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As we approach the Centennial celebration, definite announcements of which appear elsewhere in this issue, it has become necessary to have a number of new committees to function.

The Board of Directors has elected a Steering Committee, which is comprised of a member representing the Board, one representing the Alumni Association, and the administrative officers of the college, which Committee has general supervision of the Commencement events.

Instead of tens we are having to plan for hundreds, and as a result an Entertainment Committee is having to work, planning carefully to house all those who will be coming to the campus for Commencement. The regular staff members of the institution are likewise shouldering additional responsibilities, as well as the Alumni Committee planning for the general alumni program always held on the Monday preceding Commencement.

SECOND SEMESTER

One year ago Taylor had one hundred and fifty students with forty-six seniors looking forward toward graduation in the spring.

Today Taylor has two hundred and fourteen students registered with thirty looking toward graduation at Commencement. In other words, Taylor has a 10% increase over last semester, a 42% increase over one year ago; and when the year closes she will have a 75% increase in old students over the previous year.

Definitely these encouraging trends point toward a new impetus that dominates Taylor. The return of G. I.'s who are taking advantage of the government's provision for veterans' education has had outstanding success both as a pastor and as an evangelist. The return of G. I.'s who are taking advantage of the government's provision for veterans' education has had much to do with these upward trends. We have a splendid addition of serious students who are ready are becoming integrated into a beautiful Christian atmosphere of study, work, play and worship.

Letters of inquiry are pouring in to the office concerning the thirteenth annual Youth Conference, which will be held in the Maytag Gymnasium at Taylor University beginning on Friday evening, March 8th, at 7:00 P.M., and continuing on through Sunday afternoon, March 10th.

The Youth Conference for years has been one of the outstanding events of each school year. It is largely planned for and almost entirely managed by the Youth Conference Cabinet, elected by representative groups of the student body. It is perhaps one of the highlights of the spiritual feasts provided for the students each year.

The Youth Conference brings to the campus hundreds of young people of high school age, who come from several states, and together with their pastors or responsible adults they are directed in an intensive period of worship, for the purpose of leading them into a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and of rendering their lives empowered and filled with the Holy Spirit. The missionary emphasis which is characteristic of the Youth Conferences gives the young people a vision of the multitudes of people who have never, or have inadequately, heard the glorious Gospel of Christ.

Speakers

Competent speakers of no mean reputation are brought to the campus for these few hours.

The workers this year include Reverend Q. J. Everest, pastor of the Menominee Brethren in Christ Church of South Bend, Indiana, who is known throughout this area through the radio program heard over several stations, "Your Worship Hour." Reverend Everest has had outstanding success both as a pastor and as an evangelist.

The missionary speaker this year will be the Reverend Ivan Allbutt, who is the editor of the North American edition of "China's Millions". With a heart warmed by practical experience in China, Reverend Allbutt assures the Youth Conference this year of some great soul-winning messages.

Perhaps the outstanding Christian business man in America today is Mr. A. G. LeTourneau of Peoria, Illinois. Author of the book, "God Runs My Business", he has one of the most thrilling personal experiences to relate of any of the successful business men of the country. He has been secured to give an address to the young people on Saturday evening of the conference.

As usual, Mr. LeTourneau, busy man that he is, will make a hurried trip from Peoria to Marion, Indiana, by plane, and come to the campus from there for this appearance.

The Reverend Malcolm Cronk, who was so mightily used of God in the Fall revival and who is pastor of a great undenominational church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, will speak on Saturday forenoon. The President of the college will address the youth in the worship service on Sunday morning.

Cabinet

The Youth Conference Cabinet this year, who are working and praying for another great conference, are:

Co-Chairmen: Betty Leeffler, Andrew Rupp
Registrar: Stewart Silver
Publicity Director: Linwood Barney
Secretary: Laura Herber
Chorister: Ruth Bergert
Treasurer: Robert Spoolstra
Prayer Group Leaders: Joyce Bailey, Don Rose
Discussion Group Leaders: Joyce Bailey, Don Rose
Housing and Accommodations: Vernon Macy, Helen Armstrong, Frank Sweeten
Decorations Chairman: Marguerite Roberts
MEMORIAL LIBRARY

For several months the idea of the proposed library has been tied in with an old sketch the Buildings & Grounds Committee discarded last year. With the engaging of an architect from Fort Wayne, Indiana, Mr. LeRoy Bradley, the present sketch has been drawn and represents in the main the exterior design which will eventually be followed, when the library is constructed on the south side of the campus.

The building will face the north, and the dimensions call for a frontage of 152 feet. Remember, the ground-breaking ceremony for this beautiful and much-needed library will be determined no little by the response to our previous “Bulletin”.

These lines are being written in the evening during study hours. A stroll through the library a few moments ago revealed a very crowded library with students seeking study quarters in class rooms besides. We must build to take care of an inevitable growth!

