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President's Seal

A symbol of Taylor University's mission

The new President's seal, used for the first time at the inauguration of Dr. David J. Gvertson on April 6, 2001, is a graphic celebration of the rich heritage of Taylor University in Upland, Ind., and Fort Wayne, Ind. In addition it illustrates the merging of Taylor University with Fort Wayne Bible College/Summit Christian College in 1992 and foreshadows the global potential of Taylor's commitment to lifelong and distributed learning.

The circular design of the seal symbolizes the University's mission to reach every corner and culture of the world with the truths of Christ-centered learning. The open Bible reminds us of the heartbeat of Fort Wayne Bible College and echoes Taylor University's commitment to biblically-anchored higher education. The torch of learning and the leaves of laurel, symbols of our liberal arts focus, express the conviction that genuine enlightenment ultimately leads us to the source of all Truth in the Creator God. The flame illustrates the role of the Holy Spirit, God's presence among us, Who leads us into all Truth. The three elements of the flame portray the revelation of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

On the torch is the cross and crucible, a symbol designed by Dr. Milo Rediger in the late 1960s. It became the official University logo in 1986. The "T" represents the Christian cross, the "surest guarantee of God's love for man," Rediger stated. "The 'U' suggests the pot of oil from the Old Testament which found its place in the furnishings of the worship centers as the holder of light. The light symbolizes the eternal flame of Christian education. Note also that the cross rises out of and



above the oil pot as the New Testament in the blood of Jesus Christ rises out of and above the Old Testament, signified by the blood of bulls and goats, the animal sacrifices offered under the terms of the old covenant."

The date of 1846, at the bottom of the seal is the year Fort Wayne Female College, the University's antecedent, was founded. It reminds us of the historic covenant of Christ-centered higher education without regard to race, gender, social condition, cultural differences or geographic limitation.

As Taylor University enters a new millennium, we re-dedicate ourselves to all that this seal represents. Through our various venues and modalities, we begin the 21st century firmly committed to quality, Christ-centered, whole person education that prepares future generations from every tongue, tribe and nation for lifelong learning, leadership and service.

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Samuel Morris Scholars first graduating class

The first six Samuel Morris Scholars received diplomas at the Taylor Fort Wayne commencement this year. The Samuel Morris Scholars Program (SMS) is an Indiana initiative to help meet the need for more Indiana residents to earn college degrees. The Samuel Morris Scholarships offer first-generation college students the financial means to attend Taylor University and provides services to help them excel once they are at Taylor. The program seeks to enroll 125 Indiana residents at Taylor University over a 5-year period. —Jennifer Munns Carnahan '01 TUPW

Women's Seminar

"Find out what your passion is, and then pursue it with all the energy you have," advised Margaret Ringenberg at the annual Women's Seminar. Ringenberg, a WWII pilot, flight instructor and airplane racer, said that the opportunities awaiting women today are virtually limitless. University advancement sponsored the half-day seminar, "The Sky's the Limit: Women Learning and Growing in the 21st Century."

Nancy Dusekas '75 received the G. Roselyn Kerlin Women in Leadership Award. Various workshops led by Taylor alumnae and a panel discussion led by LaRita Boren, Dr. Julie Coburn '55 and Rosie Kerlin '55 focusing on women's leadership issues were the highlights of the afternoon.

Upland's senior administrative team

Following the May 24-25 board meeting held on Taylor's Fort Wayne campus, Dr. David Gyertson announced the new organizational model for the senior administrative team that reports directly to him. Gyertson says that the group is eager to work together and to "strengthen and extend Taylor's mission."

Provost and Dean of the University - Dr. Dwight Jessup

Jessup will serve as chief academic officer of the university and is responsible for all academic personnel, credit programs and academic services on the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses.

Executive Vice President - Dr. Daryl Yost

Yost supervises information services, physical plants, facility planning and construction management. He is the chief operating officer for Fort Wayne based activities and oversees the TU Broadcasting, Inc.

Vice President for Administration & Planning - Dr. Steve Bedi

Bedi is responsible for University wide accreditation, assessment and planning functions. He also assists with implementing strategic initiatives.

Vice President for Business & Finance - Ron Sutherland

Sutherland serves as the chief financial officer ensuring the fiscal integrity and stability for all operations connected to Taylor University.

Vice President for Student Affairs - Wynn Lembright

Lembright provides direction and oversight to the various student development, enrollment management, financial aid and athletics activities of the Upland and Fort Wayne campuses.

Vice President for College of Lifelong Learning - Dr. Terry Wise

Wise serves as the chief planning and supervising officer for the University's lifelong and distributed learning activities, including those that offer academic credit, professional development and personal enrichment.

Vice President for University Advancement - Gene Rupp

Rupp is responsible for communications, marketing, publishing, media relations, alumni relations, parent programs and fund raising (annual, capital, endowment and deferred gifts) for TUU and TUPW.

Chancellor - Dr. Jay Kesler

Kesler serves as a special ministry and communications ambassador on behalf of the President to represent and enhance awareness of the University.

Bedi hired as new vice president of administration and planning

Dr. Steve Bedi now serves as the vice president for administration and planning. Recognized for his academic, administrative and planning skills, he helps shape the University's strategic planning functions. "He is intimately familiar with Taylor's mission, vision, ethos and systems. His background in academic administration, experiences with outcomes based assessment and leadership with accrediting procedures will enable him to help us achieve our planning objectives," remarks Dr. Gyertson.

Bedi states, "It is a privilege to work towards further strengthening the planning and assessment processes that will support and enable the University to remain distinctive as a Christ-centered institution that desires to sustain its mission in a changing and highly competitive higher education environment."



Dr. Steve Bedi

Sutherland named vice president of business and finance

Ron Sutherland, former associate vice president/controller, replaced Al Smith as vice president for business and finance. "Ron brings an excellent understanding of Taylor University's mission, vision and operations to the challenges of this position," says Dr. Gyertson. "Both his academic and professional experiences make him well qualified to help us manage our resources effectively for the future. I value Ron's deep commitment to Christ and passion to see that all we do brings glory to our Lord."

Sutherland hopes to mirror Al Smith in many ways. "Al has been a man of great integrity, calling, consistency, passion and accuracy during his service to Taylor," says Sutherland. "For those of us who live in the world of finances and audits, his legacy of clean audit opinions and numerous years without formal issues to resolve in the annual management letter is remarkable."



Ron Sutherland

Tradition brings TUFW alumni together

The Alumni Banquet, a Fort Wayne tradition for over 60 years, is usually held the night before graduation. It allows alumni to reconnect with each other and with the school and to meet current graduates and their families.

This year's event included a reception, dinner, greetings by Dr. Gyertson, numbers by the TUFW Vocal Ensemble and the giving of alumni awards. The 1976 NCCAA men's national basketball championship team was honored.

Reunions were held for every graduating class year that ended in one or six. Notable participants from the class of 1951 were faculty member Dr. Wes Gerig, retired TUFW librarian Wava Bueschlen and Board of Trustee member emeritus Dr. Bill Pannell.

The Fort Wayne Alumni Council has approved moving the event to the fall in 2002. A combined Homecoming and Family Weekend are planned for the last week of September. —Arna M. Smith '87

Programming team wins

The TUU computer team finished first in a seven-team programming competition held at Taylor on Saturday, April 7. Chris Taylor '01, Jonathan Rodríguez '02 and Thomas Hruska '03 finished seven of eight problems correctly to win the event. TUU computer science faculty member Stefan Brandle served as the team's coach.

Standings: 1) Taylor University; 2) Valparaiso University; 3) Wheaton College; 4) Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology. Other institutions competing were Butler University, Olivet Nazarene University and Huntington College. —Jim Garringer

Math team wins 2nd-place at state competition

The TUU math team finished second in the 27-team Indiana Collegiate Mathematics Contest at the Indiana Mathematical Association of America (MAA) meeting Friday, March 23, at the University of Indianapolis. The team, comprised of Taylor students Shawn Alspaugh '02, David Aukerman '02 and Noah DeLong '02, scored 37 points.

The mathematics contest consisted of teams of up to three students working for two hours on six complex mathematical problems.

Results: 1) Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology – 39; 2) Taylor University – 37; 3) Indiana University – 31; 4) Wabash College – 31. —Jim Garringer

Chorale director recognized by Ball State University

Dr. JoAnn Rediger, TUU music, received the Alumni Achievement Award for the School of Music at Ball State University at a reception on Monday, April 23. She was recognized for her "strong regional leadership" as a teacher and choral director.

