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A MAGAZINE FOR TAYLOR UNIVERSITY ALUMNI AND FRIENDS

TAYLOR



The Infobahn:
Superhighway or
Devil's Backbone?

Superhighway or devil's backbone?

While a student at Taylor, I never owned a car. (Come to think of it, it wasn't until some years after graduation that I owned a vehicle finally worthy of the title.) It was as a passenger, then, that I was introduced to the local attractions deemed a "must see" in the late 1970s: Ivanhoe's, the covered bridge in Matthews, Pig Land, and devil's backbone.

Of these, devil's backbone is nearest the University: it's the tail end of the county road that borders the north edge of campus. Several sharp hills set in rapid roller coaster succession account for the nickname. It offers the type of driving experience that makes mothers fear for their teenaged sons' well-being. Or should.

Such roads call for caution and common sense on the part of the traveler. In that way, the information superhighway (or infobahn or whatever it's being called this week) is not so very unlike devil's backbone. "Proceed with caution" is sage advice for travelers on either the superhighway or the local manifestation of devil's backbone.

We sound that gentle warning in this issue of *Taylor*. Following a brief overview of the proposed national information infrastructure (p. 9), Chris Veil alerts us to a sampling of the potential side effects of the new technology (p. 12). That technology does not operate in a vacuum. It carries with it significant ramifications for higher education in general, and for

Taylor University in particular, as we point out in a subsequent story (p. 14).

Finally, President Jay Kesler raises what may be the crux of the matter for the Christian: to what end are we moving along this superhighway? Where is it leading? (p. 16)

It behooves us to consider the question thoughtfully, prayerfully. Before his death earlier this year, French theologian Jacques Ellul wrote widely about the dangers inherent in embracing technology. At one point, he argues that technology (and other institutions such as money, politics, and the state) can gain a hold over individuals that defies all rational explanation. Human beings seem "possessed," in, through, and by technology.

According to Ellul, the explanation may be found in the spiritual world—technology's hold over people is based on the spiritual meaning it takes on as it is influenced by the "powers" as the "rulers of this darkness."

Some have wondered aloud if the Internet (p. 10) might not qualify as a technology imbued with a force greater than its own reality, with roots in the dark forces of the spiritual realm. Viewed in this light, the term

"Devil's Backbone" in the title question offers even more food for thought.

Our society seems on a headlong rush to embrace the new technology. Will we be swept along in the rush? Will you? Think twice before you open wide your arms and shout, "Look, Mom! No hands!"

—Doug Marlow '81, editor



Cover: Easily recognized by students, the "devil's backbone" is a known feature of a county road that borders the Taylor campus.



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Forget me not

In the [Summer, 1993] *Taylor* magazine—the Sammy Morris issue—an article on page 23 lists the [pre-1925] Taylor grads serving in higher education. I thought I might be added to the column:

Joyce Spalding, '23, professor of education and psychology, John Fletcher College, University Park, Iowa.

Joyce (Spalding '23) Evans, assistant professor of education at Illinois, Normal, Illinois

I had so wanted to return to TU last year, 1993, 50 years after graduation, but health prevented.

My best to you from a loyal alumna. God bless,

*Joyce (Spalding '23) Evans
Springfield, Illinois*

Ha ha ha

I really got a laugh from the Homecoming announcement on the inside back cover of the [Winter, 1994] magazine. However, my wife Cindy didn't laugh, so I guess

different people just have different senses of humor. If the two of us had different reactions, you may be getting different reactions from the total readership. I think it is great that we can be secure enough in who we are that we can have fun.

I did a telephone interview recently with a reporter from the *Seattle Times* on Christian higher education. At one point I said something to her about the expectation that Christians walk around with somber faces all the while. It was evident from her reaction that I had described her perceptions exactly, and she took time to write down what I had said (didn't use it in her story, however).

*Jack Letarte
Institutional researcher,
Taylor University
Upland, Indiana*

Now, a word from our sponsor

The Indiana Medical History Museum greatly appreciates the exposure that your feature article in the [Winter, 1994] *Taylor* magazine provided to alumni and friends of Taylor University.

As you know, the building which houses the museum originally provided physicians in the late 1800s and early 1900s with state-of-the-art facilities in which to study mental and nervous disorders. Today, the museum uses its more than 15,000 artifacts to educate visitors about the developments which made possible the advanced health care people currently experience.

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Golf champ in his own right

Thanks for such a well-written story ["Playing by the rules," pp. 23-24, Winter, 1994]. It is an honor to be a Taylor graduate.

Recently, the PGA has given me another step. I am now a master professional. This class is the highest you can achieve. The Lord has certainly blessed Conrad Rehling.

We enjoyed Homecoming '93 so much and plan to be back next fall.

*Coach Conrad Rehling '43
Tuscaloosa, Alabama*

Humor connection

As an alumnus of what was Fort Wayne Bible College and now is Taylor University-Fort Wayne, you might like to know that I read your publication from cover to cover, even though the majority of the publication focuses on events at the main campus.

This correspondence responds to the Spring, 1994, edition highlighting humor. It has taken me several years to arrive at the same conclusions you addressed in the issue. I concur with the concepts.

To the manuscript entitled "Comic Strips: Truth in Jest," [page 20] I would like to add one more fundamental ingredient to the success of educational comic strips, (those that teach a lesson).

The ingredient could be called connection. The comic strip connects visual stimulation with an emotional (laugh, chuckle) response. When an emotional response is linked to an idea, learning occurs.

Comic strips teach lessons.

*Gary A. Fortney
Phoenix, Arizona*

Their Children Shall Rise Up and Call Them Blessed...



An addendum to the honor roll of parents (Spring '92) nominated for their love and sacrifice in having three or more children attend Taylor University.

**Col. Chaplain Max '54 & Sallie Meier
West Des Moines, Iowa**

Capt. Allen Meier '82
Wichita, KA

Ruth (Meier x '86) Wilson
Chesterfield, MI

Carol (Meier '88) Sisson
Upland, Indiana

Esther Meier '89
Indianapolis, IN

Promise Sleepers

This June, over 60,000 men converged on Indianapolis for the only Promise Keepers' national men's conference held east of the Mississippi. So scarce were overnight accommodations that at the last minute the University opened its doors to over 150 men willing to make the hour-and-a-half trip north from downtown Indianapolis. Housekeeping and summer conference staff members went out of their way to make the overnight visitors comfortable.

Seniors sweep Taylathon

The seniors rode off with first place after the running of the 40th annual Taylathon on-campus bicycle race. The seniors won both the men's bicycle race and the women's trike race. According to men's team captain and four-year veteran Joe Johns, the key to victory was riding an error-free race.



Captain Shawna Palmateer led the women's team to victory before an estimated 500 spectators.

Twice is nice

Psychology professor Mark Cosgrove, PhD, was named Distinguished Professor for 1993-1994 by the Taylor University National Alumni Association. A member of the faculty since 1976, Cosgrove becomes the first two-time recipient of the honor. The noted scholar, author, and teacher first received the award in 1980.

Give ethics awareness time to grow

The University received a \$10,000 grant from Lilly Endowment, Inc., for promoting ethics awareness across the curriculum. The funds will be used over a two-year period to train instructors in nurturing ethics awareness among students enrolled in the required freshman seminar and computer competency courses. Starting this fall, each course will include a special section related to ethics. According to Dr. Richard Parker, music professor and the

grant's writer/administrator, the focus is on reaching students early in their college careers.

Teachers pass test

The teacher's education program recently received a ringing endorsement when evaluated for re-accreditation by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

The education department has held NCATE accreditation since 1962, but must be evaluated every five years for re-accreditation.

In preparation for the board of examiners, the education department, the teacher committee and other departments compiled a 600 page self-study. The department also made some program changes to improve its quality and effectiveness.

Public relations director sought

An experienced public relations professional is being sought. Desired background should include several of the following: advertising, marketing, journalism, video communications, graphics, publishing, experience in press relations.

Preferred skills include writing, speaking, organizing, interpersonal communication, and an eye for design. Must also possess executive and management skills to provide leadership in other areas of public relations.

To inquire about this position, call Dr. Charles Jagers, vice president of university relations, toll-free at 1 (800) 882-3456, ext. 5225.

Performing Artists Series

A variety of artistic experiences is provided in the four outstanding programs that have been selected for the 1994-95 Performing Artists Series.

The season opens November 11 with The Steel Bandits, a creative steel drum band that plays everything from calypso to classical music. The Lowe Family Christmas Concert will provide a special Holiday treat on December 3. The family includes seven children ranging in age from 5 to 19 years who play piano, organ, an impressive variety of stringed instruments, and also sing. The explosive big band sound of the Woody Herman Orchestra will fill the

auditorium on February 10 and recapture the spirit of that great era. The Series concludes on a vocal note with a March 10 concert by the highly acclaimed Indianapolis Children's Choir.

All programs will be held in the Rediger Auditorium and will begin at 8:00 p.m. A season ticket for the Series which provides a 25% savings over individual ticket prices and includes the convenience of assigned season seats is offered for \$15.00. Persons interested in renewing season tickets or becoming new subscribers should call (317) 998-5289.

Three wishes granted

The computer science/systems department recently received a matching grant from Digital Corporation, enabling the University to order DEC equipment at a 50% cost savings. Computers in the Zondervan Library and the science division lab, among others, have been replaced.

Equipment for a regional natural history museum in the Randall Environmental Studies Center, as well as classroom equipment in the Rupp Communication Arts Center will be forthcoming, thanks to a \$17,000 grant from the George and Frances Ball Foundation. Both buildings were the focal point of Taylor's recently completed \$8.5 million capital campaign.

**Bring it on home!**

This August, the Upland community welcomed the return of its historic train depot after a near-30-year absence. As part of last year's observance of Taylor's 100th year in Upland, the University provided matching gift funds to help the town to purchase, transport, and restore the historic edifice.

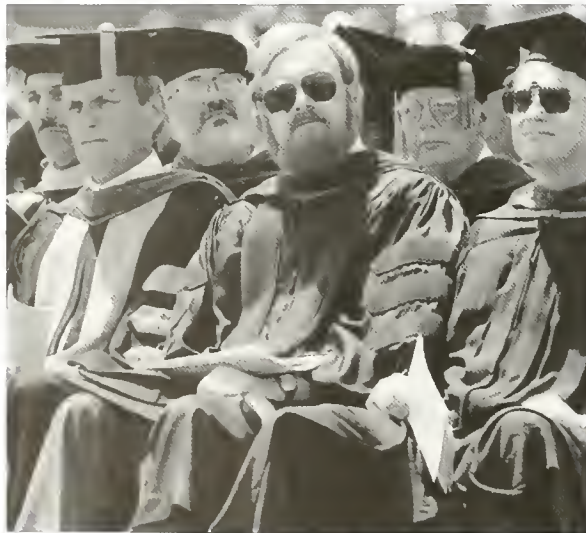
The depot's two-day trip from nearby Muncie was covered by local media.



Carol Mott was appointed director of the Counseling Center earlier this year. With two daughters in college, Mott says she is well aware of the stresses college students face.



Norman Yatooma



Drs. Tim Burkholder and Paul House.



Carole Bulten and Craig Crook join the ranks of the newly graduated.

Commencement receives that “personal touch”

Changes in the ceremony focus attention on the accomplishments of each graduate.

Much has happened already in the lives of the students who received their diplomas on May 21. The memories of that day, however, may shine as bright as the sunshine that smiled upon the 402 graduates, their families, and friends thanks to changes that made this year’s commencement ceremonies different from those held in previous years.

Conspicuous by its absence was the role of commencement speaker. This was the result of a studied effort to highlight the diploma presentation. “We decided that more time was needed to be devoted to the recognition of seniors . . . after all, this is a culmination of four years [or more] of [hard work],” says Rebecca Moore, assistant to the dean of the university.

Diplomas were presented by department chairs this year. Correspondingly, graduates marched by department and were seated with fellow majors. According to Moore, this allowed “more of a personal touch to the students,” as students knew their department heads, and those students seated next to them. Also, academic honors were read aloud.

Stefan Eicher '94 represents the fourth generation of the Eicher family to graduate from Taylor or Fort Wayne Bible College. His parents are OM missionaries Ray '63 and Krista Eicher.



In Ecuador, Peter Heck stands atop the world's highest active volcano.

