thanksgiving play.

Some celibate psychologist once debated that for all children there are critical periods when a mother must be physically present. I suppose it was a committee of “Total Women” that decided that this prime time is at 3:30, when the children come home from school, or 2:15 on snow-looking days, 12:00 on the hot-lunch-program-ends days, and 2:45 on parent-conference days (possibly to discuss our child’s inconsistent classroom performance). Ideally, a warm cup of cocoa and a raisin cookie without preservatives are served during this prime time, as Mother listens to the child’s account of the day.

Incidentally, any boss I have ever worked for also regards this as “prime time” to hold staff meetings, to delegate a project that has to be done by 5:00, and to have you host a visiting site team evaluating your program before renewal of your grant.

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1. The study showed that there continued to be a need for both in both cities.
Other prime times are when children rise from their little quilt-covered beds in the morning, and at bedtime. The need for Mother during these times is not to be disputed. Mornings are needed for laying out fresh-smelling clothes, opening the curtains to the bright sunshine—or, if you’re like me—for convincing your child he could wear the only two remaining clean socks and no one will know that one has blue stripes and the other red ones as long as he is careful not to pull his pants legs up.

At our house, mornings are also a time to try to find the library book that was due last week, finish the science project by drying the paint with your hair dryer, and discover that your child’s only pair of tennis shoes was left outside last night and it rained.

To make the most of evening prime time we began a ritual that was carefully designed to draw the family closer together. A story with a moral was read, a song was sung, and a review was made of all the lovely things that had happened that day. The song “went” first when the harmony my husband and I sang could no longer be heard above the convulsive laughter. And the lovely events of the day also went by the wayside when they were too frequently vivid, nightmarish descriptions of who got sick in gym class.

We’re still hanging onto the meaningful stories with a moral, but I really think they lose something when I’m called on to explain why that Dutch kid didn’t just report conditions to the Environmental Protection Agency instead of standing there with his finger in a dyke.

Despite our noble efforts, absolutely everyone challenges professional mothers. Now it’s about money. If our services are free, we are seen as making significant contributions, but the minute we pull a paycheck, we are expected to have guilt feelings. There is only one way to deal with it: think of your children. Your salary is a check with deductions—a deduction for the children’s accident, health, and life insurance, a savings bond for college (should they ever get the hang of school), and a mutual fund to move with the economy so you can keep up on the orthodontist payments.

The advice never stops. Even the utility company sends me little notes on how to save money so I can take my children to some faraway place and get acquainted with them (presumptuous, to say the least).

The real blow to the professional mother’s ego is that she is accused of not looking as good as full-time mothers. One must remain alluring for one’s husband and provide a good model for developing children. They’ve challenged all of me, including my chipped nails, non-moist lips, protein-deprived split ends, flakey elbows, one-quarter inch eyelashes, and my very, very tired blood. Marabelle Morgan’s “total woman” approach of a bubble bath before the husband arrives home got me nowhere. He still wanted dinner. Let me tell you, the smell of roast beef is still preferred by the middle-aged American male over any perfume the French have come up with to date.

In desperation I suggested to my husband that in the interest of our children’s development with their need for a suitable model, and their desire to feel proud of their mother, we should forego the addition to the house, sell one car, become vegetarians, and use the money for my face-lift. “Lift to where?” queried my sensitive husband. Oh well, maybe veils will come back.

At any rate, I really feel I’ve got a good handle on educational toys. As a professional counselor, you see, I understand these things. When we brought each son home from the hospital, we were ready, with books at the foot of the bed (classics only with full-page glossy color pictures), colorful animated mobiles of the universe hanging from the ceiling, and piped-in music night and day (Mozart and Buxtehuda mostly). From there we went to buying books only from salesmen with Ph.D.’s in child development and purchasing toys sold only in museum gift shops.

In addition, our children’s lives have been rich with lessons in piano, aquatic sports (better known to the masses as swimming), learning North and South American bird calls, and creative latch hook weaving. Children don’t always let you know how meaningful these experiences are to them, however. I am sure someday they’ll wonder where the animated clown is that recites Russian poetry, and start asking questions about the models that show the full circulatory and digestive systems. And I can hardly wait until they want to share fun stories about the tsetse fly life cycle with their children.

So you see, we professional mothers do have some very special insights. But there is still research to be done, for some basic questions still baffle even us. In all honesty I must admit that I really don’t know why there would be a sock in the egg drawer, or how children get muddy walking downstairs to the choir room. I’ve actually decided it would be better not to question why our six year old requested prayer for the Pink Panther in church last Sunday or why a dead bird is now resting in a dresser drawer and is to be given mouth-to-mouth resuscitation at a later, more convenient time. And I am not even certain I want to know why “mother” was written in pencil on a “Things I am Thankful For” list when everything else was written in ink.

But then, why do I need to know—it was there, wasn’t it?

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Students in Dr. Harold Snyder's conservation class study management of the environment during a tour of the Hardwick Pines Timber Reserve.

Wonderland Campus

"The exciting thing about taking a course at Au Sable is that you get out of the classroom and into His classroom."

6:45 a.m.—A cloudy, 35-degree morning is slowly breaking over a heavily-wooded area—the Au Sable forest.

Suddenly a lone figure darts out of a two-story cabin and streaks down a dirt trail in the gray mist. The silhouette trips over a trailing arbutus, stumbles through a patch of bracken fern, and caroms off a red pine on his way to a small shack approximately 80 feet from the cabin. He disappears into the building, shivering and slightly shaken.

6:47 a.m.—The sound of a shower being turned on resounds through the woods. A scream pierces the air. Five men bolt upright in the bunks back in the cabin, glare at their alarm clocks through sleepy eyes, then slide back into the warmth of their sleeping bags.

7:29 a.m.—The five men, now in the standard Au Sable attire—jeans, T-shirts and jackets—stop by the little shack on their way to breakfast. They almost expect to see their early-bird comrade frozen stiff under the cold shower. But, somehow, the will to survive prevails.

Cold mornings at Au Sable are standard, but cold showers in that drafty little shack were an added feature for the six male Taylor students (including this frost-bitten author) who were relegated to the sole unheated dorm that was also sans bathroom. However, it is the only remaining primitive building at the field station.

The other barn-shaped dorm on

Text and photos by Kurt Bullock '81
the grounds comes complete with heat and plumbing. Other living areas are even more plush—the basement of Camp Director Bob Barr's house and a new four-room apartment house affectionately called the "Holiday Inn." The camp also recently purchased a small resort on Big Twin Lake for use as faculty housing and supplemental student living area.

A spacious lodge is the meeting place for most of the students. One wing of the lodge holds a kitchen and craft area while the opposite end sports a cozy library. Three new buildings include a pre-fab gym with concrete floor, a tinted plate-glass-windowed dining commons, and a two-room science lab.

The camp, now officially titled Au Sable Trails Institute of Environmental Studies, began in 1958 as a Junior Science Camp for boys. The Institute has gradually evolved from a recreational summer camp to its current status as an educational institution offering primary, secondary, and college students a comprehensive curriculum in the environmental sciences. The objective of the Institute is "to be a center for the collection and dissemination of environmental information to the Christian community and to the general public."

Operation began on 65 acres of land donated by Dr. Clarence Snyder in 1964. An additional 80 acres were willed to the Institute by Louis Kleinschmidt, a friend and neighbor, in 1969. A body of water in front of the camp is named "Louie's Pond."