Spring break music trips

Three musical groups from TUU left on March 23 to share music, fellowship and Taylor's mission with schools and churches throughout the United States. The Taylor University Chorale, directed by Dr. JoAnn Rediger, traveled west; the Taylor Ringers, directed by Dr. Rich Parker, traveled south; and the University Symphonic Band, directed by Dr. Al Harrison, traveled north.

Religion majors unite for retreat

TUU Christian education majors joined with the TUFW Christian ministries majors for their second annual combined spring retreat March 2-3 at TUFW. Last year Dr. Faye Chechowich, TUU assistant professor of Biblical studies, Christian education and philosophy, originated the idea of joining the two groups from both campuses.

Phonathon brings in funds

The Taylor Fund, used to offset the difference between the tuition students pay and the actual cost of their Taylor education, increased through this year's annual phonathon as 40 Taylor Upland students called alumni from March 5-20. Over \$141,000 was pledged.

In Fort Wayne approximately 30 students and alumni called from March 5-9 and March 12-16 bringing in over \$55,000 in pledges.

—April Rediger '01

New art minors offered

Two new art minors will be offered by the visual arts department. The studio art minor will focus on marketing, advertising, public relations, museum studies and art therapy. The graphic design minor will provide the necessary background for communication or entertainment-related fields like advertising or journalism. —Kim Shumaker '01

www.tayloru.edu/upland/magazine



Taylor's alumni magazine went live in early spring. The idea began with former university editor Amber Anderson. She felt it was important for the magazine to have a web presence to keep the alumni up-to-date. Also there is more news space than available in the printed edition.

With the help of the university webmaster, Evan Kittleman '98, student Dan Eisinger '04 designed and developed the system that runs the online magazine.

"This is a great opportunity for the magazine to expand its audience to the younger online community," says Eisinger. "The online version also puts all the issues since last summer in one place and allows users to search for specific articles." —Arna M. Smith '87

Walter C. Randall Lecture Series addresses bio-ethical issues

A lecture series sponsored by Taylor University in conjunction with the American Physiological Society (APS) commemorates the life of Taylor University alumnus, Board of Trustees member and research professor Dr. Walter C. Randall and addresses bio-ethical issues to the nation's top physicists.

The Walter C. Randall Lecture Series, which began three years ago, is held each year during the APS annual meeting. The lecture series honors Randall who at one time served as APS president, and was one of the nation's top cardio-vascular researchers at Loyola Medical School in Chicago. After his retirement from Loyola, Randall moved his research base to Upland, Ind., and Taylor University where he worked with Taylor students until his death in 1993.

The 2001 lecture was given during the APS meeting in Orlando, Fla., April 2, 2001, by Wake Forrest University School of Medicine Associate Professor of Pathology Dr. Nancy Lynne Jones. Dr. Jones' comments addressed bio-ethical issues including cloning, doctor-patient relationships and scientific bias. Joyce Helyer, associate vice president for university advancement, represented Taylor University at the APS meeting.

"The Randall Lecture Series honors the legacy of Dr. Randall's research and is consistent with who we are as a Christian institution," Helyer said. "We need to promote the highest ethical standards in medical research."

To read full text of *Scientific Professionalism: Possessors or Pursuers of Truth?* by Nancy L. Jones, Ph.D. go to www.tayloru.edu/upland/campus/news



David Randall, Joyce Helyer, Dr. Nancy Jones, Exec. Dir. Martin Frank (left to right)

The Frances White Ewbank Colloquium on C. S. Lewis & Friends

The third biennial colloquium on C.S. Lewis and Friends will be held on the Upland campus Nov. 16-18. The colloquium is named in honor of Frances White Ewbank, professor emeritus of English. Ewbank pioneered the study of C.S. Lewis at Taylor. The two previous colloquia drew approximately 75 participants from across the U.S. and three foreign countries, in addition to Taylor students and faculty.

The guest speakers for this year's colloquium are Terry Lindvall, Jared Lobdell, Maureen Collins and Rolland Hein. Their talks will be on C.S. Lewis, Dorothy L. Sayers, George MacDonald, J.R.R. Tolkien, and the Inklings. This is an opportunity for alumni, students and staff to present papers on Lewis or related authors. Those interested in presenting a paper at the colloquium may check the Lewis web site at www.tayloru.edu/eslewis. Special activities include a dramatic presentation on the life of Lewis' wife Joy by Jennifer Pletcher and the play Hamlet directed by Oliver Hubbard.

The registration fee is \$65. More information, including a registration form, is on the web site. Questions may be addressed to David Neuhouser on the Upland campus. —Dr. David Neuhouser



Taylor and NNU celebrate tenth anniversary of their relationship

During spring break business, accounting and economics faculty members Jim Coe, Dr. Hadley Mitchell, Scott Adams and Dr. Chris Bennett participated in an international conference at Nizhni Novgorod University (NNU) located in Nizhni Novgorod, Russia. The conference was held in honor of the tenth anniversary of the relationship between Taylor University and NNU, which was initially started from the value-based MBA program, created in collaboration with the Council for Christian Colleges and Universities.

Coe was chosen to represent Taylor University and has since contributed to the program. At the conference the professors presented papers that were compiled and published, and they also interacted with local businesses through various events hosted by these companies.

On the trip Coe was presented an award by the Russian Finance Committee for his dedication and efforts to the success of the MBA curriculum program. This was the first time the honor was given to a foreigner for outstanding leadership.

While in Russia the professors were interviewed by a national news station regarding their involvement with the school and the conference. This was the second trip to Russia for Mitchell. "As my relationships with these people grow, I am impressed with not only their friendliness but also the importance they place on human values," says Mitchell. —Sarah Freeman '01

Sports update

Track & Field (Women)

The women's track and field team earned several notable standings in a series of meets, such as their second place finish at Disney World over spring break. The team also had three national qualifiers in the marathon: Julie Nor '01, Meg Halgren '01 and Amanda Brown '01. Andrea Rea '02, Carol Hahnstadt '01 and Erin Hutton '01 combined to dominate the field events. The team finished third at the MCC conference meet, and Nor repeated last year's performance with a fifth place in the marathon at the NAA National meet to earn All-American honors.

Track & Field (Men)

The men's track and field team garnered a number of top honors this season, including a second-place finish at Little State and the title spot at their spring break meet at Walt Disney World. The Trojans ended their season with an impressive fifth place finish in the NAA National Meet, the third year in a row they have been in the top five. Steve Erecogovac '03 won his third national championship in the shot put. Kip Rop '03, Sinisa Erecogovac '05 and John Wachtmann '04 also earned All-American honors.

Golf

John Fall '02 and Austin Bowman '03, each filling the number one and two slots throughout the season, led the close-knit team to a third-place conference finish. The team ended the season on a high note, with a fifth place finish at the NAA Region VIII tournament at Bedford Valley Country Club (Battle Creek, Mich.). With all seven players returning, the team hopes to build on this year's challenges and experiences and already anticipates a strong 2002 season.

Tennis

After amassing a perfect record (12-0) in the fall and finishing as the number one seed in the MCC, the men's tennis team returned for a successful second half of their season. The spring matches featured some intense competition against teams such as Division I University of Evansville, as well as several other tough Division II and III schools. The team completed their season with a second place at the Region VIII Tournament.

Baseball

With a record slightly over .500, the baseball team faced a challenging season. The team accumulated several impressive wins against teams like Marion, number one in the conference, and Bethel. Early in the season, the team swept a double header against Indiana Wesleyan in a 1-hitter pitched by senior Dan Roewe. The Trojans finished 4th in the MCC.

Softball

This season has been one of rebuilding for the softball team. With only one senior and two juniors, the starting lineup was comprised of five rookies, including the pitcher. Despite a losing record, however, the Lady Trojans persevered and remained optimistic. The team continued to improve as the season progressed and they secured several wins against teams from Grace, Huntington and Siena Heights and swept a double header against Clearwater Christian over spring break. —Kim Shumaker '01

English professor Swan retires

Dr. Kenneth Swan, professor of English, will retire this summer after 32 years of service to Taylor.