THE ADVISORY COUNCIL

In view of the fact that the Advisory Council has been formed so recently, the Board of Directors has voted to extend the first year's deadline for membership to April 15th of this year. This was a wise procedure, because too few members could be enrolled between the time the announcement was first made and the prescribed closing date. Since the announcement has gone out, however, we have had some encouraging evidences that the plan is being accepted and regarded with favor.

The Advisory Council, a group of individuals who subscribe to the traditions of Taylor University, and who contribute at least $100.00 annually toward the current expenses of the institution, is now to be responsible for three members of the Board of Directors. One will be elected annually for a period of three years by this group. A Nominating Committee, selected from among the Advisory Council members, will conduct a ballot by mail, so that the members need not be present to assure themselves of a vote. It will be possible for several who have heretofore contributed a little less than this amount each year to become members of the Council without any hardship.

In a very real sense this move makes the institution one that is controlled by those who support her and support, too, the advertised interdenominational character of Taylor.

A certificate of membership in the Council has been prepared for mailing. Membership in any year does not obligate one to continue into the next. Let us get into this new Advisory Council.

Professors' Articles

We are pleased to note that the professors in Taylor University are keeping abreast in their respective fields, and are occasionally producing articles which are sought for various periodicals.

Dr. Oppenheimer of our Psychology Department has written an article on new methods in teaching German, which was published in the February issue of “The School Review”, which is the magazine of the Department of Education of the University of Chicago. A second article of the same author, on educational problems, is accepted by “The Nation’s Schools,” and will be published during the first half of 1946. A third article, entitled “The Functional Autonomy of Motives”, has been accepted for publication by the “Journal of Social Psychology”. A fourth article entitled “Do We Grow Mentally?” is ready to be submitted for publication to the “Journal of Genetic Psychology”.

In the March issue of the “Bulletin”, we will publish some excerpts from the article appearing in “The School Review”.

Dr. William J. Tinkle, our professor of Biological Sciences, has written an article entitled “How Improvement Comes About”, which will be published within a short time in the “Guernsey Breeders’ Journal”.

Trailer Colony Established

Visitors to the Taylor campus for the Commencement season will find a well-ordered trailer colony occupying the space to the north of the post office, between that building and the home of Dr. Ayres.

Early this winter, when the problem of housing married students, always a vexing one for the Taylor administration, threatened to become acute with the influx of married G. I. students, arrangements were made through the Federal Housing Authority to secure a number of government owned trailers from the Lima, Ohio, site.

These were delivered to the campus the week the second semester opened, and for some days the maintenance crew was busily engaged in laying sidewalks, striding electric lines and getting the little colony in order for the occupants. Four of the trailers are 20' x 20' and four 8' x 20'. They are heated with oil stoves, and gasoline stoves are used for cooking. A utility trailer is a part of the unit, providing laundry facilities for the busy trailer wives.

A ninth trailer in the colony is privately owned, and houses a student pastor, his wife and their small son.
Commercial Students
Win Awards

Two Taylor commercial students won awards in the Gregg International Contest during the first semester, Miss Geraldine Norris won membership in the Junior Order of Artistic Typists. This is the test which requires artistic arrangement and perfect typing of assigned material in the Gregg Writer Magazine. Miss Norris also earned a certificate in the Competent Typist Speed Test. She wrote paragraph material for ten minutes with an average of 32 perfect words per minute.

Miss Betty Ireland won both Junior and Senior memberships in the Junior Order of Gregg Artists. The O. Q. A. is the largest Shorthand organization in the world. Miss Ireland also won a certificate for Speed Progress, having passed the 60 words per minute test in shorthand dictation and transcription.

We are pleased to note the marked progress in this department, inasmuch as the institution is seeking to enlist an increasing number of young women to prepare for secretarial duties. In some of our larger churches there is a great demand for young women who can take care of the secretarial duties of the pastor and at the same time work in the Religious Education program of the church. Taylor University is providing a curriculum which will enable the students to major in Religious Education and secure enough commercial work in electives to meet this growing demand for secretarial help and pastor’s assistants.

Students interested should consult our catalog which may be secured by writing to the office.

William Taylor Foundation

Readers of the “Bulletin” are generally reminded of the Foundation dues of ten dollars—the annual stipulation for membership in the Foundation. There are hundreds of these memberships which are renewed about this time of the year.

This money goes to defray the operating expenses of the school. This year the expenses will be somewhat heavier, due to the necessary preparations for the Centennial celebration and Commencement.

It is for that reason that we urge you to renew your membership dues of ten dollars, if you are now a member. If you are not, you may become a part of the corporate body that controls this great institution by becoming a member.

A DAY OF PRAYER FOR TAYLOR
Thursday -- March 21st

All the many friends of Taylor University are urged to set aside as much time as possible on this day and pray specifically for the speedy realization of the Centennial objectives. We must have God’s blessing, or we labor here in vain. We believe that through prayer we may know His will and follow His plans. We are determined to launch into the second century of Taylor’s history with our hand in His. READER, WILL YOU NOT JOIN SEVERAL THOUSANDS IN A DAY OF INTERCESSORY PRAYER FOR THE OLDEST FULL SALVATION INSTITUTION IN AMERICA? The date is March 21. The place is at the throne of grace.