The Institute is located on Big Twin Lake near Mancelona, Michigan, approximately 70 miles south of Mackinac City and 60 miles east of Traverse City.

The faculty and staff consists of Education Director Dr. Harold Snyder, who is in charge of college programs; environmental education specialist Patricia Fogg, who coordinates community and school programs; Camp Director Bob Barr, who is responsible for retreats and camp maintenance; Dr. E. Richard Squires, who heads field research; John Ayers, biology and zoology teacher; and Gloria Whelan, environmental literature teacher.

Here is an environmental wonderland. A flock of over 80 Canadian geese live on Louie's Pond along with a small family of wild mallard ducks. Chickadees and woodpeckers are familiar sights, as are numerous other wild birds. Squirrels are common and chipmunks abound—outdoors and indoors. (Have you ever tried to drive a frightened chipmunk out of a building?)

The beaver pond is a nature paradise. Located about ¼ mile from the camp center, it is the home of dozens of cedar waxwings that constantly swoop out over the water in search of...
insects. Lilly pads and beaver lodges dot the surface of the water. The beavers usually come out at dusk. With a little patience and a lot of quiet, one can usually observe them in the evening.

But what makes the Au Sable experience so wonderful is not just the camp itself, but the educational opportunities within easy driving distance of the Institute. A trout fish hatchery, the Hardwick Pines timber preserve, and a lumber mill are three of the places Dr. Snyder takes Conservation classes to give them examples of mans' management of the environment.

The classes also visit the beautiful Scenic Landslide area and study a bog. Both offer a view of nature that could never be found on the campus or at any college. Also on the agenda is the Grass River Project, an environmental area the class reaches by canoe. The students have helped the Department of Natural Resources erect signs in the area asking visitors to maintain the natural beauty of the Grass River.

While our Conservation class worked its way through the wilderness for three weeks, entymology students were busy gathering insects. Net over one shoulder and killing jar in hand, the dedicated “bug-ology” students looked night and day for specimens in trees and weeds.

By the middle of the third week they had a collection of insects fit for a museum. Bugs of every size, shape, and color were pinned individually to styrofoam blocks in cigar boxes. And these boxes, along with books and microscopes used for identification, were spread across the tables in the science lab. Standing among the thousands of dead gave me an eerie feeling. It made me curious to know what went on in the Biology and Aquatic Biology courses taught the three weeks previous to my Conservation class.

But classes didn’t occupy all our waking hours (heaven forbid our being too studious). Volleyball games followed supper every night, while Big Twin Lake offered swimming, sailing, canoeing, and waterskiing. The beach was even a great place to sleep out overnight. Basketball goals available outdoors and in the gym were used regularly. A softball field and tennis courts are in the process of being constructed. In the lodge, students enjoy a piano and stereo system along with a library complete with popular magazines.

Au Sable isn’t isolated; visitors come and go nearly every day. The students were graced (?) by the visits of Dean Pitts (checking our educational fulfillment), Prof. Bob Freese (observing Dr. Snyder’s structured teaching methods), Don Odle (complete with golf clubs), and Taylor’s Security Chief Basil Dempsey (making sure none of the geese were double parked) during our three-week stay in August.

The exciting part about taking a course at Au Sable is that one gets out of the classroom and into His classroom. The beauty of the area is phenomenal. And one is not out of civilization—only in a small, primitive, wild sploch that has been set aside for some very fortunate students to see and experience—experience in a way that no student on a campus ever could. ☺
Many American families today will gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.

One, from South Nyack, will not. Mike and Janet Sonnenberg and their children, Jamie and Joel, will spend the day in a Boston children's hospital. They will enjoy a sumptuous turkey dinner, although Joel will eat his while peering out at his parents and sister from the inside of a bacteria-resistant plastic tent.

Joel has no fingers or toes. He has lost his ears, nose, eyelids and lips. His body is covered with skin grafted from the tiny portions where the skin did not burn off in an automobile accident in Hampton, N.H., in September.

But the Sonnenberg family won't ask the Lord's blessing because they will be too busy today giving thanks for the rich rewards they feel they already enjoy.

Joel, you see, is still alive. He turns 2 years old today. Weeks ago, just after the accident, he was not expected to live. No one has ever survived this long before after being burned as badly as little Joel Sonnenberg.

And for Mike, 33, a professor of anatomy, physiology and biology at Nyack College, it seems that no one has ever been as richly blessed with the love and generosity of others as the Sonnenberg family.

"We'd have to be among the most thankful people this Thanksgiving," Mike said Tuesday, reached by phone at his Boston lodgings, the home of a family he had never met before the accident; one of the many families that have reached out since September to the Sonnenbergs, alone and in crisis.

The crash was on northbound 95, near the Hampton exit, Saturday, Sept. 15, about half past four in the afternoon. Jamie, who has since turned 4 was all right. So was Janet. Mike sustained severe burns on his left side, arm, shoulder and hand. His cuts needed more than 30 stitches to heal.
But Mike hardly remembers what happened to him, even though he has yet to regain full use of his left hand and must wear a glove for a year.

“I was unconscious, and I woke up about 10 minutes after the accident,” Mike recalled. “The first thing I saw was my son in front of me, still in the infant seat. My wife, my daughter, and a sister were standing alongside, looking at me and my son.

“Joel looked like a war victim, entirely black. I had never seen anyone burned that much.”

From the nearby hospital, Joel was eventually brought to the Shriners’ Burn Institute in Boston, while Mike was cared for at Massachusetts General Hospital for six weeks. The children’s hospital, which the Shriners organization fully supports, takes only the most serious of juvenile cases. Its Bacteria Controlled Nursing Unit, Joel’s plastic tent, is the only one of its kind in operation, Mike said.

While the Shriners’ doctors worked on Joel, using experimental techniques and technology that did not exist as recently as two years ago, the Sonnenberg family found itself adrift in New England.

Coming from Michigan, the Sonnenbergs didn’t have any friends or relatives in that part of the country. But there were other people who did, and strangers quickly became friends as what Janet calls the “Christian network” went to work.

“The day of the accident,” said Mike, “I was in the hospital, and when my wife and son went to Boston, our daughter Jamie had no place to go. So, a lady took her in and kept her for a week, and when she came back to us, she had no fear or trauma about the whole accident.

“Grace Conservative Baptist Church in Nanuet purchased us a car. Friends through the church helped us financially. The Park Street Church in Boston found a place to stay. And people keep coming up from the churches to visit us — people we don’t even know.”

Said Janet, “Our pastor in Nanuet would contact people that he knew, and they would contact people they knew. People are praying for Joel in South America, in Africa, everywhere in the world. People have written to us from Oregon, Wyoming, Texas. It’s unreal.”

“Here’s Joel, just 2, and he’s affected so many people’s lives,” Mike added. “They’re praying for Joel, but their lives have changed. They’re spending more time with their children, and trying to help other people. They’re praying for Joel, but miraculous things seem to be happening to them.

The Sonnenbergs are deeply religious people. For them, God is an important part of everyday life. But they said today would be an even more special day for them than any previous Thanksgiving because of what they’ve learned from the pain of the last two months.

“We’re having a nice Thanksgiving,” Janet said, “because we can really identify with the Pilgrim fathers, who were so grateful for the basic necessities. We’re so thankful for Joel’s life.”