During his time at Taylor, he taught early English literature, Shakespeare, expository writing, world and British literature and linguistics. He enjoyed organizing travel study experiences by sharing leadership of Literary London, investigating British/American connections on the Atlantic seaboard, finding Mark Twain along the Mississippi and attending plays in Stratford, Ontario. In 1989, Swan organized a trip to Greece for the Senior Seminar faculty.

Swan has also written successful Lilly grant proposals, served on a number of committees and fulfilled a variety of roles that include advisor to Parnassus from 1980-1989, director of general education from 1983-1992, a transitional vice president at Fort Wayne and current division dean for letters.

He spent his sabbatical touring from Greece to England to contrast Greek, Christian and modern versions of heroism and taught a semester at Lithuania Christian College. Swan anticipates assisting his local church with a building program and pursuing his academic interests at a more relaxed pace.

—Dr. Beulah Baker

Letarte retires after ten years

For the past decade Jack Letarte has worked at Taylor University as a researcher, keeping track of a multitude of statistics on both campuses. Now after 42 years in higher education, Letarte has decided it is time to retire.

After retirement Letarte, who received his doctorate from Columbia University, plans to stay in Upland, Ind., for a while. He sees opportunities for service here, and he and his wife Cindy also feel deeply established in a local church.

Letarte's most enjoyable job experiences were in relationships with his co-workers on both the Upland and the Fort Wayne campuses. Although Letarte knows a lot about statistics and research, he hopes that others remember him not as a statistician, but primarily as a man who likes people. Letarte says of Bob Hodge, "He's the best supervisor I've ever had."

"God blesses our campuses almost beyond belief," says Letarte. "Spiritual growth is a primary benefit of our tenure here." —Arna M. Smith '87

Mott ends time at Taylor

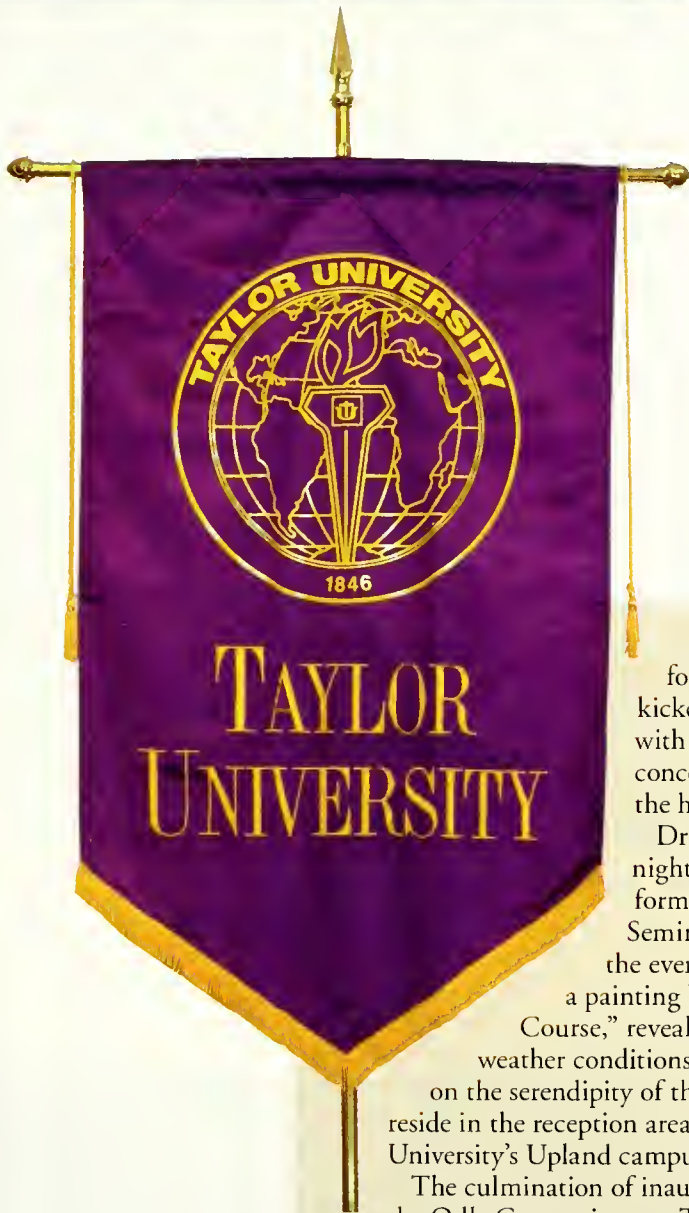
Carol Mott, director of Taylor's Upland counseling center, will leave the university in May. Her compassion, honesty and desire to listen have provided many members of the Taylor community with encouragement and hope over the past seven years.

"I've loved my time at Taylor. I feel like it's a perfect fit for my spiritual gifts as well as my professional training. I love working with students because I feel like I'm impacting their futures and the Kingdom of God," she says.

Mott decided to leave Taylor because she has commuted every weekend this year from Columbus, Ohio, where her husband works. She is exploring possibilities there in private Christian counseling as well as opportunities in other settings. —Katharine MacHarg '02

THE INAUGURATION OF TAYLOR UNIVERSITY'S

29TH PRESIDENT



APRIL 4-6, 2001, MARKED THREE SIGNIFICANT DAYS IN THE HISTORY OF TAYLOR UNIVERSITY AS DR. DAVID J. GYERTSON WAS INAUGURATED AS TAYLOR'S 29TH PRESIDENT.

“Charting the Course, Continuing the Journey” was the theme for the three-day inaugural event. Wednesday night activities kicked off the inauguration on the Fort Wayne campus. Dinner, with guests including the board of trustees, and a community concert, featuring Christian singer/songwriter, Kathy Troccoli, were the highlighted events.

Dr. and Mrs. Gyerston were also honored at a dinner Thursday night on the Upland campus. Keynote speaker Dr. David McKenna, former president of Spring Arbor College and Asbury Theological Seminary, shared on the topic of Christian higher education. During the evening, the Upland Art Department presented the University with a painting by senior Julie Nor. The painting, entitled “Charting Our Course,” revealed sailboats navigating through various bodies of water and weather conditions. Dr. Rachel Smith, endowed chair in art history, commented on the serendipity of the painting’s and inauguration’s theme. The watercolor will reside in the reception area of the President’s Office in Helena Memorial Hall on the University’s Upland campus.

The culmination of inaugural events was the Installation Ceremony, which was held in the Odle Gymnasium on Taylor University’s Upland campus. Taylor’s Symphonic Band set the festive, regal mood as a processional of delegates from prestigious colleges and universities nationwide, board members, university administrators, student body leaders, faculty and other distinguished guests flooded into the gymnasium to honor the Gyerstons. Mrs. Nancy Gyertson and her family, the Gyertson’s daughter, Andrea, and her husband, and friends from Virginia Beach, Va., and Wilmore, Ky., were among the distinguished guests. Taylor Ringers, Symphonic Band and combined choirs, comprised of the Upland campus Chorale and Fort Wayne campus Choral Ensemble, added to the celebration through musical selections.

Dr. Wesley Gerig, 44-year Bible professor at Taylor Fort Wayne, provided the invocation. Gerig stated that the event marked a time of great expectations—the past accomplishments in



Robbins, Gyertson, Kesler, and Gerig join in singing "How Firm a Foundation."

Taylor's history served as a springboard as those gathered look forward to even greater achievements in Taylor's future and for the Kingdom of God.

The investiture ceremony reflected on some of the milestones in Taylor's past and projected the vision for the University's future.

Dr. Jay Kesler, chancellor and Gyertson's predecessor, shared the meaning and significance of the investiture ceremony—to maintain continuity and vision of the University. He highlighted the fact that Taylor has its

leadership. Using an illustration from Howard Gardener's book, *Leading Minds, An Anatomy of the Human Mind*, McKenna traced the history of a handful of leaders from the 20th Century, where a common link was developed from their life-stories. The leaders' qualities, or gifts, gave them a sense of principle to which each would dedicate his/her life. And, when faced with challenges, these leaders were able to meet the dilemmas as each had the gift that made the difference: character. The "gifts of leadership took them to greatness as they would meet three challenges: identifying their life stories with that of the institution, mastering the art of communicating their stories to a variety of audiences and modeling their messages in life." McKenna reflected, "David was a youth at-risk to become a leader of choice, every step in his journey led him here. He brings the developed gifts Gardener discusses: imagination to see things whole; justice that brings compassion; identity that

"DR. GYERTSON HAS ALREADY PROVEN TO BE A LEADER FOR THE 21ST CENTURY AND TO BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES THAT THIS NEW MILLENNIUM BRINGS TO US."

footprints now in three centuries. Taylor was founded in the 19th Century when communication moved across the earth at the speed of a running horse, survived the testing of ideas and values of the 20th Century where technology moved from the limits of earth to space, and is launched into the 21st Century where technology seems limitless with the advent of the Internet. Kesler encouraged Gyertson that he is not alone in this borderless realm. He is entrusted to the University's mission with the backing and support of the board of trustees' loyalty, the credentials of the faculty and administration, the eagerness of the student body, the loyalty and involvement of the alumni and the examples of the sister institutions. A group of people "whose [combined] presence is symbolic of loyalty to [Taylor's] leaders, offer Godspeed, support and promise of our prayers."

