Yuletide Greetings from Taylor University

Our Christmas Prayer

May this season find within your heart
the tidings of joy that attended the birth
of the Christ child

May His constant guidance light your path
as did the Star of Bethlehem

May our fellowship be warmed as together
we kneel at the scene of the manger

May the scene of our tower - "pointing
in the air" - be a symbol to remind you
during this season and throughout
the coming years

"The name of the Lord is a strong tower:
the righteous runneth unto it, and is safe."

Proverbs 18:10
Three of University's Presidents Extend Yuletide Greetings

PRESIDENT BERGWALL CHALLENGES TO SHARE “GIFT OF GIFTS”

Some time ago a young business executive of our state received a letter from a commercial business house offering to do his Christmas shopping. In their words they offered “to take the crisis out of Christmas.” Christmas is indeed a crisis in the history of the world but is that crisis simply the matter of the purchase of Christmas gifts?

Never before was Christmas more needed than today. The message of the coming of the Christ with “peace on earth, good will among men” depicts the urgent need of our day. In the fullness of time Christ came into a world of darkness and sin. To those who sat in darkness the “Herald of Light” came at a time of crisis. Those who received Him became Sons of God and possessors of the abundant life.

In the crisis of our day Christ wants to enter our lives and the festivities that cluster about the holiday season. Too often we permit the incidentals and irrelevant to keep Christ out of the observance of His “holy day.” And when He is kept out His message and atoning grace likewise are excluded.

Taylor University takes real pleasure in extending to its wonderful family, students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends warm Christmas greetings. May the peace of God rest in your hearts and homes, your work and daily interests this season and always because Christ is at the center of your Christmas. As we give gifts this season let us be concerned to share the “Gift of Gifts,” Jesus Christ, Himself. And to Him let us give our lives in renewed consecration and devotion to further the Kingdom’s interests.

Beery Sends Alumni’s Wishes

Dear Friends of Taylor University,

This Christmas Season of the year reminds us of the fact that, “God so loved the world that He gave His Son.” Taylor University is in existence because of that gift. All of our lives have been enriched and made more worthwhile because we have shared in that gift. We shall always be grateful for the contribution that Taylor has made to our lives and to the world.

The school “out beyond the village border” is moving forward. A great host of friends and alumni came back on Homecoming Day and pledged anew their loyal support. Of course, you realize your school and your support keeps her doors open to youth. Let me encourage you to join the $100 Club and if you wish you will give at least $100 per year for the next five years to the school. If you cannot send $100 at one time then possibly you can send $8.50 per month. Why not start this Christmas?

Your prayers, your gifts and your words of encouragement to President Bergwall and his staff will help them much in their effort to educate our youth in a Christian environment. We do appreciate their splendid work and the bright prospects ahead. This is only the beginning of a new and more glorious day for Taylor.

Continue to pray for Taylor’s success and back your prayers with your gifts.

Respectfully yours,

Maurice E. Beery ’39
Alumni President

PRESIDENT EVAN BERGWALL

Campus Exhibits Christmas Spirit Says Wortman

Greetings on this birthday of our Savior and Lord,

There’s a real Christmas spirit on campus, a spirit of joyful sacrificial giving.

Spontaneously some students have made a project of helping Upland’s needy families at Thanksgiving and again at Christmas. The entire school united to financially help a student who was hospitalized for a few weeks. Even the societies and clubs are expressing this spirit as they’ve contributed last projects to the school as part of their club activities.

A most encouraging and far reaching example is the large number of students active in voluntary visitation evangelism working in student pastors’ communities.

And for me, the most promising sign of a continuation of this spirit is our wonderful freshman class. This group seems to be permeated with an unselfish spirit and radiant zeal that encourages the heart of everyone interested in the true purpose of Taylor.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Sincerely,

Bill Wortman
Student Council President

Would you like to help introduce your local young people to Taylor. Order one or several Gems to be placed in your church libraries. Send your order and five dollars for each copy to Don MacFarland before January 25.
Taylor Gives FTA President to State

Taylor University has given to Indiana this year's State president of the Indiana Future Teachers of America. Miss Dottie Cunningham, a junior majoring in social studies, was elected to that position at the annual meeting of the state organization on October 26th at Indianapolis.