Joel Sonnenberg’s young body has had to endure some 15 separate operations. He suffered burns all over his skin and deep into his skull. But his parents say he was spared any brain damage. “He waves cheerfully with a fingerless hand across the clear plastic, and I says, ‘Daddy, Mommy, yes, no, bottle, peas, stuff like this,” Mike said.

“His alive and kicking and acting a lot like a normal 2-year-old,” Janet added.

The doctors don’t yet know what will happen to Joel Sonnenberg. He could live for only a few months or for a full lifetime. He could have to wear a football helmet every day for 20 years. Or, with the resilience of youth, he could recover.

“There are so many negative things about the whole situation,” Mike said, “but he has taught us a great deal about what to appreciate in life.”

Young burn victims’ families, like a large and far-flung American clan, are gathering today at the Boston hospital for a bittersweet Thanksgiving to share hopes and fears they can only share with each other.

They will all sing Happy Birthday to Joel Sonnenberg, who will hear and understand. And if they also sing the traditional Thanksgiving hymn, Joel’s parents will be there to testify with their faith to its closing phrase: “He forgets not his own.”
Professor Krueger. The Ad Building fire crisis brought out one of the great strengths of Taylor.

**Gordon Krueger:**

*The Chemistry Was Right!*

An interview with Gordon Krueger

by Barbara Stedman '80, Staff Writer.
The last quarter of a century in Gordon Krueger’s life has been, in a word, Taylor University. During those 24 years, “Prof” Krueger has served as head of the chemistry department; in fact, in the early years, he was the chemistry department.

But as of May, 1979, those years were bid adieu, and Prof is now learning the ways of retirement. He seems to have caught on quite well, too, as retirees so often do, but it’s going to be a long, long time before the professor in him disappears.

It seems that nearly every incident in Professor Krueger’s twenty-four years at Taylor is permanently embedded in his memory and will undoubtedly provide him with countless stories to tell his grandchildren for many years.

For one afternoon, Taylor University Magazine was privileged to become one of those “grandchildren” and ask questions and listen to Prof. Krueger reminisce about his career, his spiritual growth, and other significant areas of his life.

We now share those reminiscences with our readers.

What are some of your most interesting recollections?

Certainly one of them would be coming to Taylor for the first time for my interview with Dr. Rediger, Academic Dean. He suggested that Ruth and I come to campus at Youth Conference time in late April. We came from Michigan thinking it would be spring in Upland. Instead, we had a real blizzard with high winds and severe cold.

Under these conditions, the chemistry facilities in the basement of the old administration building were not very enticing. You name it, we had it: termites so bad the maintenance people could hardly replace the wooden window sills fast enough, glass bottles that I had to break up, and shelves that were falling all over the place. We finally had to tear out a partition to give more room for the class, and I was given a piece of an office in the back — with no telephone. It was my wife and I who painted it all, too.

Dr. Rediger sensed our uncertainties but gave encouragement that if I came, Taylor would do all it could each year to improve the department and its facilities. I must state he kept this promise through the years, and the department grew not only in equipment but in the addition of very capable personnel.

This first chemistry room was enlarged to hold 20 to 25 students, and as more interest was shown, we had to move to the library to accommodate up to 40 or 50 students.

Another interesting recollection was watching the construction of Sammy Morris Dormitory, as we looked out from the chemistry room in the old “Ad” Building. The “lift-slab” method was unique and gave the opportunity for us to say we had jumped off the roof of the dormitory (since it was only about five feet off the ground).

The greatest and most traumatic experience, however, would have to be the burning of the old administration building in 1960. The chemistry department lost every piece of equipment, glassware and chemicals. All that was saved was one gross of asbestos-centered wire gauze squares valued at $1.25. We were fortunate that this fire was during final examination week right before the end of the first semester. This gave us some time to replace equipment for the spring semester. Indiana, Purdue, and Ball State Universities gave or loaned us glassware, hardware, and balances until our ordered equipment was received.

A “crisis” like this has some blessings also. We eventually had a new block building (now the administration building), but in the meantime we were fortunate to find gas, drains, and water in the basement of what is now the Communication/Theatre Arts Building. Dr. Nussbaum opened the old science building for our classes and general chemistry laboratories, and experiments were done by demonstration with four students taking different responsibilities.

It was a great loss and adjustment, but everyone was most helpful and cooperative. In fact, the fire served as a rallying time for the campus. I can say, too, that it helped me to grow spiritually by helping me to dig in a little deeper.

What has been most significant to you in your spiritual growth?

The time when Ruth and I broke away from industry where we apparently “had it made” was a real spiritual transition. As you may know, I was a quality control chemist and later a research chemist for the Pet Milk Company for 15 years. After dedicating my life to Christ in 1952, I felt led to go into a new work. In the transition from the security of a good industrial job, I relied on the good promises of Joshua 1:5, 9 and Isaiah 41:10. The faithfulness of God to see me through in this adjustment helped me in coming to Taylor to develop the chemistry department.

The Lord has shown His blessing in giving a new building, new equipment, very capable and Christ-loving colleagues, and wonderful, conscientious students who have gone out into the world in their respective fields of service. These students contribute to the professor in many ways, either from an inspirational or an intellectual standpoint.

Another thing that really helped me in the first years at Taylor was the Holiness League, which I sponsored for a number of years. The group was oriented toward building a deeper and more personal spiritual life, and it exercised not only the students’ spiritual lives, but mine too.

What are the most significant changes you have seen in your 24 years at Taylor?

I’ve seen the enrollment increase from only 500 students to the nearly 1600 of today, as well as a large increase in the number of faculty and staff members. There’s been an increase in supportive measures for the incoming of college instruction and residence hall living, and I can think of several areas in which this has occurred. The budget magnitude, for example, has increased by a factor of five or six since 1955. Health care facilities have been improved from a few rooms in Wisconsin dormitory to the beautiful Haakenson Health Center. Campus maintenance once had a small staff and only one truck, compared with the large staff and the
equipment needed today. Communications have advanced from a few telephones and “outside lines” to phones in every office, a great number of “outside lines,” and a Suvon system for use throughout the state.

Taylor has gone from a static, non-expanding, non-building campus to one of many fine, new buildings. Au Sable Trails, the biology camp in northern Michigan, was established, and now has many new facilities and a year-round program. The athletic and intramural fields, too, have been rebuilt.

If you had your career to live over again, what would you do differently?
I would like to have started earlier in my life working with young people. Never in the world had I planned to teach, and so it worked out that I served in industry fifteen years before I was channeled into teaching. It’s been stimulating and very rewarding to work with college young folk, and I guess it was just God’s planning that I had to wait so long to work with them.

How many Taylor students have you taught altogether, and have you found the student-professor relationship to remain generally stable through the years?
I had classes ranging from fifteen to eighteen students in the beginning, and moved up to seventy-five when we were in what is now the administration building. I’d say I’ve taught pretty close to 3,000 students. I had a different kind of student in the earlier years. Many were older and had served in the armed forces. In our advanced classes, students were especially conscientious.

I feel that we (the chemistry professors) have had a good rapport with our students and with the science faculty. Many of the students I had were a great inspiration to me and later went on to become physicians, dentists, teachers, and businessmen.