Taylor experience global say seniors

Commencement is but a beginning for these recent graduates, and for the other 399 whom they represent.

For most college seniors, commencement day represents the summit of their college career. That's not to say, however, they haven't scaled other mountains along the way.

For example, 1994 graduate Peter Heck is already halfway to his personal goal of climbing the highest 25 peaks in Ecuador. Born the son of missionary parents in Quito, Heck says growing up in the Andes teaches one to appreciate nature. "Mountaineering gives you even more respect for beauty."

Heck has met other goals as well. This spring, he was named "Outstanding Computer Science Graduate" for 1994. Even before graduation, he had accepted an offer to join the staff of a prestigious advanced technology laboratory in New Jersey. He started there this fall.

In the job interview process, Heck was asked about his choice of schools. He says, "I told them that I chose Taylor because I thought people cared for me there. Now, I think that's more true than I actually knew when I first came."

Trail blazer

Dorothy "Zoe" Bond spent the spring semester of her senior year as one of the initial group of fourteen students who participated in the Christian College Coalition's new Middle East Studies Program in Cairo. Loneliness was a factor for her, Bond says. Believing that God had a purpose in her being there helped her persevere and enjoy what she calls "the most beautiful adventurous experience of a lifetime."

Bond spent 13 weeks in Cairo and a fortnight in Israel seeing

history come alive. She is eager to proselytize.

"I think every student should go overseas for a semester. It should be required. I thought I was a fairly flexible, tolerant person, but I was shocked by the differences. Even having lived overseas much of my life, I can't begin to say how much I learned from this experience."

Grace in grief

The mountain peaks took on yet other forms for Norman Yatooma. In the spring of 1993 he was elected to serve as student body president starting in the fall. The plans he articulated called for him and his officers to "live and lead as examples for our Lord and our university. If we have lived in that manner, then we have indeed accomplished much."

Shortly after election day, Yatooma learned his father had died, victim of a random act of violence.

"I cannot ignore the impact that my dad's murder has had, and continues to have, on my life and my role as student body president," he says. "While the Lord has allowed me to gain in one instant and lose in the next, he has facilitated possibilities for me to capitalize on great opportunities.

"The Lord provided me with a testimony and a podium from which to proclaim it. I have found security in allowing myself to be vulnerable and transparent with my peers.

"Not only is my faith being developed by watching the Lord sustain my family, but he has used me to show this student body what his power can do. I claim no credit, but if I have been used to impact even one person, then I am content and my mission is accomplished."



Each year the alumni office sponsors the Sophomore Alumni Induction, a.k.a. "sophomore mugging." Attendees receive a class mug and a charge to value the friendships they form as students.

Russian MBA pioneers see free-market economy in action

This summer, 30 of those who will help shape Russia's economic reforms came calling

They came, they saw, and they learned about free market economy. From June 8 through June 22, Taylor University-Fort Wayne hosted twenty master of business administration (MBA) students, nine faculty members, and three translators from Nizhni Novgorod University in Russia. While they were there, the guests participated in a whirlwind series of lectures and field trips that were taught and hosted by members of the Taylor business faculty.

"These students are the ones who can make economic reform not only a dream, but reality," states James Coe, Taylor business professor and program director, who anticipates this type of exchange becoming an annual—and semester-long—event.

The visit is the latest step in a growing relationship between Taylor and Nizhni Novgorod University, but it is not the first. "We have been in close contact with our American colleagues since 1991," says Dmitri Andreevich Doronichev, vice rector

of economics at N.N.U. A distinctive of this cooperation, along with student and faculty exchanges, is the MBA program, established at Nizhni Novgorod with Taylor's assistance.

"They have started the first MBA program in this city of over two million people; they are really pioneers in this area," says Coe. Nizhni Novgorod University was founded in 1918 and is comprised of four research institutes of physics and technology, chemistry, applied mathematics and cybernetics, and mechanics.

The visitors stayed in residence halls on the Fort Wayne campus and attended lectures on topics including American culture, the Protestant work ethic, accounting, financing, human resource management, and international business import and export methods. "We study those things we couldn't learn in Russia," says Ludmila Fyodorovna Sukhodoyeva, vice dean of economics. "Our main goal is to develop the national economy, but it must be developed according to ethical principals and laws used by other nations."

Learning also took place outside the walls of the classroom with trips to Indianapolis, Archbold, Ohio, and Chicago. Among the sites for field trips were the Chicago Board of Trade, a Ford Taurus assembly plant, ServiceMaster, and NaviStar.

The MBA students were invited firsthand to observe businesses operating in the free market of the United States. "We have a Russian saying," says Doronichev. "It is better to see something with your own eyes once than to hear it 100 times from someone else."



Flowers and crosses mark the site of a fatal accident that claimed two lives.

Trying year leaves mark on campus

The 1993-1994 school year brought growth through trials

This has been a confusing, long week at Taylor—and it started before the accident," President Jay Kesler told a chapel audience. The automobile accident on April 16 to which he referred claimed the lives of two people, including Taylor sophomore Jennafer Ruhlman, 19, of Rochelle, Illinois. Four other students were hospitalized following the accident, two of them with serious injuries.

The entire 1993-1994 school year was one which might have been characterized as confusing and long: it was a year which saw, among other incidents, the Boyd Buildings and Grounds complex destroyed by fire, subzero winter temperatures and a resultant broken water main to the campus, turnover in several campus offices, and publicized security concerns when *personas non gratis* were sighted on campus.

Coach Steve Wilt accepted the head football coach position this spring, replacing Coach Dale Carlson. Wilt comes with eight years of experience at Wingate College in Wingate, N.C.



Anne Lee

Award winners

Senior volleyball, basketball stars recognized

Anne Lee '94 was awarded the Lady Trojan of the Year award in recognition of her athletic prowess and leadership skills. A four-year starter on the volleyball team, Lee earned NAIA All-District honors three times and led the team in kills for three consecutive seasons.

Awarded the Gates-Howard Award was basketball player Steve Mozingo '94. A four-year letterman, he led the Trojans in scoring for two seasons and earned second-team All-American status last season. He started for three straight years and played in every game over his four-year career.

Last time up at bat: Tim Winterholter

Season's end signalled a close to this father-son duo

Tim Winterholter '94 has been involved with baseball for as long as he can remember, and the close of his college playing career isn't likely to dampen his enthusiasm for the game. Tim was practically raised on the baseball diamond, as father Larry '64 has been head baseball coach at Taylor since 1979 and prior to that time, served as an assistant coach at Illinois State University.

Not only did Tim play under his father for the past four seasons, he also grew up knowing his father was a four-time All-Conference pitcher in college and is a member of the Taylor Athletic Hall of Fame. Coach Winterholter lettered four years in both baseball and basketball at Taylor, and gained notoriety by picking up wins in both games of a double header in 1961. Those are not exactly easy shoes to fill.

Tim says he did not mind playing for his dad.

"My dad handles things great," he says. "He treated me like any of the other guys and I really enjoyed playing for him.

"I could often communicate to him what the team was feeling. It was really a good situation. The guys joked about it a little, but I liked it."

Though not a pitcher like his father, Tim found a home at second base. He led all the Trojan fielders this past season with a .983 fielding percentage. He finishes with a career batting average of .310, committing only four errors in three seasons.

"I guess I've known for four years that (Tim's graduation) was com-

ing," says Larry. "I feel privileged to have coached him."

Tim was one of only two seniors on the 18-man roster last season. The team's overall youth showed itself in a 12-29 overall record, despite a record-setting 36 home runs.

"I've never really set goals for myself," says Tim, who graduated with a degree in physics and environmental science. "I just play as hard as I can. Good things happen when you play your hardest."



Father and son Tim '94 and Larry '64 Winterholter teamed up over the past four years on the baseball diamond. Larry has served as coach of the team since 1979. In the past 11 years, the team has posted nine 20-win seasons.



Richard Gray joins the faculty as director of the new urban ministries program. The program is designed to provide the foundation for ministry in an urban setting among a variety of ethnic cultures.

Conference, college call for justice

Issues of justice, racial reconciliation intertwined

Although the world has changed in the last 50 years—"turned more flip flops than we can count"—one issue has not: that of justice. It is an important issue, for the country is playing for high stakes. Christians have a biblical mandate to be involved. However, the way we've gone about pursuing justice in the past is not adequate for the task.

So says Dr. Bill Pannell in his keynote address at "Justice Now!," an action forum for educators and community leaders co-sponsored by TUFW. Pannell, dean of the chapel at Fuller Seminary, author of *The Coming Race Wars*, is a Fort Wayne Bible College graduate and current Taylor University board member.

A poor record

The United States has a poor record of meting out justice, Pannell says. "We have not learned how to deal with crime or criminals. And America is a country infested with both." He is concerned that America not slip into a police state, and sacrifice individual freedoms in the name of law and order.

"The stakes are higher, here," he says. "For we have aspired higher—not the least of which is God's name on our coinage, the use of the Bible in swearing in our top executive, and the belief that God somehow belongs in America."

Biblical mandate

Pannell does not mince words. "Taylor University, and many Christian institutions like it, have not

been distinguished in the area of justice. Leadership from these schools did not always march. They prayed a lot, but they did not march.

"We've not always understood the relationship between justice and missions—which is to say we don't understand our own gospel, and we are not always converted by it."

Pannell argues that as Christians, we must be committed to justice, for we recognize our interconnectedness. "Injustice in one part of the world affects all of us. God demands we do justly, even as we preach the good news."

Too, God calls his people to the city. Citing Amos, the farmhand who wound up in the city with God's message, Pannell says, "In the city—there democracy and the quality of democracy will be determined."

Finally, Pannell says, we must be committed to doing justice because ideas matter. "We've lost our character, our souls, even as we've struggled to save our bodies. One has only to observe to see it."

Toward an answer

Pannell readily admits that the pursuit of justice is not easy. He summarizes the importance of involvement in the issue with a sentence: "We must become what we say we are."

Overcoming prejudice is a necessary step. "We need to move beyond 'love' to 'trust'—perhaps the more difficult expression of love."

Politics does not hold the answer to the question of justice, according to Pannell. Neither does a given



Dr. Bill Pannell

political party, much as some in the church would like to claim Christ as exclusively a conservative or liberal.

"Two fundamental, gut-wrenching words have emerged out of LA: 'race reconciliation'," Pannell says. Inherent in that concept are others: the idea of justice, and economic viability.

The politics of good intentions is not the answer, he says. People must become involved on an individual level. "Throwing more money at the problem or building more jails is not an answer." He looks to his hometown of Los Angeles as an example of how these factors may be coming together in the wake of the recent rioting. "LA is either a city on the road to hell, or is a new city emerging—of a whole different order. I think it's the latter—and that it will move from California eastward.

"There's an incredible amount of skepticism about whether we can pull this thing off. Are we going to wrap flesh around the words? It's time to do it."

File photo

Brave new (electronic) world

Infobahn—much talked-about, little understood: a state of affairs won't change soon.

Asked by an evening talk show host recently, "What is this information super highway?" veteran television news correspondent Walter Cronkite replied with a grin, "I know, but I'm not telling."

His response, in itself, is telling. It seems everyone is talking about the information superhighway, yet practically no one can define it, let alone understand it all. The info-bahn (it goes by numerous nicknames) is in a constant state of flux.

Nevertheless, most of us have some idea of what is meant by the

term "information superhighway," or national information infrastructure (NII), as it is more formally called. The terminology itself conjures up an image of fast-moving traffic on a specially-designed transportation system.

You've seen the hype. It's hard to pick up a newspaper or news magazine that doesn't have at least one headline that employs some overused metaphor for a superhighway that has yet to be built.

Futurists trumpet the advent of 500-channel television, doctor visits by video, and computerized home shopping. The endless on-

again, off-again mergers between cable television and telephone companies have become a media miniseries. Meanwhile, major film studios, consumer electronics giants, and publishing houses jockey for position in what we're told will be a \$3 trillion industry.

We'll be able to select any movie or television show, shop for virtually any product, seek additional information on any area of news—all without leaving the comfort of our armchair recliners, and all with the touch of a single-button remote control. Via a fiber optic cable connected to our television sets,



we'll visit libraries and museums, do our banking, consult our doctor, and chat with our friends via two-way video.