Paul Robbins, board of trustees' chair, presided over the ceremony and affirmed Gyertson's leadership. "Since 1846, Taylor has remained firmly rooted and grounded in its mission and distinctives. The qualities that have enabled the University to prosper for 155 years are rooted in our commitment to Jesus Christ. In critical junctures in our history, God has brought to us leaders whose unique abilities matched the needs of the University at that point in time. It has happened again. [Dr. Gyertson has] already proven to be a leader for the 21st Century and to be able to handle the challenges and opportunities that this new millennium brings to us." Kenneth Flannigan, search committee chair, and Dr. Jay Kesler presented Dr. Gyertson with the presidential medallion.

Dr. David McKenna addressed the challenges of

provides an ability to make sense out of a troubled world; and principle that guides his life." McKenna added two more: "a sense of humility, which tempers his success and a sense of humor, which makes his failures a teaching experience." All this has been granted to Gyertson by "the grace of God through Jesus Christ." He concluded, "Now is the time for the testing of leadership, which begins with this inauguration."

Gyertson responded with an inaugural address which focused on his vision for the University. The ceremony concluded with a benediction by Dr. Richard Allen Farmer, TUU dean of the chapel, who challenged his listeners to go out as ambassadors, wearing the medallion of Christ.

by Lisa Allen '92



Delegates from Yale University, Moody Bible Institute and over 60 other universities and colleges participated in the inaugural ceremonies.



CHARTING *the* COURSE

Continuing the journey

PRESIDENT'S INAUGURAL ADDRESS
TAYLOR UNIVERSITY
APRIL 6, 2001
DAVID J. GYERTSON, PH.D.

THE TAYLOR UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

In these first months of our adoption by the Taylor family, Nancy and I have discovered a vibrant DNA of entrepreneurial thinking, creative application, compassionate caring and courageous risk-taking.

Since 1846, Taylor University has been characterized by people dedicated to quality, Christ-centered higher education for the effective preparation of the next generation of professional, societal and spiritual leaders. Here there have been succeeding generations who saw no conflict between academic excellence, professional competence, social relevance and spiritual vitality. Their search for truth was fueled by the uncompromised conviction that such pursuit always leads to the One described in Scripture as *the way, the truth and the life*. Their commitments and convictions produced a faculty that believes, with God's help, it is possible both to stretch the mind and cradle the heart without compromising conviction, integrity or quality.

Here there have been laborers who faithfully laid the building blocks of scholarship, leadership and Christian commitment. They were a people whose callings were larger than classrooms, libraries, laboratories, offices or boardrooms. They possessed a passion, often costly in time, resources and personal preferences, to see lives not just *informed* but *transformed*.

Those whose lives shaped the missions of Taylor University and Fort Wayne Bible College were people with a vision larger than themselves. They were outside the box thinkers responsibly and courageously embracing new possibilities. They were among the first to take up the challenge of providing women with full collegiate opportunities for professional preparation and development. With the witness of an escaped African slave who took the name Samuel Morris and the global vision of Methodist-Episcopal Bishop William Taylor, the University's mission for world outreach and racial justice became an

integral part of the institution's *raison d'être* in each generation.

With the dual purposes of exploring the Liberal Arts of classic learning and embracing the biblical foundations of faith-informed living, Taylor University is a place that calls men and women to a journey of Christian discipleship that is Christ-centered, biblically anchored, liberal arts grounded, whole person focused, world engaging, vocationally equipping and servant-leadership motivated. The fruit of such vision has produced thousands of alumni dedicated to ministering the redemptive love of Christ to a world in need through lifetimes of learning, leadership and service.

What a history! What a heritage! What a precious legacy we must use wisely as we now pick up the challenge of translating the vision of those who have gone before us for a new season of unparalleled change and unprecedented opportunity.

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

The literature of education these days is filled with predictions of what may be the greatest revolution in the history of human learning since the invention of the printing press and the implementation of the public day school. That which just five years ago was viewed as speculative and unlikely has come to pass with promises of greater changes to come.

Teaching at all levels is no longer the primary domain of the traditional educational establishment. Arthur Levine, president of the Teachers College, Columbia University, cites six forces that are spurring what he calls the massive privatization of higher education. Among these he includes the rise of an information-based economy, changes in demographics, increases in public scrutiny, the advent of new technologies, the convergence of knowledge-based organizations and a decline of public trust in government. For-profit, corporate and specialty based providers are finding larger opportunities for meeting the educational demands of the 21st century learner.

The very nature of education is changing from a teaching oriented discipline to a learning centered enterprise. Given the value of knowledge as the new universal commodity, education is being called upon to address issues of access, affordability, relevance, utility, lifelong learning and increased demands for tailor-made alternatives available anytime and anywhere.

Many of these changes appear to threaten the means and methods of education as we have come to practice it. However, I am convinced that the expectations and needs of 21st century learners present institutions like Taylor University with new possibilities and opportunities. Some of the most intriguing include combining character with competency, overcoming geographical, racial and cultural limitations and meeting the deepest needs of the human spirit through whole person experiences. Perhaps we of the faith-informed learning communities have come to the educational kingdom for such a time as this.

FAITH-INFORMED LEARNING IN THE 21ST CENTURY: SPECULATION & INVITATION

In light of all that is unfolding, what might a pace-setting, faith-informed institution of higher learning look like as the 21st century opens? While such speculation is presumptuous in light of the fact that we *see through a glass darkly*, Taylor University's pioneering, risk-taking DNA requires us to explore such possibilities. Let me share a few of the outlines I am seeing as I peer into this undefined future. Over the next several months, with the help of those who know and love Taylor best, we will discern more fully the shape of things to come.

I believe that effective, faith informed learning communities will be led by a generation of faculty who see themselves as models, facilitators and mentors more than curators, dispensers of information and career preparation specialists. Much of what the new learning requires will be better caught than taught. For those whose passion is to both inform and transform, who see their role as that of filling students with the passion to catch God at work in every place, plan, person and purpose, the greatest days for their calling are just ahead.

I believe that pace-setting, faith-informed institutions will provide living and learning experiences that call students to test and examine the core values and underlying assumptions of all that they are engaging. Every discipline will challenge students to think beneath the theory and beyond the experience to answer the *why* questions of life and learning as well as the *what* and *how*. The integration of faith with learning will move beyond the elementary thinking that some have characterized as the *Christian glazing of secular hams* to the deeper issues of meaning, value and implication that faith-informed investigation can effectively address. Compassion, integrity and transparency will characterize the fruit of such learning where the quality of relationships are as deeply valued as the quantity of skills and the acquisition of competencies.

I believe that the non-traditional learner will make up a significant proportion of our student populations. Our educational and student developmental models will be more effective in addressing the needs of urban, multicultural, lifelong and cross-generational learners. We will learn how to integrate as well as celebrate the multicultural tapestry of God's human creation embracing the biblical conviction that the Kingdom of God is made up of every tongue, tribe and nation and the mysteries of Truth are to be distributed without regard to race, culture, gender or social position. Such institutions will embrace the new technologies that provide distributed opportunities for learning as a providential gift for reaching every corner and culture of the globe with life-changing truths.

I believe that pace-setting, faith-informed institutions will be places that thoughtfully and prayerfully address the issues of learning and living that best define them. There will be a deeper commitment to find the high ground of essentials and greater comfort with allocating the less significant to appropriate perspective and position. Such institutions will be more pro-active than re-active, more issue reflective than issue driven. They will be places of respectful analysis and reasoned rhetoric because all who seek Truth have settled the essentials upon which unity is anchored and found places of charity where the less essential is freely examined and openly discussed.