What do you consider to be Taylor’s greatest strengths today?
The fire crisis brought out one of the great strengths of Taylor, and that is the desire to “care and share.” I have never forgotten how the student body gave each faculty person involved in the fire $50 to use in office replacements.

I believe that this sensitivity to care is still shown today by our alumni and friends in their loyal support, by the students in their prayer vigils for their classmates and needs of the campus, and by the faculty-staff in their faithful service.

I hope that the Taylor community does not lose or diminish in this “caring-sharing” strength. I believe it will take a continued inventory and prayerful vigil not to become complacent and indifferent to the needs of the individual and our campus as a whole.

What are some of the greatest lessons you have learned during your career?
I have learned that one should not “give up” on students in their academic goals and life aims. I found that as they matured, many became motivated to study and move toward their goal. It’s good that God doesn’t “give up” on us as we certainly have many spiritual lessons to learn also. We need to recognize more as we go along that the Lord’s promises are there for us, and they really hold true if we can just take them.

What do you think are the greatest problems facing the Christian world today?
I’m sure we all have the problems of complacency, especially when things keep going along so nicely for us. We need to remember that we can’t do anything without the Lord, and we need to recognize the source of our strength and our help.

We must acknowledge that we’re dependent on the Lord and then dependent on each other. This is true in the classroom and within the faculty relationships. I just feel we should watch that we aren’t too quick to criticize or take the other person for granted.

What do you consider to be the most significant advances made in your field during your career?
For one thing, high quality and innovative audio-visual aid material has become more easily available to the teacher and the student. These new aids help in subject presentation, tutorial instruction, and individual student review. In addition, there is vastly more information, both descriptive and theoretical, available in chemistry class and in the laboratory textbooks.

I must mention, too, the significance of the new and more sensitive instruments that have been developed for chemical analysis.

What do you foresee in the field of chemistry in the next ten years?
Even though there’s a lot of opposition now, it seems that one of the hopes for chemistry’s future is in the energy realm, particularly nuclear energy. I think that nuclear chemistry, along with solar energy, is one of the most effective answers to the energy problem.

Chemotherapy’s future is going to be very interesting in the control of cancer. We don’t know how close scientists are to coming through with that “right” chemical for treatment of certain types of cancer.

I don’t know how far we’ll get into the realm of chemical or synthetic foodstuffs to help starving people. I suppose it’s just like in the past; all the applications and the improvements we’ve had to date are amazing. Who can tell what the next 10 or 20 years will hold?

Do you have any special concerns about Taylor or about students today?
One of the areas I’m sure we want to be cautious of, or recognize a possible concern for, is in Taylor’s growth. When we came to Taylor, there were about 500 students, and we knew almost everyone; we felt more like a close unit. I’m not saying this is a weakness now, but I think it’s something we have to watch as we become larger. We have to watch that we don’t get indifferent and that we really care about each other, whether it’s student for student or faculty member for student, and so forth.

As I stated before, I think Taylor will remain a “caring and sharing” community; but we must remember
Following the ‘Ad’ Building fire of January 1960, Gordon Krueger (standing at right) improvises an emergency.

there are going to be forces trying to tear down any work or witness done for the Lord. Whether it’s in the size of the enrollment, in a certain type of student, or just complacency among all of us, these are things about which we have to be concerned.

What are your plans for retirement?
At this stage I’m spending most of my time visiting or relaxing and playing some golf. I’ve dabbled a bit in art, and I’d like to rekindle my interest in oil painting. My wife and I are going to do some traveling soon, and we’re hoping that somehow this can be used as a ministry. You meet all kinds of people who have needs, but right now we don’t know how the Lord will lead us or what He’ll have us do in helping meet these needs.

In short, how would you summarize your years at Taylor?
All in all, what I’d like to say is that the Lord has been very faithful in helping me here at Taylor. I know that He has blessed abundantly in so many ways—personally, through my colleagues and students, and with a modern science building.

A Tribute
President Milo A. Rediger

Twenty-four years ago I was seeking a chemistry professor who, because of his perception of the Taylor vision, would be willing to conduct a top-quality educational program in somewhat less-than-adequate facilities—the ground floor of the old administration building. Gordon Krueger accepted that challenge and has ever since been involved in the progress to what the Taylor program now is.

Professor Krueger has been a good teacher of many students through the years, a friend and adviser to them in their planning, and a friend to all of us, not only as a colleague, but as neighbor and Christian brother. His contribution to Taylor University extends to wherever the students have gone, in service to mankind and in building the Kingdom of God.

The Kruegers’ friendship and loyalty are still enjoyed and appreciated by those of us who live in the Taylor community. We wish them God’s continuing rich blessings.
ON AND OFF CAMPUS

Men’s Basketball

Jan.
22 Anderson College A 7:30 p.m.
26 Defiance College H 8:00 p.m.
30 Wilmington College H 8:00 p.m.

Feb.
6 Earlham College H 8:00 p.m.
9 Manchester College H 8:00 p.m.
13 Bluffton College A 7:30 p.m.
16 Findlay College A 7:30 p.m.
19 Hanover College A 7:30 p.m.
23 Earlham College A 3:00 p.m.

Women’s Basketball

Jan.
22 St. Joseph’s College A 4:00 p.m.
25 Indiana Tech. Inst. H 7:30 p.m.
29 St. Francis College H 7:00 p.m.
31 St. Mary’s College A 5:00 p.m.

Feb.
5 Marion College H
8 Ball Stare “B” A 5:00 p.m.
9 DePauw University H 2:00 p.m.
12 Indiana Tech. Inst. A 7:30 p.m.
16 Goshen College A 2:00 p.m.
19 Manchester College A 6:00 p.m.

Bishop and Mrs. Dodge Return To Rhodesia

The Executive Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church has asked Bishop Ralph E. Dodge ’31 to return to Rhodesia as interim Bishop. He succeeds Bishop Muzorewa who has been named Prime Minister of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia. Ralph and Eunice (Davis ’31) plan to return to the United States next year to attend General Conference at Indianapolis. Their address is P.O. Box 3408, Salisbury, Zimbabwe-Rhodesia.

Trojan Club Members Receive New Publication

The fall issue of “Locker Room Notes” has been published and sent to all Trojan Club members. “Locker Room Notes” is a six-page tabloid newspaper featuring in-depth news of all athletics at Taylor, plus interviews with coaches.

The December issue highlights women’s basketball and men’s basketball and wrestling. Also included are articles about Paul Patterson, new basketball coach, and Randy Osborn, new interim wrestling coach. Regular membership in the Trojan Club is $25 annually. Donors of $100 or more will be enrolled as Honorary Captains and will be given a plaque. If you wish to join the Trojan Club, please contact Howard Taylor, Director of the Annual Fund, Box 459, Taylor University, Upland, IN 46989.

Odle Speaks to Pros

Included among Don Odle’s varied audiences are professional baseball and football teams to whom he occasionally presents his Christian witness during pre-game devotions. He is shown below, speaking to the Baltimore Orioles in September.

Faculty Vacancies Announced

Taylor is seeking candidates in the following disciplines. Inquiries and recommendations should be addressed to Dr. Robert Pitts, Taylor University, Upland, IN 46989, 317/998-2751.