The NII will change the way we pursue healthcare, entertain ourselves, shop, do business, receive an education, and communicate with each other.

Or will it?

Much of the hype about the NII sounds like farfetched science fiction—and much of it probably is. (Remember the pie-in-the-sky promises made about cable television at its introduction?) It comes as no surprise that those individuals, companies, and corporations that stand to profit most from the NII are among its most vocal supporters. They also tend to paint the rosier pictures of its future benefits.

Acknowledged as primary NII players are telecommunication and cable television companies, both government-regulated monopolies. The Clinton administration has

voiced support for easing regulations on such industries with the stated goal of furthering their participation in the NII. Given the promise of regulatory relief, "it is strongly in the interest of both cable and telephone companies to exaggerate their plans for interactive systems deployment," says Mark Stahlman of New York-based New Media Associates, writing in *Wired* magazine.

While this may be human nature—perhaps good business sense—there is a price tag attached to even rose-colored glasses. It is often ignored in the rush to embrace "progress."

As the American Psychological Association's William Howell points out, the NII will open new vistas, even as the U.S. interstate-highway system opened the country to its citizens. In the course of constructing the interstate, however, Americans paid for greed, corruption, and political favoritism, and saw the rise of traffic deaths, air pollution, and urban gridlock.

"For all its virtues, corporate America has never been noted for putting the public interest ahead of making a buck or for supporting research devoted to product quality and safety ahead of beating the competition to market," says Howell in the *Chronicle of Higher Education*. "Business operates on the principle of enlightened self-interest, with the accent on the latter. 'Enlightenment' generally comes after the fact, and only as a result of irresistible pressure."

Something is happening

Whether or not the NII is built with the public interest at heart, it is not to be built with public funds. Repeatedly, the Clinton administration has stressed that the NII will be funded entirely by private industry. The estimated price tag is enormous: it will cost \$200 billion just to connect the nation's fiber optic network.

Yet it is happening. The United States is moving steadily toward a national communication network

Taking a test drive on the Internet

This "Mother of all Networks" offers a glimpse of tomorrow today.

Has the information super highway already arrived? Some claim a part has—and that the Internet is that part. An interwoven body of computer networks that spans the United States and reaches around the world, the Internet has been variously called "the world's largest man-made machine," an "experiment in consensual anarchy," and "doomed to obsolescence within five years."

Whatever else it is, the Internet is popular. It is comprised of over 40,000 computer networks and stretches across more than 137 countries. It is accessed by over 20 million users, and is still growing.

In the United States alone, the volume of information flowing over the government-subsidized backbone network grows by over 10 percent each month. Users employ

the Internet to exchange that hottest of late-twentieth-century commodities: information.

The amount and type of information available is staggering. Users can read about fast-breaking news stories, for example, access up-to-date international and political data, download computer software programs, browse through holdings of the Library of Congress, and send

electronic mail messages to people around the world.

Persons affiliated with universities, government, or large business are often offered easy (and to them, free) access to the Internet through their place of study or employment. A number of commercial services offer Internet connections to individual users and small businesses—for a fee, of course.

Whether the Internet will survive in its current form or be replaced by a commercial internet (say, within five years) is unknown. As an early comer to the infobahn, the Internet is both a lightning rod for debate over public policy matters and a proving grounds for assessing the demand for and economic feasibility of various uses for the information superhighway. Where it will lead us, however, is anybody's guess.—DM



that will be capable of transporting large quantities of information, video, and voice communication at very high speed.

The system will include thousands of interconnected telecommunication networks, along with cable TV, broadcast satellites, computer systems, televisions, fax machines, and telephones.

Ultimately, it will connect the country's businesses, homes, schools, and health care facilities, among others, through a broadband, interactive, telecommunications and information network.

What will it offer?

It seems a given that the quality of its content will be an important factor affecting the ultimate success of the NII. Like so other many aspects of the NII, however, there is much speculation regarding exactly what that content will be. Analysts are able to agree on a few points.

Historically, new media draw heavily on the content of what is currently available during their developmental stages. Hence, radio drew heavily from vaudeville in its early stages, as television did from radio, in turn. It was not until later that these media gradually began to define unique contributions, based on their own strengths and weaknesses.

For much of its initial content, the NII will extend services currently available by other means. Innovation and imagination will later help fashion unique contributions. Thought sure to be an initial part of the NII are: video on demand, video games, home shopping, pornography, and gambling.

Would-be NII corporate players are forming partnerships and attempting mergers with an eye to positioning themselves as providers of some of these services.

The NII holds potential in other areas, as well. Distance learning will offer educational courses to students in remote locations via computer networks. Medical networks will link patients, doctors, and health care service providers,

facilitating the exchange of information and records.

For all the potential in these developments, however, entertainment is the engine that is driving development of the NII. It will continue to do so into the foreseeable future. Entertainment is what consumers are willing to pay for, whether it's viewing a television program or movie at a time of one's own choosing, accessing the latest video game, or enjoying a shopping trip from home.

Many consumers are also willing to pay for what are perhaps less savory forms of entertainment: pornography and gambling. By most accounts, a significant part of the content available on the NII will be pornographic. "It's sad, but as Christians we have to deal with it," says Barry Pavesi, producer-in-residence at Taylor University.

Pavesi sees in the development of the NII an opportunity for Christians to get in on the ground floor. "We have a challenge in this to seek how we can best impact our

culture for the kingdom of Jesus Christ," he says. "I am trying to get more of our young people into secular media. The higher the percentage of Christians there, the better off we'll be."

Questions, not answers

Even a cursory examination of the NII raises as many questions as it answers. Some of them are more readily apparent than others. The distance between technological "haves" and "have-nots" will widen. Privacy on the infobahn, outdated legislation, and copyright law enforcement, are issues currently under debate. The proposed universal access requirement has sparked debate, too, on the practical and economic feasibility of providing every home in the nation access to the NII.

Beyond these types of issues are others, no less important for being less publicized. They include questions of social policy: how will the new technology transform the way we live, work, and play? "It is obvious that we can no longer proceed developing technologies with our eyes closed to its effects on our psychic habits, social relations, and even political ideas," says Neil Postman, author of *Technopoly: The Surrender of Culture to Technology*.

No one knows for certain the implications of the new technology for our society, for the church, for Christian higher education, yet it is certain that change is coming. Will Christians be prepared or playing catch-up to the rest of society?

What final form will the NII take? When will it happen? How will it change the way we live? Answers to these questions are not given easily. What is a given is that the information age is upon us, and changing the ways we generate, process, store, retrieve, and disseminate information means changing the way we live our lives. ■



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By Chris Veil

True confessions . . .

There is an addictive aspect to the superhighway. I know.

Even without looking at the clock—which registers 3:34 a.m. when I do look—I know it's late (or early) by the way my leaden fingers drag themselves across the keyboard. I can't seem to tear myself away. Mine is a problem shared with certain other Internet addicts: I'm a moojunkie.

Thanks to the information superhighway, I'm "chatting" just now with friends who are physically located in Israel, Australia, southern California, and Ohio. We've met, however, at the side of a small pond,

located somewhere in the imagined space of a computer-generated world. Sound cool? I find it exhilarating. For this, I'm losing sleep.

It started as a lark. A friend suggested I write an article on the addictive side of the Infobahn. I declined. After all, I'm not the addictive type. "Not to worry," I was told. "That minimizes the risk to you." The assignment called for me to immerse myself in cyberspace culture, become a participant-observer, and acquaint myself with those who do struggle with the addictive side of the new technology. OK, so it might be rather interesting.

I armed myself with a set of goals and objectives and a working strategy. I would establish myself as a known character on a MOO, an aspect of the Infobahn particularly noted for its addictive tendencies. That was the plan. To my chagrin, and not altogether to my liking, the addiction has become real. If I am to shake it, it will take no little effort.

Virtual reality

MOOS (or, object-oriented MUDS) and their relatives (MUDS, Mucks, Mushes and M-what have you) represent a growing presence on the Internet. These virtual communities have captured the attention of Internet users and social scientists alike, and have been the subject of recent bestsellers.

Virtual reality is typically created when a computer system offers users written text to describe an environment which exists only in a database, not as actual physical objects and places. It's an imagined world, but users treat this simulated environment as if it were real. I found it relatively easy to do.

For instance, when I "arrive" at a given place on one MOO, this text appears on my computer screen:

You stand in a small clearing, carpeted with the softest of grasses, on the edge of a wide pool. The pool, filled with crystal-clear water, is fed by a beautiful waterfall....

What's more, I see people here. We talk. Voilà—virtual reality. Our conversation runs the gamut from military policy to computer software, with a fair dose of wordplay thrown in. We respond to each other's comments immediately, typing a verbal response or indicating a smile, a nod, or a grin. This adds to the sense of reality, even if our names seem a bit farfetched: Abascus, Bobs_yeruncle, Kirlin, K're, Maui (that's me), and Torque.

The MOO allows us to create our own personas, as different or as similar to the "real us" as we care to

Many users feel firsthand the MOO's addictive tendencies. "We're all MOO junkies," one user told me.

make it. When acquaintances "look" at me, they see what I've previously entered as my description: "Maui. Spry for having just turned 80. Sparkling dentures. Good memory."

I'm not 80 irl (a MOO convention for "in real life"), but I am older than most MOOers (one survey puts the average age at 23 1/2) and I like to use my description as a conversation-starter. It works.

There is more to MOOing than talk. MOOusers can and do create homes, furniture, pets, vehicles, and so on, to which they describe as they see fit, and with which other users can interact. In a virtual world, money is no object. One is limited only by the imagination and an assigned quota of computer bytes available for such building projects.

Addictive reality

The social and creative aspects of the MOO can and do become addictive for some users. To become proficient, users must devote an increasing amount of time and energy to learning the various aspects of the MOO. As they do, their character will become more popular and well-known. This leads to a circle that feeds itself. According to one social scientist studying the MOO, "Admiration and respect are addictive. . . . People who feel liked and valued in a particular environment will tend to frequent that environment—that holds true as well for MUDS as for any field of human activity. Involvement leads to popularity, and popularity leads to involvement. . . ."

Many users recognize the MOO's addictive tendencies. "We're all MOOjunkies," one character told me, using a term I came to hear often. One feature of a MOO I frequented (and I tried several) is a subprogram that tracks the number of hours individual users log onto the system. Published daily is a list of the top 20 users, based on usage over the past three days. The day I looked, atop the list was a user who averaged 20 hours of log-in time each day.

Devoting so much time to one activity is bound to have serious consequences. College students,

including those at Taylor, are not immune to the pull of MOOS, David Woodall '81, systems and development leader at Taylor, assures me. The computer usage policy at Taylor, like that of many colleges, includes MOOS among gaming activities rated a low priority and specifically prohibited to users. "Most of our students don't become involved," Woodall says. "But there are some who are sucked into this kind of compulsive behavior. We've had cases where a student's grades have plummeted due to this kind of involvement." The University deals with such individuals on a case-by-case basis, he says.

Besides the addictive potential, a number of MOO users fall prey to another force and fact of life, both off and on the Internet: pornography. As irl, so in virtual reality: it's available to those who seek it out.

Good news, bad news

That's not to say MOOS have no redeeming social value. Some are set up specifically as forums for scientists and researchers to meet, exchange information, and collaborate on projects. Others allow students of all ages to meet together and take part in formal classes or moderated discussions.

MOOS offer people from around the world an opportunity to interact in a democratizing setting. Given the text-based nature of the MOO, class, race, status, even gender, are equalized to a great extent.

Besides noting the diversion it provides, several users I spoke with said that interacting with MOOfriends helped them improve their communication skills irl.

To me, it seems that MOOing offers a microcosm of the coming information superhighway. It's new. It changes the way we think about communication. It takes some getting used to. It has potential, but also serpent's teeth. And is best handled, if at all, with great care and discernment. ■

Chris Veil is the pseudonym of a Midwestern writer and Taylor graduate who recently broke a MOOaddiction.



By Doug
Marlow

Of mice, men, and cornfields

On the Infobahn, Taylor's location constitutes no barrier—and offers no protection.

Mouse pads emblazoned with the University wordmark (\$12, University bookstore) serve as a ubiquitous symbol of the prevalence of micro-computer workstations on Taylor's campuses.