THE COURSE TO CHART – THE JOURNEY TO CONTINUE

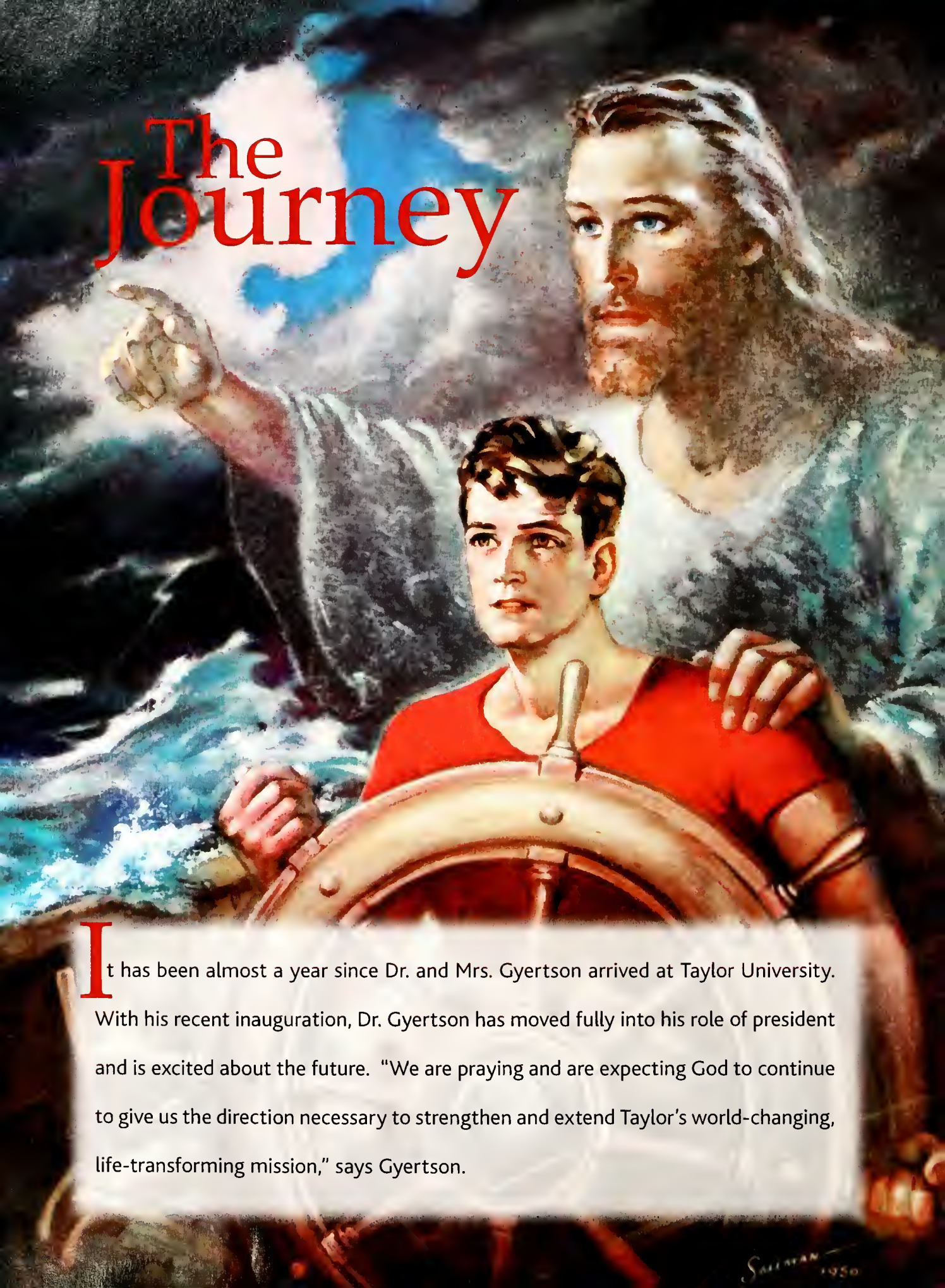
All of this looms before us with possibilities yet unseen and opportunities still unknown. Taylor University has in its genetic make-up the potential to effectively respond. All that is required is another generation of faith-filled, risk-takers willing, with God's grace and direction, to pay the price and take up the challenge.

We owe these possibilities to the courage and commitment of those who have gone before us. Names like Reade, Gerig, Ramseyer, Rediger and Kesler, along with the hundreds of others who stood with them, remind us that *opportunity* and *possibility* combined with *fidelity* and *courage* result in *fulfilled lives* and *transformed cultures*.

During the first weeks in the Taylor presidency, I found a paragraph in Jared F. Gerig's history of Fort Wayne Bible College titled *A Vine of God's Own Planting* that I have returned to often.

There is something solemn about the passing of a generation, strong of faith and vision, wise of truth and understanding, loyal of conviction and stability, brave of adventure and courage. Their burdens have fallen on the shoulders of other generations; the truths they believed and upheld have become conviction in the hearts of those who have followed; the vision and insight, which motivated them, have propelled others into the work. The challenge still stands to those in the future to become faithful followers of the pioneers who have gone before.

As we continue their journey, charting a course into waters they barely could imagine, let us follow, as they did, the Divine Providence that guided them safely to new and distant shores. Let us enter the 21st century firmly committed to quality, Christ-centered, whole person education so that we might prepare future generations from every tongue, tribe and nation for lifelong learning, leadership and service.



The Journey

It has been almost a year since Dr. and Mrs. Gyertson arrived at Taylor University. With his recent inauguration, Dr. Gyertson has moved fully into his role of president and is excited about the future. "We are praying and are expecting God to continue to give us the direction necessary to strengthen and extend Taylor's world-changing, life-transforming mission," says Gyertson.

As he leads the University forward, President Gyertson's enthusiasm for Taylor is contagious and his commitment to Christ is evident in each area of his life. Gyertson is even willing to share his struggles, as is evident in his willingness to tell the story of his childhood. He shares his life story as a demonstration of God's faithfulness and provision. The following excerpt from his March 13, 2000, chapel address gives testimony to God's plan and His grace; it is a plan and a grace to which the university president is devoting his life.

Dr. David J. Gyertson's Testimony

I didn't have the privilege of being raised in a Christian home. My dad was an alcoholic and abandoned us when I was 10. My mom had severe physical and emotional problems and couldn't work, so we lived on welfare primarily.

My first impression of God was that He was too big to have any concern about somebody like Dave Gyertson.

“David, somebody does care about you. The God of the universe loves you so much that He sent his Son to die for you.”

But slowly God began to reveal himself to me and to show me that he did care.

This began in the second grade when the Gideons distributed New Testaments. I tried to read it. It was in the King James, and I didn't understand most of it. The few things I did understand, like the 23rd Psalm, I read over and over.

Later there came a knock at our door. I opened it and found a man in a black Salvation Army uniform. In his arms he had two bags of groceries. He knelt down on one knee and said, “We understand that you folks have some need, and we just want you to know that Jesus loves you. Here are two bags of groceries.” He explained simply that “God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son that whosoever would believe in Him would not perish but have everlasting life.”

A few months later my mother sent me to Sunday school where I got a Bible marker with a glow-in-the-dark cross. Above it was a picture of a lad with his hands on the wheel of a big sailing ship, in the middle of a storm. Over his shoulder stood a figure in a white dress with his hand on the guy's shoulder pointing the way. Up there in Northern Ontario, where it's dark in the winter, it was the only light in my room at night as I stayed awake wondering about my life.

When I was 13, I came home one day and found my clothes on the front lawn. My mother had locked the door and wouldn't let me in. When Jim Poynter, a local pastor,

and his wife Marian found out I was living on the streets, they came and found me. Their invitation to live with them felt like another bag of groceries. After I had lived there about a year, this incredible sense of abandonment came on me. I made the decision that I was going to go out and never show up again.

Jim said to me that night, “Dave, what's the matter?” As a tough street kid I never showed any emotion, but that night I wept like a baby. I blurted out, “My mother threw me out. My dad's abandoned me. Nobody cares.” Jim opened his Bible to Psalm 27:10, which says, “When your mother and your father forsake you, then the Lord will take you up.” Jim looked at me and said, “David, somebody does care about you. The God of the universe loves you so much that He sent his Son to die for you.” That night I received Jesus as my personal savior.