Miss Cunningham is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gratton Cunningham, R. R. 5, Anderson. She is recording secretary for the student council at the university, and is literary editor of the Gem, as well as active in the local FTA.

In taking over her work, Miss Cunningham will attend an administrative council meeting in Indianapolis during December to make new election plans, and to prepare for the spring session. In May she will participate in the regional workshop at Asbury College where all FTA officers and presidents will be present. In July she will be registered for the national convention in Washington, D. C.

School Again Witnesses Missionary Spirit

The vital missionary spirit so characteristic of Taylor was again evidenced at the annual missionary conference held this year, November 8th through the 11th. The theme of the conference was "Other Sheep Have I." Kenneth Rayner, Ambassadors for Christ President, led in the conference activities.

Guest speakers for the convention included Miss Helen Zernov, field representative and Russian missionary of the Slavic Gospel Association; Mr. George Cowan, deputy director of the linguistic school in Canada; and Rev. Harry Woods, second vice president of the Oriental Missionary Society.

"While They Wait"

The unfinished swimming pool in Maytag Gym is taking on a "new look" these days as it is being converted into the "Varsity Room." This project carries with it the plans to have a room where refreshments can be sold at games. Profits from the Alumni basketball game were directed toward payment of the cost of redecoration, and the remainder is being taken care of by contributions by those interested.

The Alumni T Club is also working on plans to sponsor the remodeling of a large room to be used as a class room and also for concessions.

So while students wait for the day they can dive into the pool at Maytag Gym, they can enjoy a coke in the "Varsity Room."

Board of Directors Adds Three New Members

Two new board members, Dr. Hugh Townley and Rev. Howard Skinner, were elected at the semi-annual meeting of the Taylor University Board of Directors, Wednesday, October 31st, to fill the unexpired terms of Mr. J. Irvin Schultz and Mr. D. Marion Locker. Those elected are to fill their places until the terms expire in June, 1952.

Dr. Hugh Townley is pastor of the Methodist church in Saginaw, Michigan. He also serves as president of the Romeo Campmeeting. He is a graduate of Asbury College. Dr. S. H. Turbeville, member of the board, gave this statement concerning Dr. Townley: "He has an enviable record for himself, and is wholeheartedly in agreement with the standards and ideals of Taylor."

Rev. Skinner, a Taylor alumnus of 1927, is at present the director of the Maranatha Bible camp, Muskegon, Michigan. He and his wife are well known for their evangelistic work throughout the nation. Their ability as accomplished musicians has been an asset in their work.

At the annual William Taylor Foundation meeting held at 1 p.m. that same day, Dr. Jesse Fox was also elected to serve on the Board of Directors to assume that position in June, 1952, when the term of Dr. Charles Culver will expire. Dr. Fox, an alumnus of Taylor of the class of 1925, is the District Superintendent of the Muncie District of the Methodist church. Prior to assuming that position two years ago, he held pastorates at Upland, Grace Methodist church at Kokomo, First Methodist church at Ft. Wayne, and Grace Methodist church in Hartford City. He was also a former member of the Board of Directors.

Guest Soloists Featured

The Chorale Society, directed by Professor Eugene Pearson, will present the "Messiah" on Tuesday, December 18, at 8 p.m.

Guest soloists are featured this year singing the men's parts. Mr. Raymond McAfie, baritone, comes from Chicago. He has made many oratorio and concert appearances with colleges, high schools, and church organizations throughout the midwest. He is engaged in singing with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra during the 1951-52 season. Tenor soloist is Mr. La Von Coolman of Van Buren, Indiana.

Students taking solo parts include Miss Doris Oswalt, soprano, and senior from Mansfield, Ohio, and Miss Jo Ann Baucher, Celina, Ohio, also singing soprano. Alto soloist will be Miss Ruth Watkins of Upland.

