Taylor is Different

"AN EFFECTIVE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE"

That does not mean that Taylor is different when it comes to her beautiful campus, splendid buildings and equipment, although many educators who visit our campus say it is one of the most beautiful campuses and well equipped plants of the smaller colleges of the State. A college should have the very best buildings and equipment and surroundings possible so that it may be an ideal place in which to study.

It is not that Taylor is different primarily in her staff — for every college worthy of the name must have a staff that carries the very highest earned degrees of the great universities of America. Over one half of Taylor’s staff have either their Doctor’s degree or the equivalent and the rest of them, with the exception of two, have their Master’s with considerable work toward their Doctorate secured.

Taylor is different in that the college emphasizes the spiritual along with the intellectual. It feels that young people must have the great staying force of religion to help them meet life’s task. Taylor is different in this respect, as you know, for as you cover the field of American colleges there are very few that are doing a high class piece of scholastic work and are definitely and enthusiastically Christian. Taylor is not extreme, but sane in her religious emphasis, and young people are sweetly, tactfully led into a conscious relationship with Christ.

Taylor is different in that her teachers and students alike feel they are preparing to carry on Christ’s great task of building a new world. The purpose and objectives of Taylor are taken seriously both by the staff and student body.

The Task and Objective

The task entrusted to the faculty of Taylor University is to build Christian character in the youth who enter her halls. The emphasis is made daily upon the ethical and spiritual in education. The doors are open to Christian youth who desire a standard college education in the midst of an ideal spiritual atmosphere. Students are taught to think and to face the facts of life.

Education and religion are God’s surpassing gifts to the youth of today. Everything that education has to offer is welcomed and used in the reaching of the objective, but always with the thought that it must be controlled and directed by the Spirit of Christ. Education and religion must not be divorced. While all of this vast field of education which is so rich in its offerings is used, in order for it to be effective it must be presented by highly trained men and women who are definitely Christian themselves and who help to create a sane, Christian atmosphere. Such influences are brought to the student life that whether ministerial or lay they are made to feel themselves a part of the great ongoing Christian educational movement which they will later be called to lead.

While the student is urged to get the very finest intellectual equipment possible and to find his spiritual bearings by organizing his life around Christ, it is also felt that he must have a strong body, so through physical examinations, lectures on health and hygiene and a constructive program of intercollegiate athletics and Intramural activities this goal is reached.

Already many students are sending in their applications and room deposits for next year. Send yours immediately so you may have a choice of one of these beautiful rooms. Next semester begins September 14.
It would have thrilled you to have seen that big gymnasium filled with young people eagerly facing their own spiritual needs. These three days were given over to the spiritual reconstruction of youth. On Sunday, both morning and afternoon, when the messages were completed and the appeals made, literally scores of young people came forward and many were blessedly saved, others were mightily baptized with God’s Holy Spirit. 

This Conference has grown in power and influence until, even though the registrations were limited to five hundred, there were over one thousand from the outside. After Taylor’s who had the privilege of looking in on this great gathering of young people would feel there is hope for us when you can get a choice group like this together who are definitely seeking and finding for themselves the highest standard of New Testament experience.

The group voted to come back for the Sixth Annual Conference next year.

From a prospective student:

Last week-end I attended Taylor’s Youth Conference. . . . For some time during my high school years I felt very certain that God was calling me for a definite work . . . . A year ago when I attended Taylor’s Youth Conference I was touched again by a tremendous appeal that God still had something definite which he wanted me to do. I was down at the altar on Saturday evening and again on Sunday morning, trying to get the whole thing cleared up — but I left Taylor’s campus unwilling to leave my job and venture out into a field where I felt, down inside myself, I ought to be.

For the past year I’ve gone on — afraid to even let myself think of the possibilities which God might want to open up for me — trying to convince myself that maybe after all, I was never supposed to go to college. I’ve laid my head on my pillow at night, over and over again, conscious of the fact that I wasn’t satisfied, that I was trying to convince myself of something that I knew wasn’t true.

I came to the Youth Conference again this year, and again, I felt the pull on my life. Sunday morning I listened to your address, and as you went on, the grip tightened up. I battled it out during the altar call, and then, just as the service was closing slipped out and went down to the altar again. I tried to reason it out some other way, but the only thing that offered any peace at all was saying, “Lord, I’ll go anywhere you want me to go.” I’ve come home determined to do that, at whatever cost.

“Taylor has offered me for four years the highest academic standards in a truly Christ-centered program.”

—TED ENGSTROM

Dear President Stuart:

During the great Youth Conference which was held at Taylor, I was so absolutely saved that I have felt the urge to write and tell you all about it.

My name is ————, the daughter of one of the finest Christian ministers of the North West Indiana Conference. Perhaps you have heard of him. My mother is also a fine Christian woman. I will be nineteen in May and will graduate from high school in June. I have been brought up in a Christian home with Christian surroundings. Up until a year or two ago I had always taken God for granted. Then questions such as, “How do I know there is a God?” began to arise in my mind. I began to disbelieve.

God has given me a talent which could win souls to Him but I did not heed His call and have been planning to use that talent in a way that might bring me fame. That talent is singing and I hope that you will not think I am bragging when I say that I have a good voice. I had been planning to work my way up until I might reach Grand Opera, yet all the time something was pulling me back. I have been taking singing lessons and I know enough about music to know that I was not progressing the way I should. I was miserable. It was hard for my parents to live with me. I could not get along with my friends. I deceived my parents by doing things that I know they wouldn’t want me to do. I got to the place where I couldn’t pray, I hated the Bible and I didn’t want to live.