Increasingly, students, faculty, and staff use microcomputers as their on-ramp to the early phases of the information superhighway.

Just what changes will be brought about by the convergence of information technology is unclear. However, experts suggest that both the content and the delivery system of higher education will be changed to a far greater extent than we can now imagine.

Institutions of higher education are already feeling the effects of this

change. Taylor University is no exception.

As she nears her 150th year, the University faces several critical information-related issues, including "distance learning," changes in teaching styles, and the spiraling cost of keeping pace with technology. How Taylor responds to these and other issues will shape the direction of her ministry in the foreseeable future.

2,000 miles: no distance at all

Already there are signs that distance learning (taking courses or even full degrees over computer networks) will increasingly accommodate part-time and non-traditional students—working adults who need to take classes at times and places convenient to their own schedule.

Such courses will be offered to traditional undergraduates as well, providing them a less expensive means of fulfilling all or some of their degree requirements.

"State colleges in Indiana are putting together networks to provide all general education requirements to a person's home," says Robert Hodge, vice president for planning and information resources. "Distance learning is an obvious and economical learning tool.

"Taylor's immediate response is that the educational experience so obtained would not be the same as and probably not as good as a residential learning experience. But standing on the outside looking in, without an understanding of what ethos is all about, the opportunity to obtain an education at a fraction of the cost [of a residential program]

may become a compelling marketing factor.

"Taylor and higher education in general is at a pivotal point in how education is provided and delivered. We cannot ignore what other colleges are doing. State colleges, even Christian colleges 2,000 miles away, may soon be competing electronically for students in our backyard. The information superhighway eliminates time and geographical boundaries. Our cornfield buffer is no more"

According to Hodge, Taylor has been relatively uninfluenced by market forces. "The information superhighway introduces a new paradigm, however. Much of it is market-driven. Taylor is trying not to conform to the world, but the pressures to comply to market forces will be much greater, much closer than ever before.

"Taylor University is at a pivotal point: do we pull back further to protect who we are and how we educate, or do we embrace the new technology, its hardware and information-delivery systems? If so, can we embrace it and make use of it in such a way that we set the standard rather than putting up with the standard set by others?"

Teaching styles will change

Within what some faculty members lament as all-too-common budgetary constraints, the University has embraced the use of technology campus-wide. Perhaps that is nowhere as evident as in the number of personal computers that dot the educational landscape at Taylor. The ratio of students to university-owned general-access microcomputer workstations is 17:1, for example, and that of students to all computer workstations, including those in specialized labs, is 10:1. "That's a great ratio," says Hodge.

Of course, there is a difference between installing new equipment and enabling people to use it. Recently, a faculty task force examined the issue and identified two pressing needs: first, time to explore and familiarize themselves with the electronic instructional aids

currently available on campus and second, time to modify the curriculum to integrate the use of available technologies.

New this year, the faculty-staff development lab represents one step taken toward addressing those needs. With its microcomputer workstations and other resources, the lab serves as a hands-on training site for both formal and informal exposure to the use of currently available technologies.

Learning to use technology can give faculty members an edge in the presentation of material, Hodge says, "but the pedagogical issues are much larger than that." Traditionally, the professor is seen as a provider of knowledge. With the wealth of information provided by the information superhighway, however, faculty members may have to assume new roles as guides, navigators, and coaches. "Information literacy is the issue. The need is to know how to sort through all the choices."

No bargain prices

While new technology may offer an effective means to pedagogical ends, it carries a hefty price tag. President Jay Kesler candidly addressed this issue during a question-and-answer period with members of the Parents' Cabinet this spring. The price of keeping pace with technology represents a significant financial outlay for any university, he said. "Not only do we have to buy [new technology], but we have to replace it—and not when it's broken, but when it's obsolete."

It is a fact of life in the information age that today's cutting edge technology is tomorrow obsolete. "A computer you buy this year will be replaced by a new model with completely different technology in another year," says Hodge.

Too, the cost of technology continues to rise. "In three years, Taylor will be spending two times as much on high technology as we are now," says Hodge.

These spiraling costs include not only the hardware, but the price of software applications, training, and



support. "People have to be brought to the point where they can be productive with new technology," says Hodge. For every dollar Taylor spends on hardware technology, he estimates the University spends an additional \$4 in related costs over the life of the machine.

That adds up to a significant amount financial outlay and some hard choices to be made. "We're going to have to learn to live within our abilities," Hodge says. "An old technology you can understand and apply is better than a new one you can neither understand nor apply. We must choose wisely."

Much-needed Message

Inevitably, today's mouse pads will soon be outdated. Perhaps some new technology will render them obsolete.

The University is facing several critical issues brought about by the rapid changes in technology. Some constants remain, however.

"I cannot picture any change in the next 10 years away from the need in our society for people who can express themselves well—certainly not for people who can express their faith effectively," says Dale Jackson, communication arts department chair. "As technology shrinks the world, the need for the message and for people with those skills will continue.

"Technology keeps providing us with means to the ends, but we have to figure out what the ends are." ■

Mary Ann Hill, administrative assistant, accesses the Internet via a computer terminal in the new faculty-staff development lab.



By Jay Kesler

What's on the road ahead?

Is the superhighway all that super or should we be blazing our own trail?

My father often said that he felt lucky to have lived in the first three-fourths of the 20th Century. He would then recount his memories from a small boy to adulthood observing the transition from the horse to the automobile, steam to diesel, telegraph to telephone, radio to television, stunt flying to commercial air travel, kerosene to electricity, ice box to refrigerator, coal to oil to gas, sulphur drugs to penicillin, tourist cabins to motels, and the list goes on—indoor plumbing, aluminum, plastic, vacuum cleaners, styrofoam, chain saws, jet skis, rockets, satellites, Salk vaccine, univac, frozen food, air conditioning, power steering, facsimiles, and on. . .and on. . .not *ad infinitum*, but almost!

Implications of the superhighway

Now we are adjusting to the computer and the information superhighway. What changes will we describe to our grandchildren? Many wonder how this revolution will affect our lives, "Will it be like the Hula-Hoop, the zipper or the internal combustion engine?" As the technology develops and as applications are devised, it becomes evident that the better simile may be the printing press. The implications are truly beyond our current comprehension and the imprint on history promises to be cataclysmic. Interactive television, college education delivered in our living rooms, shopping trips by remote cameras, diagnostic imaging,

topographical and geological mapping, retrieval of information buried in ancient libraries, the tracking of small packages by satellite and hundreds more are all current realities. To continue the printing metaphor, most feel this is like comparing wood block type with rotary presses at the *New York Times* or the electronically generated ubiquity of *USA Today*. As in the past, however, the same press can print pornography or Tolstoy, slowly or with blinding speed.

Impact on human beings

Technology and applications are one thing. Their impact on human beings and our quality of life is quite another. It is in the interface between mankind and technology that the modern challenge seems to exist. "Smart bombs" were fascinating to observe during the recent Gulf War. The reasons why they are needed after centuries of human progress is a source of disappointment and consternation. Almost everyone wonders why, in a world of such awe-inspiring technological accomplishments, are we observing the seeming disintegration of the fabric of culture and the destruction of whole nations by ethnic strife and selfish greed. Better educated people do not seem to do better than emerging peoples. Bosnia is scarcely less appalling than Rwanda, unless one sees artillery as superior to machetes.

Peering down the center line of the information superhighway with all of its challenge and promise, we are inclined to speculate if progress is the end of it all or

simply novelty. I can remember my first experience with life-changing technology—my first overseas flight and my first time on TV. I was aboard a DC-6B flying at about 450 mph (we would say “lumbering along” today) toward South America. It was 1956 and we were attending a “Congress on Evangelism” in Caracas, Venezuela. Dr. Bob Cook, then president of Youth for Christ, International, gave a devotional to the back-ground drone of the gasoline driven, piston engines. He reasoned that God had not allowed clever men to invent the airliner for the purpose of flying beer salesmen from city to city, nor had he given us television to allow families to watch Red Skelton do pratfalls, but that he had given us all of this post-war technology to facilitate the efficient carrying out of the Great Commission and the betterment of mankind. Though I’m sure he did not intend his comments to sound like a cliché, I’m still haunted by the profundity of the central point. As Robert McNamara once said, “The trouble with clichés is that they are almost always the truth.”

Input from Christians needed

Somewhere in the euphoria and anticipation accompanying this current technology we must ask, “How does this fit into God’s ultimate plan for his creation? Are we solving problems or simply manipulating our confusion? Is our quality of life improving or simply speeding up?” The ability to punch in a person’s license plate number and receive a printout with his or

her medical history, credit rating, voting record, and automobile preference has interesting ramifications. Refining technology so that we can send “intelligent” rockets to individual addresses across all cultural and language barriers with the efficiency of Federal Express holds interesting prospects. Yet, there must be more to it all than information retrieval marketing strategies, graph drawing, convenience, and tools of warfare.

Somehow in the scheme of the creation, the ideas of redemption, peace, adequate food, community, environmental stewardship, or what was meant by “the pursuit of happiness” seem like more worthwhile uses of this new highway. Commercial success, efficiency, and capacity are certainly not unworthy goals. Yet, it seems the outcomes will largely rest with human beings and the quality of their vision, not with the technology itself. Somewhere there is a place for Christian input into the information highway beyond televangelism and computer-generated direct mail fundraising.

A highway ought to lead somewhere worth going, to carry things worth carrying, and to accomplish goals worth achieving.

Irony, sad irony

Most world travelers and missionaries have visited third world countries and seen eight-lane superhighways going from an airport to a dictator’s palace and wondered at the irony in the midst of abject poverty and destitution. Unless the current agenda broadens and deepens, our current technology might look as baffling to a visitor from Mars (or a hungry African, or an unemployed American, for that matter), as these third world anomalies. “Studies show” has become the preface for the statistically intricate analysis of human problems from hunger to productivity to illegitimacy. What we do about this heightened awareness is the great challenge. The answers will ever be mired down in endless debate, however. Until we can answer the most basic question, “What is man?” there is no place to begin. In the words of Elton Trueblood, we must have “a place to stand.”

Interrelated: theology and technology

The information superhighway is filled with bright prospects providing it leads us toward a future of harmony, enlightenment, reason, civility, justice and true prosperity of life and soul. If it simply speeds up our current cultural malaise, then perhaps a sidewalk would suffice. The words of Jesus, “What is a man profited. . . ?” continue to whisper in our consciousness whenever we dare to pause and reflect. Technology and theology have had only a very surface relationship thus far. A profound interrelationship, not a polarization, is the hope of the future. We acknowledge these both challenges and the necessity of making technology a part of our stewardship. ■



Jay Kesler '58 serves as president of Taylor University.



Benediction

Three faculty members say adieu

By Jim Garringer

Sociology professor Dan Yutzy is one of three long-term faculty members who marked the close of his active service to Taylor University during the recent school year. Joining him in that “graduating class” are biology professor George Harrison and Tom Beers, associate vice president for development.

As one body, the Taylor family joins in saluting the efforts the trio and expressing appreciation for the blessings they’ve bestowed.

Dan Yutzy, sociology

As an administrator at Eastern Mennonite College, Dan Yutzy had a weakness he was unable to overcome.

He could not fire anyone.

“To look a man I love in the eye and tell him ‘There is no job for you’, that would have torn me apart.” Yutzy says, adding that his counterparts at Eastern “felt I was too much of a churchman. . . .” When Yutzy was invited to join the Taylor faculty

in 1976, he was not sure whether he should return to the classroom. He did, but felt he would be at Taylor for no more than three to five years. Within six months of arriving in Upland, however, he and his wife Martha remarked they’d like to stay for the long term.

“I never taught a class that did not enlist my energies, my sense of commitment, my calling,” Yutzy says. As a sociologist, he involved his students in field experiences, taking students out of the classroom and into urban settings such as Chicago, New York City, Atlantic City, as well as to the Cherokee and Navajo nations. His annual forays to Chicago led to Taylor’s association with the Wesleyan Urban Coalition, “a very fruitful part of my time at Taylor.” The trips were significant experiences for him and his students. He laughs as he recalls a student once telling him, “You do a pretty good job as a lecturer, but I enjoyed the Chicago trip better.”