NEW AWARDS

Mr. Homer Meek, a State Agent for the London Life Insurance Company, was recently on the campus of Taylor University in the interests of the company which he represents. After two visits Mr. Meek approached the president with a very definite appreciation for Taylor and the work she is seeking to do.

An evidence of that appreciation is to be found in the establishing of a new award, to be known as the Meek Latin Award. Mr. Meek, a graduate of Miami University, has a desire to see a new emphasis upon the importance of the classics, and hopes by this gesture to incite Taylor’s students toward zealous efforts in the field of Latin.

Beginning this year, Mr. Meek will give a prize of $25.00 for the student evidencing the most commendable work accomplished in the field of Latin. We are grateful for this friend of Taylor, who is also a friend of the classics.

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Mention has not been made in the “Bulletin” concerning the Service Men’s Memorial Essay prizes. These prizes are made possible through the gifts of two staff members who established memorials to Taylor students whose lives were lost in military service during World War II. The purpose of one of these prizes is to get a live interest in our American history, and the general theme, “Contemporary Problems in American History” has been selected for an essay subject.

Another prize is offered for the best literary production written by an undergraduate student.

In each of these contests, a first prize of $15.00 is offered and a second prize of $10.00.

These also are new awards offered this year for the first time.

Advance Reservations

It has been reported by the Business Office that an unusual number of reservations have been received in that office for the opening of school next fall. Occasionally a few reservations have been made before the first semester closes each year. This year we have had many.

If the number reserving rooms for next fall is a criteria at all, Taylor will reach her pre-war registration soon.

Another evidence to which the Public Relations Director has called our attention is that we have received nearly four times the number of inquiries from prospective students within the last seven months that were received from prospective students over a period of the previous eighteen months. We bring this to the attention of the “Bulletin” readers to suggest that security for reservations next fall will be conditioned somewhat by prompt communication with the Business Office with the usual five-dollar deposit fee, which assures one of a room.

Our policy is to accept eligible students as they come—and the number is more promising than in several years.

REQUEST BEARS FRUIT

As a result of our request for museum articles in the October “Bulletin”, we have received two valuable gifts.

Miss Elma Buchanan has donated a number of curios from Java, collected by her parents, Rev. Charles S. and Mrs. Emily Ann Buchanan. These have been shown to interested audiences where these missionaries lectured.

Another collection was presented by Miss Marguerite Deyo, a missionary from Africa, who recently visited Taylor.

We are thankful for these curios and will put them on display soon.

—Wm. J. Tinkle
Important Announcement for Centennial Guests

As is stated elsewhere in this Bulletin, a committee of staff and alumni members has been appointed to have charge of all matters connected with the entertainment of the large number of guests who are expected to attend the Centennial celebration to be held during the coming commencement season. The members of this committee living on the campus have already made some preliminary plans. In beginning their work it was felt that definite plans could not be completed until some idea could be secured of the approximate number of guests who would be in attendance.

From all indications we can expect a very large attendance of alumni and friends. We already have fifty-five reservations from a recent graduating class, and another class has promised that if very many classes respond in this way the problem of housing and feeding the expected guests. It will, therefore, be necessary that guests bring with them pillow cases, sheets, a blanket and towels.

The committee greatly in making possible the entertainment of our guests in as efficient and comfortable a manner as possible.

Because of the difficulty we have had in purchasing linens of all kinds during the war period, our present supply will not be adequate to care for all the expected guests. It will, therefore, be necessary that guests bring with them pillow cases, sheets, a blanket and towels.

Faculty Changes

Mrs. Hazel Smith Lamott, who has been teaching in the Home Economics department since the fall of 1944, has resigned her position to join her husband who returned recently from Germany following the close of the war. Mrs. Lamott asked to be released so that she might keep house for her husband as he returned to a civilian occupation. Miss Isabel Baxter, who until this semester had been teaching in Dunkirk, Indiana High School, has been secured to head the Home Economics Department. Miss Baxter was a student in Taylor University, though she completed her under-graduate work at Ball State Teachers College. Miss Baxter has done graduate work at both Purdue University and Indiana University, and will complete her Master's degree at the latter University this next summer.

Professor Merl Renz will close his work at Taylor in the Department of English at the end of February so that he may assume responsibilities in the Department of English at Purdue University in their spring term which opens in March. Professor Renz came to the institution also in the fall of 1944. For the remainder of the present school year the English courses will be taught by Mrs. Peter Sturgeon, who for many years was connected with the public school system of Grant County. Mrs. Sturgeon is an alumna of Taylor and holds her Master's degree from Chicago University. She comes to the department with splendid recommendations and has been asked to teach in Taylor on previous occasions.