- Reference Librarian
- Director of Teacher Education
- Physical Education/Wrestling
- Field Hockey
- Physical Chemistry
- Psychology
- English (primarily composition)
- Business Management

CTA Program Gains Recognition

The Taylor University Communication/Theatre Arts program is featured in the Alpha Psi Omega Playbill, published annually. Taylor is one of sixty-six colleges and universities in the United States whose student theatre programs have received this recognition.

The Alpha Psi Omega National Honorary Association is the largest theatre honorary in educational theatre, with over 500 college and university chapters in the United States.

Home Destroyed; Requests Letters

Rebecca (Delcamp) Hall ’77 writes that on August 19 their home was destroyed by fire. She and her husband, Bob, were both severely burned. Bob was released September 26 from Wishard Hospital’s Burn Unit in Indianapolis, and Rebecca was released October 10 from the Burn Unit of Riley Children’s Hospital. They are now renting an apartment.

Becky writes: “I would like any former roommates and friends to please send me their addresses again, and possibly snapshots of us, as I lost all of them. I still feel so close to my Taylor friends.” Her address is Mrs. Robert Hall, 1606 Plymouth Street, New Castle, IN 47302.
Taylor Clubs Feature
'Morning Star Singers'

Jan. 25 Deerfield Beach, Florida
Jan. 29 Tampa, Florida
Feb. 22 Southern California
Feb. 23 San Jose Area
Feb. 25 Portland, Oregon
Feb. 26 Seattle, Washington
Mar. 13 Denver, Colorado
Mar. 15 Phoenix/Sun City, Arizona
Mar. 17 Dallas, Texas

Featured at these meetings will be President Milo A. Rediger and Taylor's new vocal group, "Morning Star Singers."

Detailed information on each meeting will be mailed to alumni and friends in the region of the meeting, or may be obtained by contacting the Office of Alumni Affairs, Taylor University, Upland, IN 46989.

Coming Events

February
20-23 Theatre: Hamlet
   8:15 p.m.  C/A
29 Susan Starr, pianist
   8:15 p.m.  C/A
March
21-23 Youth Conference
   Bill McKee, speaker

Yearbook Seeks
Contributions, Ads

Because the Taylor University yearbook, the Ithum, has not been given a budget increase in five years, the editors are faced with the prospect of reducing the quality of the publication in order to keep from operating in the red. Therefore, the editors are seeking contributions in order that they may produce a superior Ithum this year.

In addition, businesses, companies and individuals are invited to purchase advertising in the book. For information please contact Rich Bailey at 317/998-6020 or 998-2751, extension 440. Contributions are tax deductible.

Students Perform
Community Service

The Upland community was invaded October 13 by a volunteer work force of sixty students who wanted to perform volunteer services for local residents.

The men accomplished the following:
1. Painted all 74 fire hydrants in Upland. The hydrants were color-coded according to the size of the water mains.
2. Worked on four needy homes—washing windows, doing yard work and performing other services.
3. Swept and cleaned the streets of downtown Upland.
4. Collected trash from along nearby roads and at Lions Park.
5. Did painting at the water treatment plant.
6. Cut weeds and cleared gutters for the town.

The project was organized by Residence Hall Directors Tim Herrmann and Lowell Haines, and by several personnel assistants. They were aided by Paul Embry, Town Board; Barbara Davenport, concerned citizen; Tom Beers, Director of Community Services, and the Taylor Maintenance Department.

The students are considering another work day in the winter, and plan to shovel a lot of snow!

Souder Company
Presents Gift

The Souder Woodworking Company of Archbold, Ohio, has presented a gift of $5,000 to the Taylor Chemistry Department. The announcement was made by Ed Yoder, Secretary of the Board of Directors of the Souder firm. The gift will be used to purchase equipment, according to Stanley Burden, head of the Chemistry Department.

L. A. Building Bears
Thaddeus Reade Name

Dr. Gerald Foster '41, pastor of the Red Lion Methodist Church, Bear, Delaware, presented the address October 8 at the dedication service for the naming of the liberal arts building as the Thaddeus C. Reade Memorial Center.

A commemorative plaque and historical photo are on permanent display in the south lobby of the building, and the new name is strongly visible above the south entrances.

Thaddeus C. Reade was President of Taylor from 1891-1902. He was the major force in the relocation of Taylor from Fort Wayne to Upland in 1893, and a singular figure in the University's survival during his presidency.
After announcing the Evan H. Bergwall Sr. Memorial Fund, Robert Cotner presented Mrs. Jean Bergwall who expressed gratitude for the concern of alumni and friends.

Evan H. Bergwall, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund Established

During Homecoming Weekend, Robert A. Cotner, Coordinator of University Relations, announced the establishing of the Evan H. Bergwall, Sr. Memorial Scholarship Fund. This Fund is being created in memory of the former Taylor University President who passed away January 26, 1979.

Mrs. Jean Bergwall and Evan H. Bergwall, Jr., were present at the Alumni Brunch when the announcement was made.

The purpose of the fund will be to financially assist needy students in obtaining a college education at Taylor. The recipients must maintain a “B” average in keeping with Dr. Bergwall’s commitment to academic excellence.

The Memorial Scholarship Fund will exist in perpetuity with the income from gifts made to the fund to be used for scholarships. A review of the final candidates who meet the qualifications for the award will be made by a member of the Bergwall family. Suggestions from the family will be considered by the Director of Financial Aid who will make the final selection of the recipient.

Friends interested in participating in this scholarship program are invited to contact Dr. Gregg O. Lehman, Executive Vice President, Taylor University.

Notice To All Alumni

The Alumni Affairs Office is preparing a new alumni directory for publication in the spring of 1980.

If for any reason you do not wish to have your name, address and class included in this directory, please notify Betty Freese, Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs, no later than February 1, 1980.

'31

Esther (Draper) Irwin was in the hospital from April 17 to May 22 for surgery on her arthritic hands and knee. (The knee surgery was done with a spinal block—so she was conscious.) Esther and her husband, Everett '34, live at 430 Orangewood Drive, Dunedin, FL 33528.

'41

Donald Miller received the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Nyack College at its commencement exercises May 26. Donald and his wife, Doris (Horn '42), reside at 8552 Lloyd Drive, St. Louis, MO 63114.

J. Ross Richey was appointed to serve the Leesburg United Methodist Church. The address is P.O. Box 175, Leesburg, IN 46538.

'42

Ruth (Patow) Gepfer and her husband live at 56254—29 Palms Hwy., Sp. 37, Yucca Valley, CA 92284.

'44

Don Yocom fell on ice last February and spent a week in the hospital recovering from a number of strained muscles. He and Dorothy (Ferree '41) live at 555 Ridgewood Dr., Circleville, OH 43113.

'51

Reginald and Flora (Adams) Alford recently moved to Flint. Their new address is 4916 Walnut Ridge, Flint, MI 48504.

'52

Jim and Lois Comstock have been appointed mid-west representatives for World Gospel Crusades. Their new ministry is to help churches develop a
strong missions program through weekend mission conventions and other personal contacts.

John and Jeanette (Badertscher '54) Cornell have recently moved into a beautiful missionary home (of the Calvary Baptist Church of Bradenton, Florida) where they will be spending the remainder of the year's furlough. Their address is 716 50th St. W., Bradenton, FL 33905.

'59

Dr. John W. Landon is spending the fall semester abroad researching the British origins of social welfare for his forthcoming book. John is on sabbatical leave from his position as Director of Undergraduate Studies in Social Work at the University of Kentucky.