Most of the Chorale numbers from the Oratorio which were sung last year will be included again this year.

Theme Announced For Youth Conference

Announcement has been made that the theme of the annual Youth Conference to be held this year March 28th-30th is "Sound Forth Christ."

The Youth Conference cabinet under the direction of co-chairmen Dick Unkenholz, senior from Mandan, North Dakota, and Ruth Dixon, senior from Detroit, Michigan, have been hard at work with the plans from the beginning of school this fall. The sponsors chosen for the Youth conference cabinet are Dean Dana Redman and Professor Ralph Cummings.

This year's project for Youth Conference is to be an accurate filming of the conference.

From Our Field Man

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young lives dedicated to Christ and your investment will multiply many times.

You may also be of valuable service to Taylor by sending in the names of persons who are financially able and who might be interested in making an investment in Taylor.

But whether you give much or little or are unable to give anything, we ask you to pray for Taylor. "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." In the sentiment of George Mueller let us "work (give) as though everything depended upon me, and pray as though everything depended upon God."

Will you remember Taylor in your Christmas giving this year?

DANIEL ESAU
Field Representative
President Makes Eastern Trip

President Bergwall left campus for a business trip to New York November 15th to 19th. While in the East, he made contacts for Taylor in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut. He addressed the alumni chapter in New York on Saturday night. On Sunday morning he spoke at the Bethelship Methodist church in New York City, and that night in the Lexington Methodist church.

Alumni Reporter

Scarritt College, Nashville, Tennessee, claims some of Taylor’s graduates. Miss Margaret Sencindiver (’50) is there working on her master’s in religious education. Also studying there are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Blake (’40), now back from Africa with their family of three children.

Rev. Willard J. McLaughlin (’24), pastor of the North Methodist church in Manchester, Connecticut, led his church in the celebration of its 100th anniversary during October. The membership in the centennial year at his church is 515, a net gain of over 100 during Rev. McLaughlin’s three-year pastorate there.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert Merian (’50) sailed from New York on November 14th as missionaries to India. Their address is Gomoh, E. I. Railroad, Bihar, India.

David Tropf (’51) has a position with the Central Branch YMCA of Toledo as General Program Secretary.

The Rev. Chester Smith (’32) and the Rev. and Mrs. Everett Culp (’31) and daughter Marian held evangelistic meetings on the Jamaican Island this summer for the Rev. Cyril Dorsett at Montego Bay. They left the island just a week before the hurricane struck it.

Hardwood Facts

Setting new records seems to be the thing to do for the ’51-’52 Trojan basketball team. Against Concordia (Ft. Wayne) they amassed 111 points for a new school record and in the game directly following tried to reset it but time ran out at 106 points. Undaunted by time, however, Forrest Jackson ran up a personal tally of 36 points thus setting another Taylor record by getting two more than Ted Wright did against Manchester last season.

Another feat that no other quintet had been able to do until this present hardwood team came along was to defeat Indiana Central in regular season competition. Yes, the ’51-’52 team broke the jinx down at the N.A.I.B. tournament in Terre Haute. Just to prove that they were worthy of laurels the Odlemen racked up eighty points to defeat this year’s Greyhounds by sixteen points on their own floor. This marked the second time Central has been defeated at home since they entered the conference.

From these early indications it certainly looks as though this will be a team to go down in the annals of Trojan basketball history.

JUST A REMINDER

Professor Eugene Pearson urges pastors, alumni, and friends of Taylor to contact him soon for A Capella Choir engagements. The 40 voice choir will be ready to make appearances after the first part of January.

Much of the cost of producing the Gem is paid for by advertisements. We invite you to place your church or business advertisements in this year’s Gem. The rates are: whole page, $50.00; one-half page, $30.00; one-fourth page, $15.00; one-eighth page, $10.00. Picture ads may be purchased at an extra cost. Send your advertisements and fee to John Kaiser before Jan. 25.

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