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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

At the recent annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, one of the leading educators in evangelical circles put a great deal of content to the idea of Christian education. This came through the differentiation between education for time or for eternity. Most education—even of the highest caliber—is education for time. This may be education of a vocational nature, for position; it might be education for culture or the ability to enjoy the "good life"; it might be education for pleasure and the ability to enjoy the finer things of living; it could even be an education for service. When education is discussed in this light, it is basically with the concept of time in mind.

Quite obviously on the Christian college campus much education is of this temporal vein. But the thing which should differentiate our education on a Christian college campus is that we add the concept of eternity to our teaching. Consideration is given to the need of the soul. Temporal education ends with death, but in our Christian theology we know that there is life after death. We, therefore, have a greater responsibility than educating young people for time; for if death ends man, then education is in vain. But our evangelical faith declares that there is a life after death which makes this life tremendously important.

Most church-related colleges started with the concept of education for eternity in mind. The soul and its preparation for eternity were not forgotten. Much of secular education has overlooked this aspect of the human personality. On a Christian college campus we must do our utmost to prepare for time, but how tragic if we do so, but forget eternity!

It is certainly our objective and ambition at Taylor University to give Christ the proper perspective in our program. We want to do this in our curriculum, in our faculty; we want to do it in every ramification of our institution. When Christ is enthroned in the hearts of teachers we know that an education that is truly Christian will follow.

Engstrom, Morris to be Honored at Commencement

Honorary degrees will be awarded to Ted Engstrom, executive vice-president of Youth for Christ and general manager of Van Kampen Press and to Thurman Morris, superintendent of the Warsaw district of the Methodist Church, at the 109th annual Commencement exercises of Taylor University on Saturday, June 4 at 9:30 a.m. in Maytag Gymnasium.

Seventy seniors are candidates for degrees which will be awarded. This is the smallest class since 1948. Almost half the class are candidates for the B. S. in Ed. degree, indicating an increasing trend toward more teacher training.

The commencement address will be delivered by Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, professor of theology and Christian philosophy at Fuller Theological Seminary, Pasadena, California. He will speak on the topic "Christianity and a Dying Culture."

Engstrom, who currently serves as president of the board of directors of the William Taylor Foundation, is a graduate and former staff member of Taylor. He has served as manager of the Zondervan Publishing Co. and in addition to being editor of the Christian Digest, Engstrom has written extensively for a variety of Christian publications. He is author of a number of religious books, many of them being in the field of children's religious fiction. Engstrom is also president of Gospel Films, Inc. He will be presented for the degree by Dr. Harlowe Evans.

Thurman Morris, a graduate of Marion College, has served for 28 years as a minister in the Methodist Church. He was superintendent of the Richmond district before going to Warsaw. Morris has been active in youth work as Dean and member of the board of Epworth Forest Institute and district director of youth activities. He is president of the board of trustees of the Bashor Children's Home and a board member of the Methodist Memorial Home for the Aged. Morris will be presented by Dr. A. Wesley Pugh.

Baccalaureate services will be held Sunday evening, May 29 at 7:30 in Shreiner Auditorium with Rev. Morris bringing the message. Alumni Day is to be observed on Friday, June 3.

STUDENTS VOTE TO JOIN NSA

Taylor University is a member of the National Student Association as a result of the decision made by the students at a special convocation at which the advantages of membership were explained.
What's Behind Your Transcript?

by Dr. Milo A. Rediger, Dean

Ed. Note: This article prepared by Dean Rediger for the Alumni Magazine will be of interest to non-alumni readers in showing what goes into a fully accredited college program.

If your transcript is worth the translucent paper on which it is photographed, there is a great deal more behind it than appears on the surface. Records of courses taken and grades received, relative standing in class, point-hour ratio and degrees granted are meaningful in relation to the strengths and weaknesses of the people and programs behind the transcript. In other words, there is a college behind your transcript which determines its value.

The greatest strength or weakness of any college is its faculty. Someone has said that Mark Hopkins and the student still face each other on the log, even though the log has grown branches. The faculty which is behind a Taylor transcript is made up of people and programs, we determine its real significance and meaning. There are the men who carry out the off-campus aspects of the educational program, spending long hours and days and weeks away from their homes and families to make the contacts with prospective students, parents and contributors. These men cultivate the public relations of the college and build good will for the institution. They believe in the aims and purposes of Taylor University, in the faculty and the students — and in you.

