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Hello, Fort Wayne Alumni and Friends! It's been great hearing from several of you already after many of you received the latest *Alumnus*. Since we took the magazine to press, some items have taken place I thought you would want to know. As always, please call or email, as I love hearing from you!

Fort Wayne Alumni E-News – The Falcon!

- Former FWBC President passes away
- Career Services willing to help Fort Wayne Alumni
- News Notes – Please submit for FW Vine by March 15, 2010
- TU Online Website redesigned (former Correspondent Studies)
- Old-fashioned Singspiration planned along with 50th reunion of Crusader's Quartet in Fort Wayne
- News Tidbits from Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center

Dr. Don Gerig passed away February 23, 2010

Dr. Don Gerig, 70, who served as the final president of Fort Wayne Bible College and Summit Christian College prior to its connection with Taylor University, died Tuesday evening, February 23, 2010 following an illness. He became sixth president of Fort Wayne Bible College in 1986. In 1989, FWBC became Summit Christian College and he served as president there until 1992. Following his presidency at Summit, Gerig returned to the pastorate, serving at Huron Hills Baptist Church, near Ann Arbor, Mich., until his retirement in 2003. In addition to his presidential and pastoral roles, Gerig taught at FWBC, wrote curriculum in the area of pastoral management, published articles in a variety of publications and a book - *Leadership in Crisis* (1981). Dr. Gerig is survived by his wife Caroline. He is also survived by two children, Denise and Douglas, and six grandchildren.

If you would like to submit a message of condolence to the family, please email alumnifw@taylor.edu, and I will make sure these get passed along to Caroline. Also, if you have a story of Dr. Gerig's influence or impact in your life, please e-mail me at mcmortensen@taylor.edu, as I am writing a tribute to Dr. Gerig in the *FW Vine*, a new tri-annual publication the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center to be sent out this spring.

Career Services willing to help Fort Wayne Alumni

Newspapers and news broadcasts are filled with stories of layoffs and cutbacks due to the poor economy. Perhaps, you have experienced this in your life. With this in mind, I have contacted the Career Services area of Taylor University. Their director has welcomed you to take advantage of the career development resources.

E-mail Career Services at careerdevelopment@taylor.edu and request a username and password for Career Development Connections. Please indicate you are part of the Fort Wayne alumni group so they know you are not an incoming freshman or part of another group. When we receive a request from someone who is not a current student, we need to enter the name into the system and then send the username and password. Each individual will need to complete a profile after which they will be able to view any available positions, upload a resume and/or apply for positions.

News Notes – Please submit for FW Vine by March 15, 2010

The Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center is currently working on a new publication called *FW Vine*, a tri-annual mini-magazine for Fort Wayne Alumni and Friends to debut this spring. Since not all of our alumni have access to the internet, we will begin by sending this first issue to all Fort Wayne alumni by postal mail. A major component of this publication will be the News Notes section, where alumni can submit notes detailing job changes, moves, professional accomplishments and recognitions, marriages, births, adoptions, deaths, etc. If you have something you would like to submit for the spring issue of the new *FW Vine*, please do so by Monday, March 15 at alumnifw@taylor.edu. Submissions after that date will appear in subsequent issues.

TU Online Website redesigned

Taylor University Online recently launched a redesign of www.taylor.edu/online. The website was completely overhauled, both design and content. The end result is a more professional website that is user-friendly and visually appealing. One major improvement is the use of pictures – you may see someone you know! Please visit the website and let the online team know what you think by emailing online@taylor.edu with any questions, suggestions or general feedback.

Old-fashioned Singspiration planned along with 50th reunion of Crusader's Quartet in Fort Wayne

Preliminary plans are being made for the Crusader's Quartet (Paul Robbins, Ed Terui, Paul Brennan, T.A. Strader, Ken Mays) to lead an old-fashion Singspiration on Saturday afternoon, August 28, 2010 in Fort Wayne. This special time will be in conjunction with the 50th reunion for the Class of 1960, which will take place Friday and Saturday, August 27 and 28. Watch for more information on-line and in the *FW Vine* coming in April.

News Tidbits...

- The *Alumnus* is printed and will soon arrive in your mailbox (if it has not already arrived!).
- As of the end of February, the Fort Wayne Alumni & Friends Resource Center has received \$36,206 towards our minimum \$50,000 goal. Thank you to those who have partnered with us financially.
- We continue to leap up the ladder with our volunteer hours. Since June 2009, we have had 1,967.25 hours given – WOW! The President even mentioned this to an all-staff meeting in Upland last week. Any additional office helpers, even one day a week for a couple of hours would be a help. Let Kari Reynolds (alumnifw@taylor.edu) or me know of your interest in serving in this area.
- The new website continues to take steps forward as we upload photos, sound files and update copy. This all takes much more time than I ever thought. I have so much respect for web designers, especially ours.

As always, please feel free to call or e-mail me at any time. We are here to care for Fort Wayne alumni and to celebrate and preserve our heritage.

Grateful,

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