I never graduated from high school. When I was 15, the guidance counselor told me that I did not belong in school,

but I knew that God had a call for me. Jim and Marian intervened and got me into a Bible college, on to a Christian college and then on for a master's and doctoral work.

After I had graduated from college, I found anger building in my spirit toward my dad. I could forgive my mom because she didn't know any better.

But I couldn't forgive my dad. At the end of my first year in my first pastoral setting, I felt the Spirit of God telling me to forgive my dad. I wrestled with God and finally said, “I can't.” Then I felt the Spirit say, “Did you say you can't or you won't?” The light went on. I said, “God, if I could, I would.” I heard the voice of the Spirit say, “Then why not let the Jesus in you that forgave you forgive your dad through you?”

Two weeks later I was in downtown Toronto, taking my turn as a part of the clergy rotation in the Harbour Light Mission where drug addicts and alcoholics came in off the streets. I preached a very simple message and gave an altar call. Nothing happened.

I gave the call a second time. In the back, one man got up. When he was halfway down the aisle I recognized him. That night, I led my dad to Jesus.

God continues to work in my life in amazing ways. Step by step, the New Testament, the bag of groceries, the Bible bookmark, and then the unconditional love of a family that took me in and introduced me to Jesus, won my heart to the Lord. There has been no looking back.

edited by Kim Shumaker '01



MRS. NANCY GYERTSON

Taylor's First Lady



Enjoying novels or biographies from the civil war period, reading cookbooks and working around the kitchen, “tackling the computer,” and cross-stitching are just a few things Nancy Gyertson likes to do in her free time, something she’s found relatively scarce as the wife of Taylor University president.

It isn’t something she is unfamiliar with, though. She has also served as first lady of Regent University and Asbury College. Still, as she looks at the major milestones in her life, moving to Upland, Ind., is one of them.

“I think career choices and moves are always major, especially to women,” she said. “Moving is not easy—packing up a house and starting again. Those decisions were never taken lightly. They were prayed over and many, many things were considered before each decision was made.”

Through her decision-making and her life, Gyertson has sensed God’s calling and direction. Born in Lansing, Mich., as the second of her parents’ two children, Gyertson considers herself fortunate because she lived in a Christian home and was raised in the church.

“As I became older, youth camp and camp meetings became very important to me,” she recalled. “I dedicated my life to the Lord in those teen years.”

After beginning her personal relationship with Christ, the next major milestone she faced was choosing a college. She decided she wanted to go to a Christian college and settled on Spring Arbor as her final choice. There, she majored in sociology and minored in elementary education.

“It was a good fit for me. It was a good experience,” she said. “I met some life-long friends and feel like I got a good education.”

Not the least of these “life-long friends” was David Gyertson. “It was a small college,” she said. “Most everyone knew one another.” She was a freshman and he was a second semester junior when they met, “and it wasn’t too long before we both felt that the Lord would have us be together.”

They married in June 1968 during the summer between her sophomore and junior years.

“We come from very different backgrounds,” Gyertson said. She had enjoyed a stable Christian family while he came from a broken home and had been taken in off the streets. “My family became very important to David,” she explained. “They quickly learned to love him and have become real parents to him.”

After being married for five years, Nancy and David decided they would like to start a family of their own. "We were unsuccessful in that, and several doctors told us we would be unable to conceive and that we should look into adoption," Gyertson recalled. As a matter of course, they attended a meeting regarding adoption, but they didn't feel God's leading in that direction. Gyertson remembers the discussion she and her husband had as a result of the meeting. "We really hadn't prayed about this. We had taken this into our own hands."

At the time, the Gyertsons were pastoring a church in Toronto. "We went to the altar at one evening service and had David's spiritual father pray over us—very privately, very unemotionally. He anointed us with oil, and we laid our request before the Lord," she said. "The very next month I conceived Andrea." As a special blessing, Andrea was born on her father's birthday and Gyertson reports that sharing a birthday



Dr. and Mrs. Gyertson enter their 33rd year of serving together.

Gyertson's love for children extends beyond her own daughter. "I love babies. I love children, so that led me to the classroom." She estimates that she has worked as a teacher about half of her adult life, putting her skills to use in public, private and Christian schools with students in kindergarten through third grade.

Now, she focuses on a different job.

"My job is to be a wife to David and to keep home in such a way that he has a sanctuary to which to come, a place to rest, a place to be secure away from all the demands of the job," she said. "While it is a very public home in many ways, I feel like it is my job to make it a private home for the two of us."

"I enjoy people, and I enjoy talking with people and being with people, but I also need quiet

time. I need reflective time," she explained. "A lot of people get energy from [others], but I'm not one of those. I can be energized and go in and do what needs to be done, but then I need my space. And, I think David is the same way."

Gyertson's support for her husband goes beyond creating a quiet home

environment. She often is able to give him a different perspective on an issue he is dealing with, and many times she just listens. "David shares a lot of things with me. He does do a lot of talking, so therefore I do a lot of listening." She explained that in the beginning of their marriage she was frustrated when she didn't have the answers to his dilemmas. "He told me a long time ago that he didn't need me to have the answers. He needed me to be a listener and in verbalizing, he often found the solutions."

Gyertson feels that the hardest part of her job is "keeping up with the grueling schedule and everyone's expectations," but she emphasized that the rewards of the job are greater than the sacrifices. "I love academic life," she said. "I enjoy everything about it." She says that working with wonderful and gifted people, traveling and meeting alumni are some of the major benefits of leading a university.

She loves to listen to the stories of people whose lives have been touched by Taylor—"how they met God or how they came in as an unbeliever and left as a believer; how they matured; how they found their careers; how they encountered professors that changed their lives." For Gyertson, these stories are worth working for.

by Linnea Goddard '01

"My job is to be a wife to David and to keep home in such a way that he has a sanctuary to which to come, a place to rest, a place to be secure away from all the demands of the job."

"plus many other things makes them very close."

Gyertson traces God's hand through the experience. "It's been a real lesson to me that sometimes the Lord answers our prayers with 'yes,' and while we came to him with that same request again, for whatever reason only He knows, the answer was 'no' the second time."

COUGHENOURS

making a difference through faith

On Jan. 20, 2001, as members of the Taylor community planned and prepared for the inauguration of 29th president Dr. David Gyertson, George W. Bush was being sworn in as 43rd President of the United States in an inauguration in Washington, D.C.

Bob '50 and Beulah '55 Coughenour attended both inaugurations, ably representing their community and the body of Christ.

Significant to the kingdom is God's provision of leaders in all walks of life. Sometimes those leaders are renowned; sometimes they walk behind the scenes, simply upholding His righteousness by influencing decisions made for the good of the people. The Coughenours are two such people who inspire those who surround them.

Beulah, Indianapolis city-county councilwoman, has upheld her Christian commitment both publicly and privately, serving her constituents for 25 years. "I believe it's very important for me to stay focused on my faith because it's easy to get wrapped up in the issues and become irritated with things I don't think are right. I have to keep remembering that I am representing Christ," she claims.

Beulah has influenced such decisions as banning smoking in Indianapolis public buildings and routing hazardous waste trucks to drive around the city instead of through it.

Just recently she was able to see a stormwater utility created in Indianapolis. While these are not necessarily faith issues, the decisions have life-protecting implications.

Dr. Bob Coughenour, a physician in Shelbyville, Ind., incorporates faith every day by using wisdom in communication. He tells a story of a young woman whose parents recently went through a divorce. Her self-image was very low and she began frequenting bars. Dr. Coughenour pulled her aside and was "very frank with her regarding self-respect." He then invited her to a church where he knew they had a good singles group. "She wants to believe," he claims. "She is very interested in what Jesus has to offer."

The Coughenours also make a difference in the lives of acquaintances by giving special gifts at Christmas. For example, last year they gave several friends the Jesus film. "We can give gifts at strategic times without seeming like we are pushing religion on them," Beulah states. "We try to give them something important and meaningful."

A prime example of someone who once gave the Coughenours something important and meaningful was Dr. Milo Rediger. Tears came to Bob's eyes as he explained how Dr. Rediger came alongside them when Beulah's brother, Leland Meier, was killed in a car accident. "Important is what you are when you can help somebody or when you become meaningful like Dr. Rediger was for us," states Beulah.