There have, of course, been less-than-enjoyable moments. On the

Reflecting on his 17-plus years at Taylor, Dr. Dan Yutzy says, “It was great—a good journey.”

second day of classes in the spring of 1993, Yutzy was sidelined by a stroke. However, he was able to return to teaching last fall for what was already scheduled to be his final semester. “Teaching last fall was a gift from God; I enjoyed that.”

Yutzy says he is thankful Taylor allowed him the freedom to teach in the classroom and to pursue a speaking ministry in area churches. He is in high demand as a speaker and evangelist. He suffers some lingering effects of the stroke, but is able to maintain a vigorous speaking schedule. “I have every Sunday booked through December.”

George Harrison, biology

George Harrison arrived at Taylor in 1963, but might have come sooner. “I had applied three years before the Administration Building burned, but then the files were lost. . . . Dean Rediger remembered I



places, and revisit places I have been." They also plan for a return trip to Alaska.

Tom Beers, development

Humble, self-controlled, devoted to God. These are among the descriptives that apply to Tom Beers '55, most recently associate vice president for development, and erstwhile dean of students and administrative assistant to then-President Dr. Milo Rediger. Conversing with Beers, it is soon evident that he chooses his words carefully. He is most uncomfortable when asked to talk about himself.

Tom Beers had no intention of attending Taylor when he first arrived on the campus. He and two friends, Dave Hess '59, and Art Edstrom '55, had been accepted at a college in Illinois and were en route when they stopped to spend the night with a friend at Taylor. The next morning, Hess said he wanted to stay. The other two followed his lead. "I am sure that the Father had a hand in that," says Beers.

After graduation from Taylor, Beers served in the Marines, within a few years finding himself faced with the probability of going to Southeast Asia. His Third Marine Division, stationed in Okinawa, was charged with drawing up plans for the invasion of North Vietnam and China. Beers struggled with the ramifications of being a Christian in combat, and still does. "How does one become pro-life in the abortion issue and pro-death at combat?"

Among the lasting marks he leaves on Taylor is his role in developing the Parents' Association, the university's camps and conferences program, the elderhostel program, and the university's advancement to national and international recognition.

Beers plans to join the staff of Project Mercy as a fund raiser, as well as keep his and his wife Helen's home open to Taylor students for retreat and Bible study. ■

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Ornithology was a long-term teaching interest of Dr. George Harrison.

history." That may be true. Six presidents have guided Taylor; buildings have been built and torn down. "The physical campus is all new since I came," he says. Enrollment has gone from roughly 600 students in 1963, to over 2200 on two campuses.

His years of teaching biology at Taylor have given Harrison the opportunity to complete his doctorate and travel to the Pacific northwest, western Canada, and Alaska to study the ecological systems of those regions.

Research and accomplishments are but the means to an end for Harrison. "It is gratifying to run into students from a number of years ago and hear them say they are still interested in biology."

Harrison finds it easy to use the lectern as a pulpit of sorts. "The discipline of biology lends itself to the integration of faith and learning. [In biology] you are dealing with the origin of life and a responsibility to created order."

Harrison does not plan to take it easy in retirement. "I'm not an individual who is interested in sitting down and doing nothing." Harrison and his wife Anna plan to "visit new

Tom Beers says he set three priorities during his 25 years at Taylor: Christ, first, then family, then job.

was brother-in-law to Robert Hayes (head of Taylor's education department)," Harrison says.

He retires after 31 years of service to Taylor. "I suspect that I have seen as sweeping of changes in that 31 year period as any in Taylor's

Taylor Dinner Plan banquets act as mini-gatherings of the wider Taylor family. This family is world wide, as its members who traverse the globe can attest. Professor emeritus Dale Heath is one of these globe trotters, recently returning from a tour of various European universities.

Taylor Plan Dinner schedule

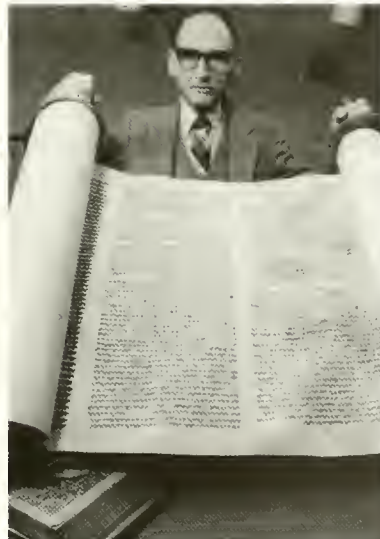
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4	Tuesday	South Bend, Indiana
6	Thursday	Goshen, Indiana
11	Tuesday	Culver, Indiana
20	Thursday	Huntington, Indiana
25	Tuesday	Bluffton, Indiana
27	Thursday	Berne, Indiana

November

1	Tuesday	Fort Wayne, Indiana
3	Thursday	Fort Wayne, Indiana
4	Friday	Fort Wayne, Indiana
5	Saturday	Fort Wayne, Indiana
7	Monday	Wabash, Indiana
8	Tuesday	Kokomo, Indiana
10	Thursday	Auburn, Indiana
11	Friday	Angola, Indiana
14	Monday	Lafayette, Indiana
15	Tuesday	Evansville, Indiana
17	Thursday	Terre Haute, Indiana
18	Friday	Bloomington, Indiana



Dr. Dale Heath, emeritus professor of ancient language and history, recently donated to the University archives his collection of what he terms "historical treasures of Bible and church history." Included are Greek and Hebrew manuscripts, Torah scrolls, and early printed editions of the Bible. In retirement, Heath continues to teach and write. His most recent scholarly work is "The 'Scripture' of Saint Paul, an introduction to the Septuagint." His address is Dr. Dale Heath, Eastside Village, Route 12 Box D188, Lake City, FL 32025.



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Samuel Edsall

He helped build a city—and a college

Samuel Edsall was in the building trade, apparently.

1846

Although a prominent businessman, it is Edsall's investment in higher education that is still paying dividends.

One of the early pioneers of the city of Fort Wayne, Ind., is Samuel Edsall. He became a pioneer miller in Fort Wayne and is prominently identified with the development of the town.

Edsall established Fort Wayne's famous "stone mill," powered with water from the then-newly-dug canal. He also operated two saw mills along the canal, built of the first two courthouses in the community, and was figured largely in construction of the Wabash railroad.

Edsall was a strong advocate of early education. In 1846, he was involved in the founding of the Fort Wayne Female College (later to become Taylor University), and served one of the original trustees of the institution. Following official incorporation of the school, Edsall was officially elected vice president of the board. He later would serve as president of the board and as its secretary until his death in 1865.

He is buried in Fort Wayne's Lindenwood cemetery.

1904

At the turn of the century, L.U. Snead was fairly well-known around campus. By mid-century, it was his son that was known around the world.

Early graduate has world vision

Alfred Snead '04 traveled the world for missions.

L.U. Snead was operating a publishing house at Taylor University in 1900. He was active in campus life, presenting the Philonian literary society with a gavel made of wood from the battleship Maine of Spanish American War fame.

His son, Alfred C. Snead, was a member of the Philos while he pursued the A.B. degree in the classical course of study, which he was awarded in 1904.

In 1905, Alfred entered overseas missionary work under the auspices of the Christian Missionary Alliance (CMA) in India. He served there until 1921, when he returned to the States due to ill health.

In 1922, Alfred was appointed general secretary of foreign missions for the CMA. He served in that capacity until 1956. In that role, he traveled abroad each year, traversing the globe for the cause of worldwide missions.

Alfred Snead died March 5, 1961 and is buried in Nyack, New York.



Dr. Monroe Vayhinger



Professor John Furbay (center) helps display the mastodon's jaw bones.

President known as man of prayer

Monroe Vayhinger served as president 1908-1921.

Moore's Hill College was yet a long way from being known as the University of Evansville (Ind.) when the son of German immigrants Gustav and Margaretha Schwicklin Vayhinger enrolled there as a student.

His parents had named him Monroe, and that was the name called as he received his A.B. degree from Moore's Hill in 1883, and later, his A.M. degree in 1886.

It was in 1887 that Monroe Vayhinger accepted Christ as Savior, the same year he accepted a post at Moore's Hill, filling the chair of mathematics and German. He taught there until 1894, when he entered Garrett Theological Seminary where he earned the B.D. degree in 1897.

He then returned to Moore's Hill College as Vice President and in 1904 entered the pastoral ministry of the Methodist Church, Indiana Conference.

On April 1, 1908, Vayhinger began his work as president of Taylor University, a work that would occupy his energies for 13 years, through 1921. It soon became known that his door was open to students who requested prayer.

Vayhinger's wife, Culla J. Vayhinger, was a dynamic woman. She held the A.B. and A.M. degrees from Moore's Hill College and was active in the Indiana branch of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. She served as state president and as a lecturer on the subject.

Dem bones gonna rise again!

And thanks to professor John Furbay, they did.

1908
Swallow-Robin Hall was built during the presidency of a man who became known as "the praying president."

Twentieth-Century Fox, Paramount, and Pathe News Service were among the national film companies that sat up and took notice when biology professor John Furbay excavated the bones of a mastodon buried in a peat bog three miles from the Taylor campus.

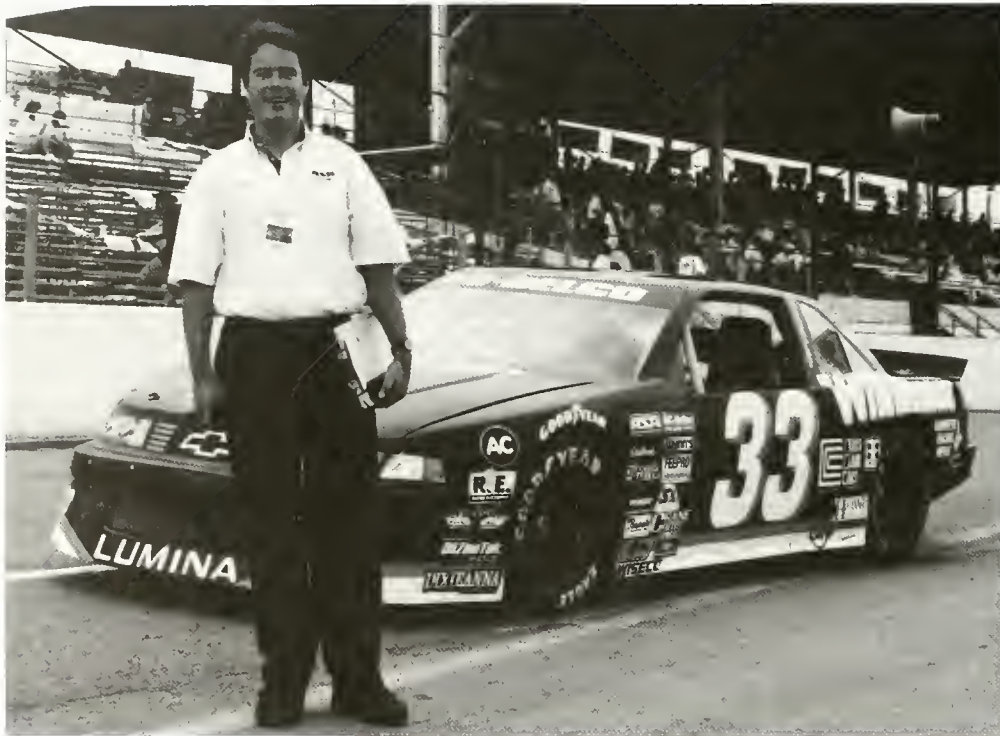
The first of what eventually numbered 70 bones was discovered by a young boy visiting a farm near campus. While walking along a washed-out gully on March 18, 1928, he happened upon the bone. Furbay paid \$70 for the right to unearth and keep all the bones of the animal, which in life weighed approximately 10 tons.

When news of the discovery broke, the national news reel services filmed Furbay and 35 Taylor students participating in a re-enactment of the original digging.

Students helped assemble the skeleton, which was displayed at the Kiwanis Circus in nearby Marion before it was settled in the Walker Museum, a room in "Old Main." The skeleton was lost in the fire that consumed the administration building in 1960.

Furbay remains active in retirement in Phoenix, Ariz.

1928
The discovery of mastodon bones buried near the campus brought the news media running.



ASA broadcast announcer and racing circuit chaplain Dave Burns poses at the track in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Car #33 driver Brad Loney and his teammates typically attend the chapel services Burns co-hosts.

