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the commencement program

SATURDAY, June 5th
8:00 P.M. Commencement Concert ......................... Shreiner Auditorium

SUNDAY, June 6th
10:00 A.M. Baccalaureate Exercises ...................... Gymnasium
Address — Dr. Clyde W. Meredith, President of the University
3:00 P.M. A Cappella Choir Concert ......................... Shreiner Auditorium
7:30 P.M. Missionary Address ......................... Shreiner Auditorium
Address — Rev. Reuben E. Larson

MONDAY, June 7th
10:00 A.M. Annual Meeting Taylor University Board of Directors and Board of Trustees
10:00 A.M. Philalethean and Thalonian Literary Contests
2:00 P.M. Annual Business Meeting of Alumni Association
6:00 P.M. Alumni Banquet ............................... College Dining Hall
8:00 P.M. Alumni Program ................................. Shreiner Auditorium

TUESDAY, June 8th
9:30 A.M. Commencement Program ......................... Gymnasium
Address — Dr. Roy L. Smith, Editor, The Christian Advocate

You are especially invited,
The 1947-48 academic year at TAYLOR UNIVERSITY is coming to a close rapidly. Soon the fine class of graduates of this year will have become a part of that ever-growing family of loyal alumni who are now serving the Lord in all the various professions and callings both at home and abroad.

Positions of responsibility and trust are already opening for them. Teachers who are adequately trained and also vitally Christian are not too plentiful, but the demand for them is great. We have been thrilled to note that engineering students, medical students,—in fact all of the preprofessional group, are going out with Taylor's particular stamp upon them. Throughout this year we have tried to maintain an atmosphere on the campus in which it would be possible for our students to find the Lord; and likewise an atmosphere that was conducive to their spiritual development.

Repeatedly parents have volunteered the observation to the President that they have seen their son or daughter “grow” since the year started. We thank God, and are heartened indeed in the work.

During the academic year 522 people have registered for regular college work, while 23 have registered for special courses in music. These fine young people have represented 36 states of the union and 8 foreign countries. 30 different denominations have come together. To see a cosmopolitan group like we have work and play and worship together reminds one of the prayer of our Lord who prayed that all his disciples “might be one”. The spirit of harmony that has prevailed between students and faculty has been encouraging throughout the entire year.

Already many more than are graduating comprise the list of applicants for next fall. Many of those are going to be in the summer session, and because of their desire for an accelerated program in finishing, we are going to assure all new students in the summer session a place in next year's student body.

With every new student there has been the responsibility of securing additional funds, for college students in Taylor University do not cover the instructional costs to the extent of about $100.00 per student. God has opened the hearts of many of our friends who have given even more generously than usual; and daily we have felt the benefits of the prayers of the great Taylor family. The need for the kind of training we are seeking to provide was never greater! We are deeply appreciative of our friends who have made the 102nd year of Taylor's history a reality.

The fiscal year will close on June 30th. As we contemplate the preparations for an extensive program of repairs and maintenance work in preparation for an even larger enrollment another year we realize that all of this cannot be done unless we begin as soon as school closes on June 8th.

The budget of this present year, however, will not allow for any more items than the closing of the academic program with its regular operating costs. We sincerely hope that those who have some of the Lord's money will see to it that we are able to go ahead with plans for expansion despite the condition of our finances as I have described them.

Two new men have been added to the staff who should be introduced to our readers of the Bulletin. MR. SHERMAN SPEAR of the class of 1940 has been engaged as Executive Secretary of the Alumni Association by that Association, and will also work as a part-time instructor on the teaching staff of the college. Mr. Spear holds his M.A. degree in Journalism and English from Indiana University. He will edit the Alumni "Taylorite," and assist in the publicity program of the college. He will begin his duties on June 1st.

MR. LLOYD TAYLOR of Nashville, Tennessee, will assume the duties of a Field Representative on May 1st. Mr. Taylor comes to his responsibilities in Taylor with a background of experience in the pulpit and in the business world. He will spend a little time orienting himself in the work at the office and will then spend considerable of his time in personal contacts with friends of Taylor scattered everywhere. Many readers of the Bulletin will be privileged to meet Mr. Taylor in the next twelve months.

CLYDE W. MEREDITH, President
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