Bob, who was Taylor's team physician for many years, echoes Beulah's sentiments. He cites people like Don Odle, George Glass, Hazel Butz Carruth Anderson, and chemistry professor Dr. Starr as some of the more influential people in his life.

Bob and Beulah met at Taylor over 50 years ago. Last fall Bob celebrated his 50th reunion at Taylor, and this past summer they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. As Bob looks at the milestones in his life, his advice to those who come after him remains constant: "Look at your heritage: Jesus Christ. And look at what Taylor University can offer to those who become a part of her community."

Beulah agrees that Taylor has influenced many for Christ, and many of those have been in her own family. She feels, however, that the real way to show Christ's love to people is one by one. "The thing that I've seen through God's guidance is that I have had the opportunity to meet people that are out of the mainstream. I can keep my Christian values out there in front of me. We need to stand up and be counted for what we believe in wherever we are."

Bob and Beulah sense God's leading in their lives. He



has allowed them to journey through the years as both onlookers and partakers. Beulah recently found herself in a dilemma about whether to run for office again. God did not waste any time putting people in her path to show her that He wants Christians in public office. He wants the Coughenours to stand up and be counted.

As influencers for and of the Kingdom of God, the Coughenours are living examples for a world that desperately needs a Savior. Whether watching a parade in Washington, D.C., or attending an event in the Odle Gymnasium, Bob and Beulah strive to serve Christ and to find their purpose and power in the LORD.

by Donna J. Downs





New

Horizons

Profiles of four outstanding seniors from the class of 2001

J. R. Briggs has 41 job offers, and he hasn't even sent out his first résumé. A double major in Christian education and Bible, Briggs has planned on serving the LORD in youth ministry since coming as a freshman and now has the opportunity to serve in full-time ministry almost anywhere in the nation. He is thankful for his preparation at Taylor. "Taylor places a priority on relationships, community and leadership. My professors in the Christian education department really showed that to me, both in and out of the classroom."

Briggs plans to marry Taylor senior Megan Holman next fall and to move to Colorado Springs. Holman, a psychology major and Christian education minor, shares his vision for youth ministry. "But our first ministry," Briggs explains, "is to each other." They've decided to postpone jumping into church work during their first months of married life. "We want to really spend our first year together making our marriage a priority. We're excited to be a real team so we can minister to others more effectively." With a strong foundation, the two are eager to serve the Lord wherever He may call.



J.R. BRIGGS

NATALIE ELLIS

“Count your blessings” is a key phrase in the artwork of Mary Engelbreit. For Natalie Ellis, the phrase has taken on a very personal meaning. Ellis prepares to join the Mary Engelbreit Company as its marketing coordinator, a job she considers a true “blessing.”

Ellis has always had an interest in business. When she was a preschooler, her family served as tireless customers in the shoe stores, gift stores and bookstores she set up in the living room of their southern Illinois home. At Taylor she developed her love of marketing through her class work and student-led initiatives like helping to design the signs, banners and many of the materials for the National Student Leadership Conferences. Graduating with a bachelor of arts in business administration with a marketing concentration, she feels like her writing, communicating, critical thinking and problem-solving skills have greatly improved during her time at Taylor. She also benefited from a Bible study that she attended with four other female senior business majors.

“Taylor provided me with an excellent foundation. My professors encouraged me to pursue my dreams, and my internship with the Mary Engelbreit Company really confirmed my desire to work in business marketing,” says Ellis. “I’ve been so blessed.”



Four hundred thirteen graduates crossed the stage at this year's commencement prepared to face the new world ahead. They join the over 15,000 graduates around the globe.

MATT OQUIST



“ I have come to realize that everything I do should be done with the intention of glorifying God. That breaks down the dichotomy between the sacred and the secular and means that I can do my job efficiently and effectively as an act of worship to the Creator.”

Matt Oquist, a software engineer, sees a lot more to life than just computer screens. While he admits loving to program computers, Oquist finds it essential to think about the underlying meaning of life. He has been hired by Compaq-Digital in Nashua, N.H. While working there he will pursue his graduate degree in philosophy.

He credits the faculty at Taylor for fostering his desire to learn and to understand. “Jay Kesler taught me that nothing is going to jump out from under a rock and eat God. As Christians, we are free to pursue the mysteries of science and the deep questions of life and to do it for the glory of God.”

Oquist’s near future plans also include marrying Taylor alumna Jennifer Bergens ’00. She is a teacher at nearby Wes-Del Middle School and is excited to join him in the move to New England.

Seriously searching for truth and actively finding new avenues to communicate the ideas of Scripture, Oquist is enthusiastic about the future. “I enjoy finding creative solutions to computer programming problems. Even more, I enjoy using my gifts and abilities to honor God in all that I do.”

In 2001 there were 147 bachelor of science degrees, 254 bachelor of arts degrees, 7 bachelor of music degrees and 6 associate of arts degrees conferred. Thirty-four graduates earned double majors.



HEATHER RATTRAY

Heather Rattray's life is full of music. During the first few months after graduation, Rattray plans to play her violin at several weddings and to go to New York to sing with the Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. Her passion for music is matched by her passion for people. She graduated with a major in communication studies and a minor in public relations and marketing.

Rattray feels that her education at Taylor provided excellent preparation for future service. "Taylor University prepared me to persevere during the rough times and to pursue a growing relationship with Christ." Rattray also cites her roommate, Kara Seifert '01, and Christian artist Nichole Nordeman as wonderful models of Christ's love who have helped ready her for the years ahead. "Kara is real. She encouraged me with the time she set aside for being alone with God." Learning from those around her as well as from her professors, Rattray feels that Taylor helped make her more aware of the differences in faith, opinions and politics.

The lessons she learned in loving and serving others will be put to good use next year as Rattray works at Taylor University as an admissions counselor. She is excited about this new opportunity to put her training to work. She will be serving with a song in her heart.

Graduates came from 35 different states and 13 different countries including Austria, Bahamas, Bolivia, Canada, Cameroon, Costa Rica, France, Kenya, Philippines, Singapore, Spain, Russia and Venezuela.



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Gene L. Rupp '58
vice president for university advancement

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Taylor Tomorrow! Reaching out and sharing the vision with the world.

Gene L. Rupp



Taylor bids farewell to esteemed vice presidents

My first encounter with Al Smith was in the spring of 1981. I was trying to get information about student fees for the next academic year since my daughter, Lana, was finishing her sophomore year at Taylor University. "Sir," he informed me, "we have put that information out several weeks ago. The only place we haven't put it yet is on the university water tower!" Wow! After I collected my thoughts, I simply asked him if he knew who really paid his salary. That was the beginning of a pilgrimage we have now enjoyed for another eighteen years since my employment at Taylor University in 1983.

For those of us who have known Allan (as his father insists you call his son), we have come to realize his bark and his bite are two totally different experiences. There is no doubt about Al's passion for Taylor University. He has worked untiringly to position the University in a fiscally sound manner. He thoroughly understands the importance of well-defined policies and the value of observing them in daily decision making.

During Al's tenure at Taylor, not only did the budget and endowment grow several fold, the number of functions and entities multiplied, i.e., food service, bookstore, Fort Wayne campus, William Taylor Foundation, etc. Yet Al never lost focus on the responsibilities of his job as the vice president for business & finance to insure everything was done consistent with Taylor's mission.

Al's greatest contribution to Taylor University was his persistent advocacy for equality. Whether it was a discussion on student fees or employee salary, wages and benefits, he never allowed us to forget the virtue of equality.

We will never forget his ability to intimidate, his very distinguishable walk as he crossed the campus, his ability to ask questions that could bring you to an absolute silence. Al Smith is a man of compassion, love, and a desire to honor God in his life. We all knew Al was at his best when he and his wife Ardie were together. She brought out his best and her physical absence is a void. Al has chosen to follow a path he and Ardie had decided together to journey—to serve God in a new ministry—world missions.

Thank you, Al. Thanks for everything you have done for Taylor University and will continue to do as you respond to His call for the next stage of life. —Daryl R. Yost H.A. '96



As a young director of data processing at a small North Dakota bible college, I was introduced to Bob Hodge on the telephone about 15 years ago. We had recently received a gift of an old DEC computer that would move us into real data processing, and I was in search of some information about how to manage and lead this emerging technology area. After that initial telephone conversation, I began scheduling time to talk with Bob when I came to Indiana to visit my family in the summers. I talked with Bob and tried to get a whole year's worth of vision, wisdom and direction before I returned to the isolation of North Dakota.