'62

James Bragan was awarded the Doctor of Ministry degree from the School of Theology at Claremont last May.

'64

Dave Golden is attending the U.S. Army Chaplain Advance Course. He and Alice (Hendrickson '63) are currently living on Staten Island and in mid-December will be moving to Ft. Ritchie, Maryland.

Robert Grau received the Specialist in Education Degree in School Superintendency from Ball State University. He and Janis (Sprunger '66) live at 306 E. Harrison, Swayzee, IN.

'65

Ron and Janie (Stickler) Helzerman have completed their first deputation trip and are now working on getting the Portuguese New Testament ready to print. Their address is 1055 East South County Line Road, Indianapolis, IN 46227.

Samuel Wolgemuth has been named a New York account manager for Business Week. His address is 96 Jefferson Ave., Maplewood, NJ 07040.

'66

Ken Sortland (x) is a graduate of Colorado University and is presently Chief of Police "of a booming small Colorado mountain town." His address is P.O. Box 168, Avon, CO 81620.

'67

Jerry and Janet (Aichele) Lindell accepted a call to the First Baptist Church of West Los Angeles. Jerry has been Minister to collegiates and singles for the past three years. Janet is a full-time mother to Amy Joy (4) and Steffany Anne (1½). Their address is 2249 S. Wellesley Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90064.

'68

The Rev. Russell M. Clark, Jr. and Marty have moved to Cincinnati where Russ is Associate Pastor at the Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church. They have two daughters, Hannah and Corrie. Their address is 2125 Trailwood Court, Cincinnati, OH 45230.

Thomas Dillon is an attorney with Lane, Alton & Horst of Columbus, OH. He and Deborah (Wills x '70) live at 607 S. Spring Rd., Westerville, OH 43081.

Dr. Claire Scheele has completed his residency training in General Surgery and is practicing in the Detroit area. His address is 14583 Penrod, Detroit, MI 48223.

'69

Don and Diane (Kuhn) Mundy and family—Jodi (6), Todd (4) and Tiffany (1) —have moved and their new address is 212 Meadowood Dr., Burlington, NC 27215. Don is an anesthesiologist at the Burlington hospital.

'70

Dave and Peggy (Bailey) Comstock have two sons—Brent (5½) and Bart (9 mos.)—and reside at 14439 Dartwood Dr., Houston, TX 77049. Dale is programmer-analyst in charge of payroll for St. Luke's/Texas Children's/Texas Heart Institute Hospitals.

'71

Phil and Carolyn Abram accepted a call to pastor Foye Wayne Friends Church. They have two daughters, Bethany Dawne (4½) and Meghan Elyane (2½). Their address is 7246 Karen Court, Fort Wayne, IN 46815.

'72

Tommy Gilmore was selected as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America for 1979 in recognition of outstanding professional achievement, superior leadership ability, and exceptional service to the community. Formerly Associate Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Asheville, NC, he has accepted a call to the West End United Baptist Church of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. His address is 1986 Preston St., Halifax, Nova Scotia B3H 3W2.

Cheryl Fesmire was awarded the Master of Divinity degree from Christian Theological Seminary. She was ordained to the Christian Ministry June 24 at Central Christian Church, Indianapolis.

Alan and Susan (Koerner) Sutton and their two daughters, Stacey Joy (4) and Bethany Lynne (1) are living in New Jersey where Alan is Assistant Pastor at the Green Brook Baptist Church. He graduated from the Conservative Baptist Seminary in Denver, CO. Their address is 169 Oak Tree Ave., S. Plainfield, NJ 07080.

'73

Joyce (Richardson) Fletcher was inducted into Kappa Delta Pi, a national honorary association in education. She and David live at 201 Paddock, Savoy, IL 61874.

William Sowers has been ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church and received as a full member of the UMC Conference. He was appointed pastor of the Louisville (OH) Peace United Methodist Church. He and Daryl (Koeppen '74) and their two daughters, Krista and Kari, reside at 1013 Romary Lane, Louisville, OH 44141.

'74

Larry and Sue (Rohrer '75) Hunt have moved to 709 Burning Tree Circle, Independence, MO 64055. Larry received his Master of Science degree in Industrial Hygiene from Central Missouri State University in 1978. Sue received her Master of Science degree in Biology from CMSU, also in 1978. Larry is employed by General Motors Assembly Division, Fairfax Plant, in Kansas City, KS.

Nick and Sherrie Sanders and their daughter, Allison, reside at Route 1, Box 197 ZC, Bamberg, SC 29003.

'75

Gary (x) and Susan (Aichele '72) Goeschl and family have moved to New York, where Gary is pastor of New City Alliance Church. They have two children, Erin (3) and Kristin (1). Their address is 190 New Hempstead Rd., New City, NY 10956.

Donald and Beth (Waldrop '78) McLaughlin have moved. Their new address is 505 E. Irvington Ave., South Bend, IN 46614.

Brian Sauer is a Service Consultant with Southern Bell in Miami, FL. His new address is 3674 Riverland Rd., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312.

'76

Laurie Bobbit received her M.A. in Natural Resources and Biology from Ball State University in May. She is teaching high school and junior high sciences at 9th and O Christian School. Her address is 107 Lana Court, Louisville, KY 40229.

Karl Hildbrand received a juris doctor degree from The Dickinson School of Law at commencement exercises held last spring. He and Johanna (Michell) reside at 560 First St., Carlisle, PA 17013.
Robert Taylor was awarded the Master of Science degree from The University of Akron at its spring commencement last May.

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John and Diane (Belding) Marshall reside at 828 E. California Blvd., Pasadena, CA 91106. John is a full-time student in the Marriage and Family Ministries program at Fuller Theological Seminary. Diane is employed as a statistician for Capital Group Investments in Los Angeles.

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Marjorie (Barber) Van Oosterhout now resides at 2412 Robert Longway Blvd. #8, Flint, MI 48503. Cathy “Coach” McClew is a buyer for Gospelrama, a Christian music distributing company in Angola. Her new address is 306 Park Street, Apt. E3, Angola, IN 46703.

Sharlyn Shaw now resides at 925 Blair Bridge Road, Austell, Georgia 30107.

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Jay Kuhrt has received his Master’s degree in Business Administration from the University of Hartford’s Austin Bingham Barney School of Business and Public Administration. He and Robin Westervelt x ’79 reside at 146 Farms Village Road, West Hartford, CT 06070.

GLOBAL TAYLOR

William and Mary (Hess) Hoke both ’39 served at Allahabad Bible Seminary for seven years. William is now India Coordinator for Trans World Radio’s new broadcast, Vishwa Vani, from Sri Lanka with assignments in administration and public relations. Their address is M-96 Greater Kailash-1, New Delhi—110048—India.

Elizabeth Suderman ’44 spent three weeks of vacation away from Menongue. One week was spent at the sea side in a Mission house, with two weeks in Kalumkame. She had a physical check up while there and reports she is doing very well. Her address is C.P. 64, Menongue, Angola, Africa.

Larry and Betty (Hughes x) Brown both ’45 have purchased land so someday hope to be able to build. Larry has been given the added responsibility of Conference Secretary of Christian Education which is a good bit of work besides what they already had. Their address is Caixa Postal, 775, 84.100 Ponta Grossa, PR, Brazil.