ASA racing chaplain is on right track

Dave Burns '85 steps through the doors God opens

Besides the low pay and long hours, his job was never secure from one season to the next. By the end of the 1992 racing season, Dave Burns '85 was ready to quit his role as public address announcer for the American Speed Association (ASA) stock car racing series.

Then a door opened.

"I was ready to give it up when lo and behold [ASA] said they would start a radio network. They were looking for an ASA expert. I fit the bill," he says. "I began as a color

commentator and by the fourth race I was lead anchor."

In his "day job," Burns serves Taylor University as associate director of admissions. Throughout the summer, however, weekend broadcasting duties whisk him away to racetracks as far away as Denver, Pittsburgh, and Minneapolis.

He doesn't leave his faith behind him. Before Sunday races he leads a short chapel service for the early crowds gathering in the main grandstand and for the racing teams on the ground.

"When I do a race weekend when there is a chapel involved, I usually leave on Friday night," Burns says. "All day Saturday [I prepare] for the broadcast and on Sunday I actually do the broadcast and the chapel services. [I fly] back late on Sunday night and go to work on Monday morning to the admissions office. It makes it busy."

Racing season runs from May to October. On race day, Burns can be found at one of several "high-banked, paved oval [racetracks] a half-mile to a mile in length" across the Midwest. In these places he ministers to those that love auto racing even more than he does. "You're talking about people that spend 18 weeks [every year] of their life on the road doing this racing thing, many of them with other jobs on the side at home and it's very tough to establish a solid, growing faith when that's happening."

Burns joins fellow racing chaplain Rob Albright to stand at a bright orange podium/sound system. "On Sundays, two hours before race time, we hold nondenominational chapel services. Unashamedly I bring out the guitar and [lead choruses]. Usually Rob gives special music and one of us gives the message. In a half hour's time we do a chapel in which drivers and team owners can drop what they're doing and get church in as well as racing on Sunday."

Burns finds opportunities to share his faith with his broadcasting team as well. Doing so can be tough, he says. "I don't want to jeopardize professional relationships, but I definitely want people to know that [my faith] is a very important aspect of my life."

Burns did not plan a side career as a broadcast announcer. "I had no idea that racing would be a part of my life beyond childhood," he says. Racing figured largely in his upbringing. His parents began taking him to stock car races near their home in Kalamazoo, Michigan when he was young enough to "get in free and I didn't cost anything except a hot dog."

"Everything we did surrounded our family pilgrimage to racetracks on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday nights. We would pack a sack dinner and go to the race track. It was regular until I came to Taylor."

As a college student, Burns' involvement in racing declined. "[At Taylor] I didn't know many kindred spirits who were interested in stock car racing," he says. "I thought that I had moved out of that stage of my life." Time would prove him wrong.

A year after graduation the idea of ministering at races came to him. A friend invited him to an Indy car race. "I met the chaplain of the Indy car circuit," Burns recalls. "I got very interested in combining a witness with racing. [Before that,] I never realized that I could combine my love of stock car racing with promoting Christ."

For three discouraging years, Burns attempted to get involved in the Indy car circuit. "I sent letters, hung posters for racing teams, hung out at the track. . . . I did everything I could do to get in with these people. But it wasn't working. I got very frustrated. And finally in the spring of 1989 I just gave it to the Lord."

That fall, while attending an ASA race and preceding chapel service with his father, Burns introduced himself to Albright. "I told him what



Racing Photography/Rick Kimball

In combining his love of stock car racing with ministry, Dave Burns continues a tradition of sports evangelism begun by Don Odle '42.

I was interested in, just so I could be a part of the chapel services."

It was Albright who suggested Burns consider being a public address announcer. Although he had no prior experience, Burns accepted the challenge. "In the spring of 1990 I began under Rob's tutelage to be an announcer. And I was bad—and chapels were good. At the end of the season Rob and I tag-teamed the races and held chapel services on Sunday morning."

Two years later, in June of 1992, Burns joined the Taylor admissions staff. He says many of the gifts and abilities that help him in his job at Taylor were developed through working at the race track. "What I do with ASA improved greatly what I do in the admissions office. [It helps me] when I meet with people, when I interview students, when I talk with

families about the benefits of Taylor, and simply converse in a relaxed atmosphere.

"The Lord was preparing me for this position, and it continues to help. The radio teaches me how to entertain or be real with people. It's given me the ability to speak. In radio there is no room for silence."

Burns says his "main goal this year is to see some fruit." But balancing broadcasting and ministry is no easy task. "One of the biggest struggles has been that [Rob and I] are very busy on Sunday. We're frustrated because we don't get to spend as much personal time with people. But week after week we are there. We counsel on the side, if necessary, preach the Word, share whatever it is that God has put on our hearts that week, and offer it as a sacrifice of praise to God."

And the future? Burns says he will walk forward to meet it just as he has been doing. "Society puts a lot of pressure upon men to have goals, to be directed and to know where they're going.

"I feel as if my life has been a continual pattern of being open to the leading of the Spirit and of stepping through some remarkable doors which God has opened up for me, including coming back to Taylor." Whatever he does, Burns says he wants to be sure he is doing it not for himself, but "for the Lord."

Burns continues to serve the Lord on and off the racetrack. "[God] has people he wants me to speak to, he has people he wants me to live my life for," Burns says. "Whether its in broadcasting or as an admissions counselor, I'm going to keep walking through doors. It's exciting to see what is next."—JS



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1923

Joyce (Spaulding) Evans died as a result of heart failure on February 26.

1924

Bessie (Lindsey) Steward was deceased on November 23, 1993 at her daughter's home. She was a teacher for many years.

1926

Avis (Lindell) Decker of Russell, PA died on June 30, 1993 at the age of 93.

1927

Mary (Brenaman) Brechbill passed away on February 6 at Messiah Village retirement home where she resided. Mary

spent many years as a missionary teacher in Zimbabwe where she was much loved. ● **Ruth (Draper) Lindell** passed away on November 19, 1993 in Homer, NY where she had lived with her daughter **Virginia (Lindell '53) Cathcart** since 1989 following the death of Ruth's husband **Ernest Lindell '26**. Ruth was a high school librarian for 18 years. In addition to Virginia, Ruth is survived by her son **Dr. Maurice Lindell '52**, 5 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

1931

Helen (Brechbill) Musser died on January 6. She is survived by her husband Clarence, who lives at Messiah Village, Box 2015, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

1932

Carl Hawkes x died in his home on January 26 at the age of 84. He was a retired employee of the U.S.



This recent photo of Herbert and Jennie Lee records a special gift they gave Taylor.

May 9. Lee, 84, was named Taylor University professor emeritus after retiring in 1975 from his position in the English department. Lee joined Taylor in 1955, after serving in the English departments of three other colleges and universities.

He is survived by his wife, Jennie (Andrews) Lee, Upland, emeritus professor of education at Taylor. She served the Taylor campus from 1951-1975. The couple was named honorary alumni by the National Alumni Council.

Mrs. Jennie Lee may be addressed at P.O. Box 583, Upland, Ind. 46989.

In memoriam

The Taylor family mourned the death of Herbert G. Lee on Monday,

Forest service. ● **Mary (Rice) Hawley** passed away on May 20, 1993. She is survived by her daughter **Joann (Hawley x'65) Tolzmann**.

1940

Alta (Clevenger) Armstrong is living in a high-rise retirement center at Parkstone Place, 1 Park-stone Cir., Apt. 412, N. Little Rock, AR 72116. She will be living within 4 blocks of her oldest son who is a professor at UALR. Her other son Andre lives in Aurora, CO.

1948

Walter & Florence (Branch) Bond have retired to Bristol Village in Waverly, OH since Walter has Parkinson's disease and bone cancer. Florence cares for him at home. She is Mission Interpreter for the Presbyterian women in her presbytery.

1950

Margaret (Walford x) Clawson died on January 18. She is survived by husband Tunis who lives in Findley Lake, NY.

1953

Rev. Hal Olsen is Africa Desk Officer and Director of Disaster Relief for International Aid, Inc., a Christian humanitarian relief agency. His work has taken him recently to Somalia, Bosnia, and the Midwest floods in Iowa. He produces "Frontline," a weekly radio program about the ministries of International Aid.

1956

Dr. Arleon Kelley, Executive Director of the New York State Council of Churches since 1987, has served 30 years in ecumenical ministry. The focus of Kelley's ministry has been, and continues to be bridgebuilding, justice and unity.

1961

Nancy (Norrenberns) Reynolds died on January 12. She is survived by husband **Dr. Jim Reynolds** who lives at 419 Conway Lake Dr., St. Louis, MO 63141.

1963

Robert Gardner, a senior research scientist with the Dept. of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) Environmental Sciences Division, has been appointed chairman of the scientific review committee for the Ecological Society of America's (ESA) Sustainable Biosphere Initiative and has been named a charter member of the Electric Power Research Institute's scientific advisory committee for the Environmental Risk Analysis Program. Gardner joined ORNL as a research associate in 1974. He is also an adjunct professor in the dept. of ecology at the Univ. of Tennessee. He and wife **Sandra (Krehbiel)** and their 2 children live in Oak Ridge.

1965

Judy (Noble) Stinson died on November 24, 1993 from cancer. She is survived by her husband Rev. Jim Stinson.

1967

Beverly (Boldt) Carlson died on March 2 following a 2-year bout with cancer. She was a 5th-grade teacher at a parochial school in Green Bay, WI for a number of years. ● **Paul Cochrane** is serving with TEAM in the headquarters as assistant area director. He and wife Ruth served 18 years in Chad, Africa with TEAM. ● **Lynn (Matthews x'67) Davis** has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Virginia Museum of Natural History Foundation. Lynn, who wrote *Bed & Breakfast and Unique Inns of Virginia*, is also responsible for public affairs at Sea Grant College, VA Tech College of Forestry and heads Tech's environmental outreach program.

1969

Dr. Mary (Streby) Hibberd was honored as the Woman of the Year in Medicine by the Brookhaven Town Office of Women's Services. Hibberd is Suffolk County health commissioner and oversees all divisions of the health dept. including county health centers and programs for mental health, environmental quality, public health disease control and drugs and alcohol. She



Gameliel Reeves and Jean Granitz

Partners honored

Dorothy (Huffman '52) Granitz, was honored recently by the Independent Colleges of Indiana through its Lilly Endowment-funded program "Realizing the Dream." She was named by honoree and first-generation Bethel College student Gameliel Reeves as the school teacher who was most influential in his decision to attend college.

As an elementary school teacher in inner city Elkhart, Ind, Granitz, now retired, first met and befriended Reeves, then a third-grader. "I tried to use my Christian witness in whatever way I could," she says. She was influential in his attending church and eventual decision to accept Christ.

It was the start of a long friendship. Reeves often visits the Granitz home from college, where he is pursuing a degree in elementary education. "He's like one of the family," says Granitz.

"Elementary teachers should not give up, but hang in there. They have such an influence on their students' lives. And don't let anyone tell you that you can't be a Christian witness in school."—JS

and her 2 children live in Stony Brook, NY.

1971

Dr. Hal Habecker, formerly with Christian Medical and Dental Society, is now pastor of Family Life Bible Church in Dallas. He and wife Vicki have 3 children: Jennifer (15), Bethany (14) and Jonathan (11). The family resides at 3517

Gifts pay fitting tribute

Memorial gifts to Taylor University can and often do serve as a special tribute to a family member or friend.

Families sometimes request that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the University in memory of the deceased.

Such gifts should be sent to Office of Development, Taylor University, 500 West Reade Avenue, Upland, IN 46989-1001.

The donor will be acknowledged and the family notified that a gift has been made in memory of the deceased.

Gifts may also be made in honor of an individual person or to celebrate a specific occasion (an anniversary or birthday, for example).

(Pence) Jentes have moved to 4744 Eden View Rd., Kingsport, TN 37760. They have 3 children: Eric is a senior at TU, Dan is a freshman at TU, and Christy will be a TU freshman in the fall.

1972

Gayle & Sue Arnold are proud to announce the birth of Cameron Luke on March 5. Siblings are Leah (14), Joshua (12), Elissa (11), Natalie (9) and Katie (9). The Arnolds reside at 842 Ashler Ct., Worthington, OH 43235.