It was with the thought of a good time that I came to the Taylor Youth Conference. I didn’t come with the thought of how much I could get out of it religiously. As soon as I entered the campus grounds something happened; I do not know what, but some of the weight on my heart was lifted. When I saw the faces of those young people beaming with the love of God, more weight was lifted. When I attended the meetings and discussion groups, all the remaining weight lifted and I was free.

I have known for weeks that God wanted me to use my voice in winning souls, yet I resisted. All I thought of was myself and how I could become famous. Now that it is all gone and I have given myself and my voice to God I know what it is like to have God talk to me. I know that He wants me to be a Singing Evangelist and that I shall be, with God’s help. Next Sunday night I shall dedicate my voice to God from the pulpit with that wonderful song “My Task”. I ask the prayers of all to help me resist temptations and give me strength “to go where He wants me to go.”

Although I spent only two days on Taylor’s Campus I have fallen in love with it already.

My Dear Dr. Stuart:

In the congestion of the time and the services of the recent Youth Conference, I was unable to meet you and tell you how very grateful I am as a pastor, for the splendid resultant efforts Taylor University has put forth to bless the youth of our churches. Certainly anybody attending one of the conferences could not help emphasizing the untold enrichment that comes into the lives of our youth. In the five years that you have been conducting these Pisgah experience meetings, I have always availed myself of the opportunity of taking some of my young people, except one year when I was unable to be there. However, I believe this was the crowning year. Perhaps the reason I feel so is due to the great enrichment that has come to my own soul and life. Jesus seems dearer and the Holy Spirit a more potent factor in my own experience.

Too, I want to congratulate the committee who had the responsibility and prayed through all the intricacies in planning for such a conference. Surely, without the guidance of the Holy Spirit they could not have succeeded so well. I realize also that the fine spirit of cooperation on the part of the faculty and yourself was a balancing leverage for the best results. Again, I am seeing the fruitage of the Christian college.

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Robert Marvin Stuart, class of '31, describes the thrill he had in pulling in this "big one":

Dad, I would have given a lot to have you along when I hooked my 19-pound bass on Armistice Day. It was a thrill of a life-time, the biggest fishing thrill I have had. In the high-lights of 1937 it rates second to the arrival of Robert Lee in April. I put the star-drag clear on and still he pulled my line right on out. It was 30 minutes before I could begin to bring him in, and I was so thrilled and nervous that my legs shook like a leaf. The other fellows were hollering, "Bring it in, 'parson'", and the long years of watching you bring in the big ones taught me how to handle him. It is my dream that some day you can be out here when the big ones are running and we can go out together.

How One Family Goes To School

The Smith family have solved the problem of paying their way through college. Four of them have been to Taylor; there are three here this year — Hazel, Logan, and Mable. They simply load up four hundred white leghorn pullets, bring them to the campus, take care of them, and sell the eggs and pay their way through college. They have done this so successfully that they have been written up in the papers and magazines all over the United States, and Miss Hazel Smith appeared on "We The People" program in New York, over the Columbia Broadcasting System, sometime ago and told the story of their project.

The students on Taylor's campus who have to work for their tuition are honored just as much as those students who come from parents who pay all their way.
From Bishop John McKendree Springer, Bishop for Africa:

Dear Dr. Stuart:

A copy of your bulletin of April 1937 came to my hand, and I was greatly interested in the items regarding Brother Withey and also Bishops Taylor and Oldham.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of my circular letter which tells of the Conferences of 1937. You will note my reference to Brother Dodge. We hope that other couples like these splendid workers will be available in the not distant future.

I am enclosing a Bill of Exchange for $10.00 and will be glad to be enrolled as a friend of Taylor. Mrs. Springer and I visited the school in 1916, I think it was, and we have kept more or less in touch with matters there through the years since. We are just returning from Liberia where we visited Barclayville, the present station of Brother J. C. Wengatz, where the foundations have been laid for a great service among a considerable population. I presume that he has been at the University and has given an account of the work there.

With very best wishes for the school,

Very cordially yours,

J. M. Springer

Taylor Stands for the Best

President of Taylor University:

It was my privilege to read a letter a girl student received from a student in your college and I cannot remember of having been more impressed.

She told of the wonderful Christian spirit there, and gave a detailed account of her conversion, and it was one of the sweetest and most genuine things one could imagine; I am not ashamed to tell you I could not keep back the tears.

NOTE: There are not many colleges in America that stand for the very finest scholarships and are at the same time definitely and enthusiastically Christian. You will find one of the happiest teaching groups and student groups in the country on Taylor's campus. They are learning how, in a real sense, to live happily together.

"Scholastic achievement is incomplete until religion is a part of it. Taylor offers us both."

— CLARICE BELL

Excerpts from Letters

As your slogan goes, "The college that cares for the soul."

There is no outward force that is as inspirational to my own experience as the contact with the student body of Taylor University. With the passing of the last decade, I have had a growing endearment for your school. I pray daily for you, your faculty, and the student body. I grant you, they get my "special" at the throne of grace. How I praise God for the privilege of the friendship with youth. I am rejoiced that many of them have faith and confidence enough in my Christian experience to dub me as "Dad." It doesn't injure my dignity in the least. If it has any effect, my dignity is increased. God bless the girls and boys of Taylor University!

You may always count on me as a booster for Taylor. I am not an alumnus (I sure wish I were), but that does not keep me from seeing her real value as the boon of blessing to the souls of youth.

May the riches of God be yours as you direct the work of Taylor University.

Fraternally Yours,

R. Lowell Wilson

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UPLAND, INDIANA

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Accredited Standard College of Liberal Arts by the State Board of Education of Indiana.

Taylor's credits are accepted at full value in leading Universities of the United States.

Limited number of Selective Honor, Service, and Good Will Scholarships for worthy students.

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