There are also the men who keep the physical plant in good condition and maintain its operation. They work mainly behind the scenes, but they make a contribution as necessary to the total program as are teaching and administration. And the clerical staff, too, is essential to the total operation which produces a transcript that commands the respect of educational circles and the world at large. In fact, all of these people must work together harmoniously each fitting into the total pattern as God directs and adds His blessing to the whole institution and program.

The Record Remains

Also, behind your transcript is a complicated system of record-keeping. Academic records, financial records and activity records must all be integrated into an organized picture which fairly represents you and what you have done and what you have become in and through the educative process. Cards and books and files and fire-proof vaults combine to preserve and perpetuate the record of what you were and did during those four very important years. How fortunate you are if you have a record to live up to rather than one to live down!

Because, you see, in a very real sense, you too are behind your transcript. Your college is not good or bad, strong or weak, entirely apart from you. Transcribing is not all one-way traffic. If you are a graduate or former student, there is, in a certain sense, a trans-script of you in the history of Taylor University. You have made your Alma Mater stronger or weaker by your record while you were here — and you continue to make her better or poorer by the measure of your commitment to her Christian aims and purposes, and by the quality of life of service you give to Christ and the World.

Here, with the faculty I have described, and with all of the other supporting persons and programs, we are doing our best to preserve and improve what's behind your transcript. We are dependent upon each other for the educational and spiritual growth that each transcript carries. We will soon complete a decade as a fully accredited liberal arts and teacher-education college. As we continue to seek God's guidance and blessing to grow and improve in spiritual and academic stature, and as you continue to reflect credit upon your Alma Mater, together we will be putting more and more behind your transcript.
To Take Part in NCA Study

Taylor University has been approved for participation in the North Central Liberal Arts Study Program. Sponsored by the North Central Accrediting Association, the study program is conducted for the mutual benefit of member schools with the purpose of helping each to solve the problems of its own campus and to carry out a program of advancement in any aspect of its academic work.

LeShana to Appear at Summer Camp Meetings

Dave and Becky LeShana will represent Taylor at a number of summer camp meetings during July and August. They have begun to book definite dates for services in 1956. Persons or churches interested in securing this young, energetic couple should write now to the Public Relations Department at Taylor. All services are held on a free-will offering basis.

Meetings scheduled for June and July are:
- Maple Run Friends Church, Marion, Ind. June 12-26.
- Hughesville, Penna., Camp July 7-17.

BROTHERHOOD IN ACTION

Captain Virgil A. Daniels withdrew his deposit on an apartment in Waverly, Iowa, after he learned that a few families in the building protested because he was a Negro. Another resident heard of it and wrote a letter to the Waverly paper saying that he believed the protest did not represent the true sentiments of the community. "I am certain I speak for many when I say 'Captain, we are sorry. We would have been proud to have counted you as a neighbor,'" he wrote.

The Waverly Chamber of Commerce took up the matter immediately and within eighteen hours Captain and Mrs. Daniels and their three children were comfortably housed in Waverly.

The letter to the Waverly paper was written by Sherman Spear, now advertising manager for the Lutheran Mutual Life Insurance Co., and former alumni secretary at Taylor. As a result of the action of the citizens of Waverly, the town was awarded a check for $10,000 and a citation by the Fund for the Republic.

Faculty Promotions Made

A number of faculty promotions have been made at Taylor to be effective for the 1955-56 academic year. Dr. Hazel Butz, formerly associate professor of English, has been named full professor. Advanced to the rank of associate professor from that of assistant professor were Ralph Thompson, Spanish and religion; Hilda Steyer, music theory and piano; Roberta Kelly, home economics; and Maude Felter, secondary education. Jack Patton was advanced from instructor of art to assistant professor.

Graduate Grant Award

Elmer Nussbaum, faculty member in the department of physics who is on leave of absence for advanced study, has been awarded a graduate training assistance grant by Taylor University. The grant is an in-service aid that Taylor provides to not more than one faculty member per year. The recipient must qualify by being able to complete his doctoral work during the time the grant is in effect, and at the completion of studies the recipient is expected to serve on the Taylor faculty for a specified term.

Miss Draper to Retire

Miss Olive M. Draper, professor of mathematics and astronomy, who has been a member of the Taylor faculty continuously since her appointment in 1914, will retire from teaching at the end of the current academic year. Miss Draper has been a member of the faculty longer than any other member now serving. In recognition of her contribution to Taylor, the Alumni Association has chosen to award Miss Draper the Appreciation Award for this year at the Alumni Banquet, June 3. She is also to receive special recognition at a farewell banquet given to all faculty members leaving Taylor this year.