1974

Gary Goeschl has received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Covenant Theological Sem. Gary and **Susan (Aichele '72)** have accepted a call to serve as pastor of Westminster Presby. Church of Bull Creek in Western Australia. Gary and Susan have 3 children: Erin (17), Kristin (15) and Jonathan (11). Their address is 32 Bull Creek Dr., Bull Creek, Western Australia 6149.

1975

Gail Perkins is correspondence studies secretary at TUFW. She and her 2 sons, Matthew (10) and Daniel (2), live at 1415 Edenton Dr., Ft. Wayne, IN 46804. ● **Dale Van Valkenberg** x has been promoted to

Vice President at Huntington National Bank. He is responsible for calling on and working with



Dale Van Valkenberg

middle market companies in the eastern half of Ohio and states to the east. He is also involved with developing account relationships serving companies' financial service needs. Dale and wife Jill have three

children: Emily, Seth and Nathan. They live in Columbus, OH.

1976

Chuck & Carole Fennig joyfully announce the arrival of Jonathan David on October 20, 1993. Brother Daniel is 1. The Fennigs reside at 705 Stucky St., #208, Berne, IN 46711. ● **Alan Herriman** is operations manager at Highland Park Baptist Church and Southfield Christian School in Southfield, MI. He completed an MBA in 1992 from Wayne State Univ. and has started a counseling business, Career Directions. He and wife Valerie have 2 sons: Kent 8 1/2 and Keith 6 1/2. They reside at 1927 Cummings, Berkley, MI 48072. ● **Randy & Bonnie (Ashton) Lowe** thankfully welcome Nathan Charles born November 15, 1993. Randy is a programmer with Jockey Int'l and Bonnie is at home. The family lives at 8042 63rd Ave., Kenosha, WI 53142-1845. ● **Jeff Meyer**, Liberty University head basketball coach, led the Flames to an 18-12 mark and the school's first NCAA tournament bid. Meyer has completed 13 seasons at Liberty and has posted a school record 207-169 mark over that period. Meyer was the first coach in Liberty basketball history to post 200 career wins. Jeff and wife Karen have 3 children: Holly, Josh and Sara.

1977

Dr. Daniel Olsen is a general surgeon and hand surgeon at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids, MI. He also has a private practice. He and wife Marcia

have 3 children: Ian (11), Erika (6) and Devon (4). ● **Stephen Wyatt** was recently promoted to vice president of Hutchison & Assoc. Inc., an employee benefits consulting firm in Raleigh, NC. Steve, an actuary, and wife Marlene live in Apex, NC with their 2 children, Christina (8) and David (5).



Stephen Wyatt

1978

Dennis & Nancy Patton proudly welcome David Joshua born June 1, 1993 and received for adoption June 10, 1993. Sister Valerie Joy (4 1/2) loves her new brother. The Pattons reside at RR4, Box 148, Franklin, IN 46131.

1979

Ken & Sherry (Sims x'81) Hendricks announce the birth of Lisa Christine on January 29. Brother Matt is 4. Their address is 3378 Balsam NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49505. ● **Kent & Jill (Laird) Hoilman** proudly announce the birth of Kimberly Jane on March 31. Big brother Alex is 3 1/2. Their address is 2 Percy West Dr., Hamilton Sq., NY 08690. ● **David & Jan (Dunham) Rickard** have moved from Australia to 9983 Pebbleknoll Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45252. ● **Steve & Cena (Whiteford) Simms** are proud to announce the birth of Mitchell Whiteford on February 18. Mitchell joins JoAnna (8) and Steven (5). Their address is 207 Lambeth Rd., Baltimore, MD 21218.

1980

Brad & Beth Brinson joyfully welcome Anna Kathryn born October 26, 1993. She joins Sarah (5) and Hope (2). Brad is senior pastor at Cypress Evangelical Free Church. Their address is 12421 Casper St., Garden Grove, CA 92645. ● **Eric Jarmon** earned his MDiv degree from Eastern Baptist Theological Sem. in January 1994. Both he and wife Darcella are social workers for Family Services of

PA. They reside at 4000 Presidential Blvd. #811, Philadelphia, PA 19131. ● **Calvin & Jane (Vandenbelt) VanOss** celebrate the arrival of Phillip James who was born on Thanksgiving Day 1993. He was welcomed home by brothers Jeffrey (7) and David (4). The VanOss' reside at 4510 52nd St., Holland, MI 49423.

1981

● **Bob & Wendy Brummeler** welcome with joy Courtney Marie born February 15. Home for the Brummelers is at 2547 Blaine Ave. SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49507. ● **Jim & Sandy (Jett) Chipka** had their 4th son on September 14, 1993. Jacob Andrew was welcomed home by Danny (6), Ryan (4) and Jordan (3). Jim teaches 6th grade in Waterville. Their address is 2734 Winsted Dr., Toledo, OH 43606. ● **Joel & Sandy (Wessels) Flynn** joyfully announce the birth of Liana Ruth on February 24. She was welcomed by sister Katelyn (5). The Flynn's live at 159 Renfrew St., Arlington, MA 02174.

1982

● **Beth Divine** is publications editor in Univ. Relations at the Univ. of Evansville. She resides at 3301 Washington Ave. #6,

Evansville, IN 47715. ● **Capt. Allen & Angie Meier** are living in Indianapolis. Allen is attending IU Dental School in the endodontics program. They have 2 sons, Daniel (3) and Timothy (8 mos.). The family resides at 1770 N. Harbison Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46219. ● **Mark & Kim (Ramsland '83) Mentzer** are pleased to announce the birth of their 3rd son, Colton Kenneth on November 18, 1993. Colton joins brothers Ryan (4) and Jack (3). Mark is president of Mentzer Marine, Inc., while Kim stays at home with the boys. The family lives at 20 Seaside Ave., Marmora, NJ. ● **Bob & Sue Neideck** announce the arrival of Rachel Marie on January 18. The Neidecks live at 3550 S. Harlan #240, Denver, CO 80235.

1983

● **Mike & Torie Leburg** were gifted with Allison Marie on March 1. She joins Katie (3) and Mitchell (1 1/2) in their Methodist parsonage. Their address is Rt. 1, Box A-1-30, Rich Square, NC 27869. ● **Tim Nordberg**, currently president of Chicago Neighborhood Youth Ministries has published a book, *Reach Ten: An Effective Approach to Youth Outreach and Discipleship*. Please write to Chicago Neighborhood Youth Ministries, PO Box 51261,

Chicago IL 60651-0261 for further information. ● **Scott & Laurie (Mason '82) Price** proudly welcome Julie Marie born on June 8, 1993. Sister Lindsey is 3. The Prices have relocated through a job transfer within Electronic Data Systems. Scott took an assignment on a state and local government account as an advanced systems engineer. Laurie enjoys being home with the girls. Their new address is 915 Beddingfield Dr., Knightdale, NC 27545. ● **Jay & Vicki (Pierce) Schindler** announce the birth of Jamie Alexandra on December 31, 1993. She was welcomed home by Jacqueline (5) and Jonathan (2 1/2). The Schindlers have moved to Dayton, OH where Jay is the vice president of sales for Eskco, Inc. Vicki is a stay-at-home mom.

1984

● **Michael & Marcia (Harness '87) Daugherty** welcome Reed Donovan born July 1, 1993. Sister Diana is 2. Michael is a software consultant currently placed with Borden in Columbus. Marcia has a desktop publishing company she operates from home. Their address is 4930 Wallington Dr., Hilliard, OH 43026. ● **Steve & Jana (Green) McGarvey** are the proud parents of Isaac Stephen born August 26, 1993. Siblings are Andrew (5) and Olivia (3). The McGarveys live at 3021 Drake Dr., Orlando, FL 32810. ● **Lowell & Deborah (Lucas) Stutzman** and their daughter Naphtalee are going to the Philippines with International Missions. Their address is Box 114, 8600 Butuah City, PHILIPPINES.

1985

● **Jamie & Kathy (VanOstrom) Hresko** proudly announce the birth of Brett Michael on February 1. Siblings are Heather (4) and Kyle (2). The family lives at 8268 Hidden Creek Dr., Flushing, MI 48433. ● With thankful hearts, **Christopher & Susan (Cook) Kniola** announce the birth of Nicholas Christopher on April 12. They reside at 5661 Carrollton Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46220. ● **Jon & Sue (Henningsen '86) McCracken** proudly announce the birth of Sarah Johanne on February 26. Big brother Jack is 2. The



Florida Reunion: On a recent trip to Florida, **Bill '84** and **Chris (Neal x'86) Ferrell** (back row, left) called friends for an impromptu get-together. Joining them were (from left) **Wayne '78 & Barb (Shaffer '86) Dalland**, Barbara (4) and Andrea (1); **Mike & Mary Pat (Mahoney '86) Smagala**, and Shannon (14 weeks); and **Stephan '85 & Barb (Rediger x'86) Burklin**, Stephanie (3) and Britney (7 days).



Angie, Willy, and Taelor Wood

Wood running strong

Willy Wood '87 has been named head coach of men's track and field and cross-country at Columbia University, N.Y. He assumed his duties July 1.

For the last two years, Wood served as head men's and women's track and field and cross-country coach at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. There he was named Big South Conference Cross-Country Coach of the Year after taking the men's team from eighth to third in one season, and the women's team from seventh to second. In both cases, it was the teams' best-ever finishes.

Wood has also coached at Bethel College, Minnesota, and Kansas Wesleyan University.

Wood and his wife **Angie (Smith '88)** have a two-year-old daughter Taelor.

McCracken family resides at 6 Sunny View Dr., Succasunna, NJ 07876. ● **Vance & Mindy (Roost '87) McLaren** are happy to announce the birth of Chandler Grace on March 29. Big brother Connor is 2. The McLarrens reside at 10412 Brigs Ct., Indianapolis, IN 46256. ● **Steve & Melinda (Harlan) Moffitt**, along with daughters Olivia (5) and Natalie (2), left for Nairobi, Kenya in early May. They began a career missionary assignment

with African Inland Mission. Steve is working with AIM's radio base as an avionics technician. Melinda is at home with the girls and will eventually do part-time medical work as a physician assistant. Their address is PO Box 21171, Nairobi, KENYA. ● **Steve & Kim Neideck** announce the arrival of Sarah Catherine on September 5, 1993. The Neidecks live at 3050 Valley View Ct., NE, Rockford, MI 49341.

1986

Greg & Renay (Rossi '84) Billing welcomed Taylor Catherine on April 5, 1993. Sister Paige is 4. The Billings' home is at 29 High Ridge Rd., Randolph, NJ 07869. ● **Andy & Melodee (Hoffman) Griffin** joyfully announce the birth of twins Sarah Elizabeth and Hannah Joy on November 3, 1993. Big brother Ryan is 5. The Griffins live at 521 Hilton Ave., Rockford, IL 61107. ● **Karen Morris** and Michael Moriarty were married on October 23, 1993. Participants from TU were **Mary Patricia (Mahoney) Smagala** and **Sheri (Dewald) Mellema**. Karen is an assistant vice president with GE Capital. Michael is a pastor with Immanuel Bible Church and an author. He is enrolled in the doctor of ministry program at Trinity Evang. Divinity School. The Moriarty's live at 2790 Marsala Ct., Lake Ridge, VA 22192. ● **Rob & Carol (Meier '88) Sisson** are both working in student development at Taylor. They have 2 children: Austin (3) and Kayleigh (1). They are living at 304 Joyce St., Upland, IN 46989. ● **Ken & Ruth (Meier x) Wilson** are living in Chesterfield, MI. Ken is a captain in the Air Force. Ruth is home with their 2 boys, Jacob (2) and Benjamin (8 mos.).