Kenneth ’45 and Lorraine (Farrier x ’47) Enright have accepted a new appointment in Munono, a tin mining town of about 110,000 people northeast of Kolwezi. It has a good airport but is badly in need of a church. Their field address is Mission Methodist, B.P. 1571, Kolwezi, Zaire.

Henry ’51 and Rosella Derksen have returned to the U.S. in order to be near Henry’s mother in Minnesota to give her assistance when needed. They have requested a leave of absence from their mission. Their address is c/o Mrs. Tenia Derksen, Route 1, Box 322, Mt. Lake, MN 56159.

Leroy Lindahl ’51 is director of the Mission in Bolivia and teaches Greek at the seminary and Bible classes at Berea Bible School. Mary (Weber ) ’48 “still pulls herself out of bed at 3:30 a.m. and drags herself back into bed at least by midnight” taking care of the Guest Home complex. Their address is World Gospel Mission, Casa 55, Santa Cruz, Bolivia.

Ruby Enns ’32 has returned to India and reports, “Settling in and adjusting has been a bit rough this time.” Her address is 14 Hutchison Rd., Cooke Town, Bangalore 560005, India.

Barbara Hovda ’53 has passed a milestone in her missionary career—a long “mile.” She arrived in Asia for the first time twenty-five years ago and has seen numerous changes in the church and political scenes and other areas of life. “But that makes the fact that the Lord never changes more real and important than ever before.” Her address is 5 Min Chuan 6th St., Hualien 950, Taiwan.

Mike ’55 and Lorena (Smith x ’56) Murphy celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary the 21st of August, with their two children who are in the states for a month’s visit. The Londrina Central Church, of which Mike is pastor, celebrated its 21st anniversary. They are planning a Spring 1980 furlough. Their address is Caixa Postal 58, 86.100 Londrina, Parana, Brazil.

Margaret Ann Bash ’56 had a busy summer with eight weeks of travel involved. Her address is Murlingengasse 5/9, A-1120 Vienna, Austria.

Don ’57 and Barbara (Benjamin ) ’59 Love are actively involved with work at the clinic. Don is kept busy weekdays as administrator as well as helping out in the lab and keeping things in good running order (this also involved a complete overhaul of the clinic generator). Barbara sold many Bibles during the conference and the next two weeks at the clinic. A third class in Barbara’s children’s ministries is opening in barrio San Roque, with permission also obtained to begin a release-time Bible survey course for high school students. Their address is Hilongos, Leyte, 7135, Philippines.

Stan and Carolyn (Wolfgang x ’62) Lewis made plans to return on August 19, arriving in Burundi on the 21st. (Last June 80 to 90 Protestant and Catholic missionaries were officially asked to leave the country.) Their new address is B.P. 18, Gitega, Burundi, Africa.

Marge Livingston ’62 has returned to Zaire and settled in at Adi to strengthen the Bible Club work as well as possible visits to other mission stations. Her address is P.O. Box 21285, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.

Rosalie Bowker ’64 continues to teach organ at Mokwon Methodist College in Taejon and Yonsei University in Seoul. She also teaches piano to some of the missionary children in Taejon. Her address is United Methodist Mission, Box 16, Taejon, Korea 300.

Gary and Sherry (Hatton) Bowman both ’65 and family left Madrid last August to begin a six-month furlough.

Dave ’65 and Karen (Plueddeman ) ’66 Horsey have recently both been hospitalized—Dave for a kidney stone and Karen for some difficulty with her pregnancy (who is well now but must rest and be very careful for the remainder of her pregnancy). Their address is P.O. Box 21485, Nairobi, Kenya, East Africa.

Lee and Bonnie (Rauch ) ’65 McCullough have returned to the States to serve on the home office staff—in the Personnel Department in the areas of recruitment and church relations. Their new address is 553 Lies Road, Apt. 4, Carol Stream, IL 60187.

Jim ’66 and Becky (Beitzel ) ’65 Hamilton spent a busy summer with Summer Missionary Institute, which involves college students working on reserves throughout the province, etc. (family bike trips). Their address is 4460 54 A St., Delta, B.C. V4K 2Z7.

Tod Lemons ’72 has been transferred to Singapore. His address is Amherst Financial Group Ltd., Regional Headquarters, 2304 OCBC Center, Singapore 1.

Brad and Gail (Verch ) Pontius both ’77 have committed themselves to a year of language study and at least two years of service in Guatemala. They plan to construct a national YFC program, minister to teenagers, and train the nationals to carry on the work. Their address is Guatemala Youth for Christ, Box 419, Wheaton, IL 60187.

MARRIAGES

James Carmany ’69 and Wanda Carris were married May 26 at the Ripley United Methodist Church in Ripley, NY. Their address is Vine St. UMC, 1544% W. Vine St., Alliance, OH 44601.

Thomas Bensley and Candid Hooper ’72 were married July 21. He attended Michigan and Wayne State Universities and is currently a County Sheriff’s Deputy. Candy is a teacher at Buckley.
Craig Vieguth and Vicki Omlstead ’78 were married June 23. Craig is a graduate of Cedarville College (OH) and is employed by Northwestern Bell Telephone as an installation supervisor. Vicki is teaching 3rd grade. Their address is 725 Bradford Ave., Chamil, MN 55316.

John Chapel and Teresa Kratzer ’79 were married August 18 at the Richland Chapel United Methodist Church in Converse, IN.

David McCullough and Nancy Robbins ’79 were married July 14. Their address is 9645 J Homestead Ct., Laurel, MN 55310.

Terry Seagrave ’79 and Janet Hendrix ’79 were married July 28. Their address is 505 Bethel Dr., Apt. 1-S, Joliet, IL 60435.

Doug Kramer ’80 and Connie Day ’79 were married May 19. Doug spent the summer as a professional fisherman in Kenai, Alaska, and returned to Taylor this fall to complete his schooling.

**BIRTHS**

Jim and Doris (McBride x ’58) Knoblock announce the birth of a son, Adam Christian, born May 1. The family resides at 4163 Carnation, Flint, MI 48506.

Tim ’63 and Carolyn (Williamson ’64) Burkholder announce the birth of a son, Andrew Virgil, born August 28. The Burkholders have two other children—Joleen 11, and Alison 8. Tim is a faculty member in the Biology Department at Taylor.

Philip Myers ’66 and family announce the birth of a son, Nathan David, born June 9. Their address is R.R. 1, Box 154-B, Alpena, AR 72611.

David ’67 and Pamela (Reynolds x’69) Randall announce the birth of a son, Matthew Fahnion, born July 19.

James ’68 and Susan Jerele announce the birth of a son, Joseph John, born May 30. Joey joins a big sister, Jordan Jannell 3½. Jim is a member of the Dept. of Radiology and Nuclear Medicine at Doctors Hospital, Columbus, OH. In addition, he is an associate professor of Radiology for Ohio University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Their address is 1999 W. Granville Rd., Worthington, OH 43085.

Irving and Nancy (Wilcox ’60) Rockwood announce the birth of a daughter, Margaret Elaine, born March 27. Irving is Executive Editor with Longman, Inc., a British-owned publishing house. Nancy previously worked as a specialist for the University of Wisconsin—Extension developing continuing education programs for people in the fields of advertising and public relations. The Rockwoods have one other child, Catherine Anne 5. Their new address is 175 Orchard Ridge Road, Chappaqua, NY 10514.