Miss Draper came to Taylor as a transfer student from Kletzing College in 1911. At the time of her graduation, the professor then teaching Chemistry was leaving, and he asked her to be his successor. In addition to teaching during her years of service to Taylor she helped design the floor plan of the present science building.

Several schools were hosts to Miss Draper for her graduate study, which she pursued during summers; these were the University of Iowa, Colorado University, Indiana University, and the school from which she received her M. A. degree, the University of Michigan. She was then advanced to the position of professor and taught in the fields of mathematics and astronomy. For a number of years she taught physics also.

If all the lives of the Taylor family which have been touched by Miss Draper's influence throughout the past forty-one years were to be gathered together, it is quite obvious that a great host would be present. To the persistency and consistency of Miss Olive May Draper, Taylor University is surely indebted.

TRACK TEAM WORKING HARD

Track season has just opened at Taylor but the first meet against Earlham was a victory for T.U. thin-clads. Bob Cotner copped four first places.
Taylor Strong in Baseball

Under the coaching of Cal Fleser the Taylor baseball team is off to a winning season with seven out of the first ten games in the victory column. The opener against Indiana University was a close battle. The Trojans led with a three run margin until the seventh inning. Final score was 6-4. At Kentucky State the Taylor squad cleaned up two games winning 7-1 and 15-6. Southern Illinois proved too much for the Trojans as they went down by scores of 13-0 and 15-4. The spring tour was concluded by Taylor shellacking Greenville in a double header 6-3 and 10-0.

Conference play opened for the Trojan diamond men with a double header victory against Hanover 5-2 and 12-4. Huntington was the next victim that went down 6-3.

Nate Price has wielded the big stick at the plate, but others on the team have been hitting consistently also. Price tagged the longest homer anyone could remember in the Taylor field against Hanover to drive in three runs. Against Huntington he knocked the ball out of the field to bring in two men on base. Freshman Tom Lockwood has done some good duty on the mound, but will probably see no more action this year due to a shoulder separation. Leiehty, Niswender and Reed handle most of the pitching assignments with help from Morse, who regularly plays first base. Mel Shy has been the starting catcher with Augustine moving back to second base.

Registrar Attends Boston Meeting

Miss Grace Olson, Director of Admissions and Registrar at Taylor, attended the 41st annual meeting of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admission Officers in April. The meetings were held in Boston, and staff members from colleges throughout the U.S. participated.

Miss Olson was elected secretary of the Christian Registrars.

Shakespeare Festival Presented Full Program

Three full days of Shakespearean period drama and music made up the Taylor Shakespearean Festival on April 21, 22 and 23. A number of outstanding dramatists and musicians were brought to the campus for the event.

Alumni to Rally on June 3

Alumni and friends of Taylor will gather for celebration and fellowship at Taylor on Friday, June 3, Alumni Day. A committee of alumni and students has been working out the details and an interesting and attractive program is being planned so that all can participate.

Seniors and their parents will be guests at the annual Alumni Banquet on Friday evening, in the dining hall, at 6:00 p.m. At the banquet the "Alumnus of the Year" Award and the Alumni Appreciation Award will be presented.

The annual business meeting of the Alumni Association will be held in Shreiner Auditorium at 3:00 p.m. following the showing of "Angel in Ebony" and Don Odle's Venture for Victory film in the library, beginning at 1:30. Classes will have reunion meetings at noon and at 4:30 p.m. Places for the reunions will be announced at the desk in Magee Dorm during the day. An evening program is scheduled for 8:00 in Maytag Gym.

Richard Graham, actor-director associated with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival at Ashland, Oregon, had a major share of the program, giving lectures, demonstrations of costuming and enactments of some of the 70 Shakespeare parts he has played.

Other participants included Miss Katherine Griffith, Earlham College, who was featured in an Elizabethan music concert, Dr. C. F. Van Cleve, Ball State, Arthur Lithgow, creator and managing director of the Antioch Area Theater and Shakespearean Festival of Yellow Springs, Ohio, Warren Staebler, Earlham College, Dr. Lee Norvelle and Prof. William E. Kinzer of Indiana University, and Jack Patton and Howard Skinner of the Taylor staff who assisted in art and music. Director of the festival was Mrs. Elsa Buckner, Assistant Professor of Speech at Taylor.

All during the day on Friday and Saturday various Shakespeare programs or music from the period were scheduled, and guests reported excellent performances.