1987

Paul & Amy (Dodge '88) Alford proudly announce the birth of Zachary Taylor on January 3. The family lives at 829 42nd Ave. N, St. Petersburg, FL 33703-4638. ● **Pete Bowman, Jeff Peterson and Brian Shepherd**, former members of the TU cross-country team, reunited to participate in the TV-1 5K held in Albuquerque, NM. The trio was able to take

1st, 2nd and 5th overall. Their message: "Stay healthy class of '87 and get after it



Pete Bowman, Brian Shepherd, Jeff Petersen

TU Cross-Country!" ● **Scott & Becky Henry** are the proud parents of Nathan Dean born November 23, 1993. On January 1 Scott was promoted to SSG in the army. The family lives at 132 B Craig, Ft. Huachuca, AZ 85613-6000. ● **Jeremy & Stacey Johnson** joyfully welcome Lauren Marie born April 25. Jeremy is enrollment services administrator at Bartlesville Wesleyan College. ● **Brandon Michael** was welcomed into the family of **Alan & Patrice Symonette** on November 19, 1993. Their address is PO Box SS-6366, Nassau, BAHAMAS. ● **Paul & Colleen (Powell) Watson** joyfully welcomed Abigail Lynn into their home on February 13. The Watsons live at 191 Guernsey Ave., Columbus, OH 43204. ● **Dan & Cindy (Diener) Wilmot** proudly announce the birth of Joshua David on October 21, 1993. Siblings are Philip James (3 1/2) and Rachel Jordan (1 1/2). The family's address is Box 15, Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

1988

Tom & Teresa (Bardsley) Ibholt proudly announce the birth of Allison Leigh on April 16. Teresa is staying home with the new baby. Their address is 3828 Summersworth Run, Ft. Wayne, IN 46804. ● **Greg & Melissa (Beamer '89) Wilson** are the



proud parents of twin girls, Megan Alexis and Abigail Michele born September 13, 1993. Greg works at Suburban Industries and Melissa is at home. The family lives at 2570 Grange Rd., Trenton, MI 48183.

1989

Tad Atkinson received a master's degree in English from Ball State Univ. on December 19, 1993. He lives at 2017 Kentucky Ave., Ft. Wayne, IN 46805. ● **Andrew & Beth (Skinner '87) Cull** announce the birth of Kimberly Mae on October 15, 1993. She is joined at home by Robert 2 1/2 and Christopher 1 1/2. Their home is at 3 Maplewood Dr., Muncie, IN 47303. ● **Philip & Janelle (Hershberger) Good** proudly announce the birth of Christian Lee on December 30, 1993. Sister Abigail is 2. Their address is Route 1, Box 85, Macon, MS 39341. ● **Darren & Carol Hotmire** joyfully welcome Heather Rose born February 5. The Hotmires reside at 2010 Church St., Dyer, IN 46311. ● **Todd & Susan (Reynolds) Wright** live at 419 Conway Lake Dr., St. Louis, MO 63141. Todd received an MBA from Washington Univ. in St. Louis in May and is in sales/marketing with Monsanto.

1990

Vince & **Connie (Hoppes) Banker** have moved to 411 Pearl St., Pendleton, IN 46064. ● **Jerry & Krystal (Jackson) Bell, Jr.** proudly announce the birth of Zachary James on October 18, 1993. Their address is RR 6, PO Box 19A, Heather Park #35, Portland, IN 47371. ● **Cheryl Cina** married Jim Gorecki on June 12, 1993 in Milwaukee, WI. **Melody Massman** participated in the wedding. Cheryl is an audio/visual assistant at Tonawanda Elem. School. The Goreckis live at W241 N6601 Fir St., Sussex, WI 53089. ● **David & Teri (Tobey '91) Dunbar** have moved to 657 W. Ralston Rd., Indianapolis, IN 46217. David is working on a master's in accounting at IUPUI. ● **Kristen Heisler and Thor Thomsen '89** were married on October 6, 1993. Kristen is a resident in family practice at the Univ. of Illinois at Rockford and Thor is with BPR Limited. They live at 3432 Hampton Ridge Rd., Apt. 6, Rockford, IL 61109. ● **Marc & Jill**

(Bolton) Mohr proudly welcome Evan Dakota born March 3. The family resides at 230 W. State St., Pendleton, IN 46064.

1993

Sherry Lynn Fogg married Stuart Schools on December 4, 1993. Sherry is a full-time youth director at a local church and a substitute teacher. She plans to start on a master's in counseling in fall 1994. Their address is 17000 Locust Hill Rd., Bowling Green, VA 22427. ● **Alison Taggart and Mark Routt '91** were

married on May 1, 1993 in Lake Geneva, WI. Taylor participants were **Mark Rhodes '91, Chris Plummer '91, John White '90, Tami (Steinman '92) Swymeler, Cindy (Hayes '92) Williamson, Jennifer (Zurburg '92) Rhodes, Joan (Blum '92) Doran, Angela Nielsen '92, Joel Nussbaum, Wendy Joye '93, Janel (Cloyd) Baker, Jeff Shupe '94, and Angie Hamsho '95.** Mark is a computer systems engineer for EDS and Alison is an elem. music teacher. Their address is 13203 Thornridge Dr., Grand Blanc, MI 48439.



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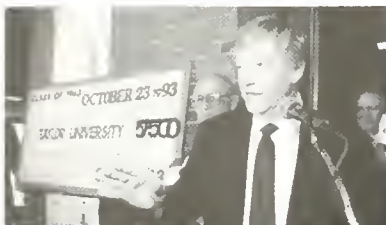
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At last year's Homecoming brunch, G. Vern "Wee" Miller '43 announces the then-current total of his class' 50th reunion gift to Taylor: \$51,500. The amount now approaches \$60,000.

For all they knew, those green-beanieed freshmen in the fall of 1939, they were embarking on a college career much like that of their predecessors. Under the presidency of Dr. Robert Stuart and the academic leadership of Dean Burt Ayres, they could look forward to four years of involvement in academic studies, Christian ministry, and campus activities. Graduation day would launch them, in the spring of '43, into a job, ministry, mission field, and/or marriage.

In the fall of 1939, there was little reason to doubt their class would be anything but normal.

That all changed on December 7, of their junior year. With the bombing of Pearl Harbor and the United States'

entry into the war, life would never again be the same for the class of '43.

Of those who donned the beanies in 1939, only one in four remained to walk across the stage in the spring of 1943—women, mostly.

Of those who had left Taylor to don their country's uniform, some never returned. Ever. Others, after VE and VJ days, rejoined the campus community and received their diplomas in subsequent years.

Shattered, scattered, and war-worn, the class as a whole never regained its sense of camaraderie—until last year. Here, G. Vern "Wee" Miller, nationally recognized fitness pioneer, tells the class' remarkable story.

The Return of the Class of '43

They said it was impossible. We did it anyway.

We thought there was no way our class of 1943 could match the spirit and camaraderie of earlier groups. We had had several reunions over the years, but attendance was small and our class letters almost nonexistent. Obviously, a flurry of class letters and bulletins just months prior to our 50th would not build great enthusiasm to attend or produce even a respectable gift to the University, a practice which has become customary at Homecoming.

Your attention, please

Nelle (Leisman) Alspaugh, Nelson Rediger of the Taylor Development Office, and I decided to set an "unattainable" goal of \$50,000—just to get everyone's attention. We'd then go to the phones and try to generate enthusiasm and interest.

Our announced goal of \$50,000 was met with total silence. In fact, many thought we were quite "insane" to go after 50 grand with a potential donor list of only 25 to 30.

But it turned out to be great fun, and at times hilarious, to call former

classmates across the country from my home in California. I'd talk to a person I'd neither seen nor heard from in 50 years and try to convince them of my REAL identity. I'd then encourage their attendance at the reunion and have them start thinking about their gift to Taylor.

Early in our phone campaign, a call to a former classmate who spent only two years at Taylor produced a surprising gift of \$10,000. Immediately others began to think of giving at a higher level.

Anyone expressing interest in the value of an annuity or a gift of appreciated assets received a follow-up call from Nelson Rediger, who is highly trained in the area of planned giving and knowledgeable of the donor benefits of the latest tax laws.

Soon that "insane unattainable goal" of \$50,000 loomed on the horizon as reachable as a dozen or more classmates dug deeper for larger and more generous gifts. At Homecoming we were proud to announce the largest-ever class gift to date of \$51,500. In the weeks

following this announcement in October, several additional large donations—one a matching gift with AT&T for nearly \$8,000—brought our total to approximately \$60,000.

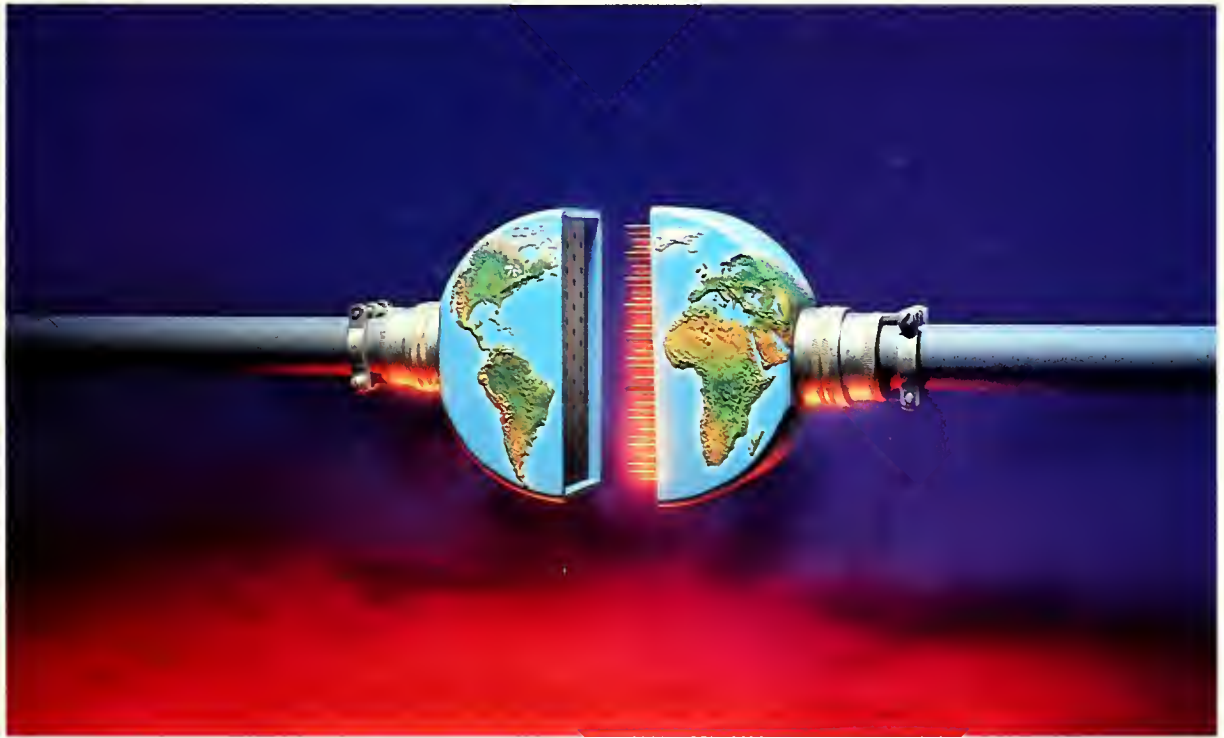
Spirit of friendship

But even more important than the joy of making such an unlikely gift to our alma mater was the great turn-out as classmates came from all across the country.

The spirit of friendship, fellowship, and love that we enjoyed 50 years ago was regenerated during Homecoming 1993. A Taylor staff member who videotaped our Friday evening class dinner was quoted as describing our fun-filled evening as one of the best he had witnessed in 10 years.

All agreed that meeting friends, classmates, roommates—even military buddies—was a fantastically warm and fulfilling experience.

Had we known 50 years ago it would have been like this, we would have started planning the event the day after graduation.—VM



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Need to check the dates of Homecoming (Oct. 14-16, by the way) or find out if there's a home game the weekend you'll be in the area? We're as close as the computer on your desk.

Send your news, information, questions and comments to Alumni Director Marty (Cleveland '78) Songer via e-mail on the Internet at this address:

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If you have any questions, or if you prefer to call by phone, just dial the toll-free alumni hotline, 1-800-TU-23456, ext. 5113. And stay connected with your Taylor family.



Bear hug

Ludmila Fyodorovna Sukhodoyeva, vice dean of economics for Nizhni Novgorod University, Russia, receives a warm welcome from Taylor University business professor James Coe.



Taylor University hosted a joint academic program for N.N.U. business students and faculty this summer. Among the facilities toured was the Ford Taurus plant in Chicago, where red was the color of choice for Dmitri Andreevich Doronichev (*right*), vice rector of economics, here with Taylor's James Coe.

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