Tom ’70 and Julie (Ringenberg x’73) Essenbarg announce the birth of a son, Benjamin John, born May 5. They reside at 4125 Paunack Ave., Madison, WI 53711.

Mike and Cheri (Fridstrom ’70) Mahoney announce the birth of a daughter, Tracy Jeanne, born July 19. She joins her big sister, Kelly Lynne 2. Their address is 2 S. 745 Ashley, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137.

Allan and Pamela (Seward) Bradbury both ’71 announce the birth of a daughter, Suzanne Renee, born April 23. The Bradburys have one other child, Jeanette Marie 4. Their address is Route 4, Box 96C, Koko- mo, IN 46901.

Joseph and Ruth (Kimmel ’71) Higginbotham announce the birth of a son, Bradley Hayden, born December 11, 1978. Ruth received the M.E. degree in 1974 and Joseph the Ph.D. in physics in 1978 at the University of Toledo. Their address is 32-B Traphagen Road, Wayne, NJ 07470.

Fred ’71 and Gerri (Covert ’73) Jenny announce the birth of another son, Seth Edward, born May 7. His big brother is Nate, 3½. Fred is mathematics instructor and director of the math lab at Scotland School for Veterans’ Children, Scotland, PA. Their address is 69 Field Circle, Chambersburg, PA 17201.

Ron ’71 and Linda (Ault ’72) Liechty announce the arrival of twins—Angela Janell and April Joy—born June 24. Big brother, Timmy 2½, welcomed his new sisters home. The Liechty family resides at 15121 Freedom Road, Kimbolton, OH 43749. Ron is pastoring Clear Fork Baptist Church.

Dale ’71 and Kristen (Smith ’73) Patterson announce the birth of a son, Dane Arren, born September 28, 1978. Dale and Kris both teach in the Bartholomew Con. School System. Their address is 2666 Sycamore, Columbus, IN 47201.

David ’72 and Carole (Pickering x’73) MacRae announce the birth of a daughter, Erin Karine, born June 22. David has full license in clinical psychology and is currently practicing in Grand Rapids. Their address is 1515 Berkshire Dr., Grand Rapids, MI 49508.

Jim ’72 and Maria Pietrini announce the birth of a son, Christopher Adam, born November 24, 1978. Jim is now teaching in Rolling Meadows (IL) and their address is 2502 Fremont St., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008.

Terry ’72 and Charmancy Willis announce the birth of a daughter, Brooke Alden, born September 25, 1978. Terry is assistant chemist for a chemical company and is director of their environmental division. Their address is Route 2, Milton, KY 40045.

Dennis and Patricia (Holsworth ’72) Wood announce the birth of a daughter,
Kathryn Denise, born June 21, 1978. Their address is 10315 N. Broadway, Indianapolis, IN 46280. Pat is now on a part-time teaching assignment, and Dennis is owner/manager of a restaurant called The Pizza Barn.

J. Stanley and Jennie (Buschmeyer) Banker both ’73 announce the birth of a daughter, Jennifer Noelle, born June 1. Their address is 1016 High Avenue East, Oskaloosa, IA 52577.

Michael and Bethany (Hartman x’73) Felix announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Bethany, born April 24. Big brother, Joshua, 2½, welcomed her home. Their new address is 4310 San Juan St., Tampa, FL 33609.

Chuck and Betty (Woods) Becker both ’74 announce the birth of a son, Todd Jeffrey, born August 31, 1978. Chuck graduated from dental school and now has a practice in Chester and Ridgefield (NJ). They reside at 17-321 Pine Street, Stanhope, NJ 07874.

Don ’74 and Patti (Oakley x ’76) Helgesen announce the birth of a son, Jeffrey Peter, born March 3. Their address is 2515 Walters Ave., Northbrook, IL 60062.

Tony and Janice (Blue x) Holmes both ’74 announce the birth of a son, Jason Thomas, born July 19.

Rick ’74 and Barbara Minnick announce the adoption of a daughter, AnnDee Michelle, born April 4. Rick is in his 6th year of teaching and coaching football at Adams Central Comm. Schools. Their address is R.R. 1, Monroe, IN 46772.

Tony and Martha (Duffy ’74) Schlechtly announce the birth of a son, Kyle Robert, born April 17. Tony is a heavy equipment operator for Tom Wagner Asphalt Co. in Laura (OH) and also farms. Their address is 4720 Hunter Rd., Greenville, OH 45331.

Bruce “Snapper” ’74 and Kathee Torgersen announce the birth of a son, Micah Leif, born August 20. Their address is Route 1, Box 323, Covington, IN 47932.

Gary and Rosalie (Robinson) Walter both ’74 announce the birth of a daughter, Michelle Renee, born June 22. She was welcomed home by big brother, Matthew Jason, 1½. Gary teaches 4th grade at Washington Elementary in the Eastbrook Community School system.

David ’74 and Karen Wierengo announce the birth of a daughter, Christina Kay, born June 17. She has a protective big brother, Jonathan, 3. Dave is Market Development Manager for Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corporation. Their address is 4948 Lynbridge Lane, Toledo, OH 43614.

Richard and Linnea (Heaney ’75) Bond announce the birth of a daughter, Alina Linnea, born September 7. Richard teaches junior high history and Linnea teaches elementary physical education part-time. Their address is Box 28, Charlton Depot, MA 01509.

Dave and Janet (Palacinco) Bowser both ’75 announce the birth of a daughter, Kristine Michelle, born May 5. Dave is teaching math and physics in the high school. Their address is 4th St. and Heideman Ave., Apt. 204, Nicollet, MN 55674.

Mark and Susan (Behanken) Conrad both ’75 announce the birth of a son, Matthew Edward, born September 10, 1978. Mark is established in a poultry operation near Berne (IN). Their address is 1515 Old Colonial Drive, Berne, IN 46711.

Dennis and Ginger (Guizi ’75) Handy announce the birth of a daughter, Sara Marie, born August 19. Their address is 3259 Kenmore, Berkley, MI 48072.

Dave ’75 and Joy (Leach ’74) Lawson announce the birth of a son, Joshua David, born May 22. Their address is 1203 E. McClure, Peoria, IL.

Darrel and Peggy (Greenwald) Riley both ’75 announce the birth of a son, David Christopher, born May 13. Darrel is pastor in the South Indiana Conference of the United Methodist Church. Their address is R.R. 2, Box 145, SUNN, IN 47041.

Doug ’76 and Debbie (Koons ’75) Ott announce the birth of a son, Griffin Douglas, born July 31. Their address is 1407 Lake Street, Baroda, MI 49101.

Paul ’76 and Marianne (Howard x’77) Peterson announce the birth of a daughter, Lindsay Elizabeth, born April 11, 1978.

Roy ’76 and Marabeth (Johannes ’75) Ringenberg announce the birth of a daughter, Sarah Marie, born May 2. Roy has begun his residency at Mayo Clinic and their new address is 2015 Valley High Drive, Rochester, MN 55901.

William and Karen (Sulfridge x’76) Simpson announce the birth of a daughter, Janelle Marie, born April 16. Karen is a ’76 grad from Ball State with a nursing degree. Their address is R.R. 1, Box 450, Muncie, IN 47302.

Mark ’77 and Carol (Yehnert ’75) Handy announce the birth of a son, Matthew, born July 27. Their address is 46711.

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