After several years of meeting with Bob as part of my vacation, I commented to my wife, Sharon, "I would like to work with Bob someday!" It was another couple of years before my skills and interests matched up with a position at Taylor. I came to Taylor to work with Bob in 1991.

I have learned and grown a lot over the last 10 years. As I think about the time we have been working together, what I remember most is characterized by images or phrases. I remember learning about the time-cost-performance triangle, why it is important that we not grow up and wear our grandfathers' polyester pants, and why it is not possible to over-emphasize integrity.

Bob helped me make the connection between the work I do and Taylor's mission of "educating men and women for lifelong learning and ministering the redemptive love of Christ to a world in need." He showed me that our work is just as much about telling the story as it is about working with facts, figures, fast servers and disks.

Bob encouraged my walk with the Lord. He modeled the wisdom discussed in James 3:17-18 and the concept of adaptive servant leadership shown in Philippians 2.

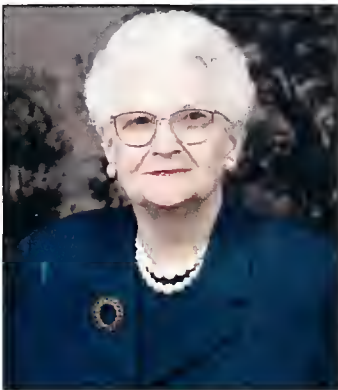
In an area where it is sometimes difficult to find the cause of Christ in daily activities, Bob has helped Taylor develop technology with a clear view and heart toward our mission. Thanks, Bob, for your effective leadership as you have modeled the leadership of Christ in our midst. We will miss you in the daily activities of the University, but many of the lessons and much of the vision, passion and sense of mission will remain. —Rod Eib



ALUMNI NOTES

1926

Harriet (Leisure) Naden died on Jan. 12 in Atlanta, Ind., after a major stroke in Sept. Her husband J. Lauren Naden '25 preceded her in death. While at Taylor, Harriet was president of the Mnanka Debating Club and the Indiana Students' Group, a member of the Philatheatan Literary Society, the Philatheatan Girls' Basketball Team and served as an Assistant Philo Censor. She taught school for many years. She also served as a sales rep. for Famise Corp. and F.E. Compton Co.



Harriet (Leisure '26) Naden

1934

Rev. R. Park Anderson passed away on Feb. 10 at the age of 86. He served United Methodist churches in Iowa, Oregon and California, until retiring in 1976. Surviving is wife Hazel (Butz Carruth '38). Hazel lives at Terwilliger Plaza, 2545 SW Terwilliger Blvd. No. 318, Portland, OR 97201. Email is rpahra@aol.com.

1941

Rev. Gerald Foster was honored by over 600 friends in a gala banquet held at the Riverfront Arts Center in Wilmington, Del., on Oct 24. Rev. Foster is president emeritus for the Sunday Breakfast Mission which feeds over 265 men every day and provides shelter for 100 men every night in downtown Wilmington.

1942

Rev. John Murbach died on April 2. Wife Alvira lives at 2191 Waylife Ct, Alva, FL 33920.

1946

Rev. Philip J. Williams died on Dec. 21 in Upland, Ind. Rev. Williams served the United Methodist Conference until he retired in 1978, and was then chaplain at United Methodist Memorial Home. Wife Elouise and children Michael Williams '59, David Williams '62, Neil Williams '77 and Carol Impola survive him.

1952

William & Ruth (Zimmerman) Bowers have moved to a retirement home in Pemberville, Ohio. They may be reached by email at wnbowers@wenet.org. • Rev. James William Comstock awoke in Heaven on Feb. 4 after a long illness. Jim was a lifelong minister and missionary serving in Central and South America on long-term mission assignments, as well as numerous short-term missions in the Far East and other parts of the world. His real love for serving the Lord was foreign missions. Wife Myrna, who resides at

2728 Mill Trace, Carrollton, TX 75007, survives him. • Alfred Thompson lives at 11 Barns Ln, East Hampton, NY 11937. Email is aathom11@aol.com.

1953

Joseph & Elinor (Speicher '52) Spacek reside at 104 Potomac Ln, Daytona Beach, FL 32119. Email is eljoe@mindspring.com.

1956

Don & Barb (Benjamin '57) Love are now officially retired from ABWE. Don is "mostly" retired from medical laboratories and keeps busy as minister of Christian ed. in their church and is on the board of Community Pregnancy Centers. Both serve a jail ministry and tutor in the school. Barb is the district president of Women's Missionary Union and teaches jr. high Sunday school. They would welcome hearing from their TU friends! Email is donbarlove@juno.com.

1958

Donald E. Hedrick x passed away on Jan. 30. His wife Miriam (Parks x) lives at 2208 Pebble Beach Dr, Carmel, IN 46032. Daughter Diane (Hedrick '84) Cullen resides at 7102 Anglers Cove, Georgetown, IN 47122.

1963

Dale & Janet (Spitler '62) Senseman live at 1271 Wilshire Ct, Circleville, OH 43113. Dale recently accepted the position of chair of the music dept. at Circleville Bible College. Janet is retired from teaching elementary music after 24 years. Emails are fdsen@aol.com or dsenseman@biblecollege.edu.



I always pause for reflection at the end of an academic year as I watch seniors pack up their rooms, say good-bye to classmates and join the ranks of over 15,000 other Taylor graduates. Soon their updates will appear in this section of TAYLOR magazine, as they begin to compile post-collegiate life experiences of their own. As the Taylor community grows each year, may we continue to embrace, encourage and pray for each other through the common bonds of our alma mater and Jesus Christ. Blessings to you all!

Marty Senger

1965

Robert Ransbottom retired in June after 36 years as a teacher and coach. The last 25 years he has served as principal at Parkway Local Schools in Rockford, Ohio. Bob & Mary Kay reside at 10655 State Route 118, Rockford, OH 45882. Email is mkranny@bright.net.

1966

Harold Petherick x of Lower Burrell, Pa., died on Nov. 4, 2000.

1968

Darrell Mayne was named USA East Region Coach of the Year in *American Football Monthly* and Ohio Coach of the Year by Nike as a result of Upper Arlington IIS (Columbus, Ohio) winning the Division I State Football Championship in Dec. 2000. This squad was ranked #7 nationally by FOX-Sports. Darrell & Leslie (McGinty) live at 295 Beekley Ln, Dublin, OH 43017 where Leslie teaches elementary vocal music. Email is dmayne@uaschools.org.

1969

Lowell & Marjorie Barnes reside at 157 Chace St, Somerset, MA 02726. Lowell is a clinician and supervisor of emergency services for Massachusetts Dept. of Mental Health. Email is lowellb677@aol.com.

1970

Gregory Watson is president and managing partner of Business Systems Solutions, Inc. He currently serves as president of the American Society for Quality, an organization with more than 120,000 members. Greg and wife Lauren live at 10460 Roosevelt Blvd N PMB316, St. Petersburg, FL 33716. Email is ghwatson@gre.net.

1971

Gary & Jackie Sinclair live in Mahomet, Ill., where Gary is the senior pastor of Grace Baptist Church. Children are Tim (22) and Amy (18). Email is garysin@net66.com.

1972

Doug Sloan x is serving as the graphics coordinator for the Indiana Division of Reclamation. This state agency is responsible for the regulation of coal mining and the reclamation of abandoned coal mines. Doug & wife

Carol reside at 128 Berkeley, Terre Haute, IN 47803. Email is sloan@indy.net. • **Doug & Cindy (Quick x) Wilson** recently moved to a bed & breakfast ranch and would love to have Taylor friends and alumni stop and visit. Their new address is 13084 Rebecca Creek Rd, Spring Branch, TX 78070. Email is chocobear6@yahoo.com.

1975

Phil & Patty Bender reside in Indianapolis, where Phil works in claims for Nationwide Insurance. Children are Tyler (18), Tara (17) and Trisha (14). Email is pbender@nationwide.com. • **Gareth "Chappy" & Sheila Thomas** live in Zimbabwe, where Chappy is senior research agronomist for Kutsaga Research Station. Children are Stephen (17), Kate (16) and Suzanne (11). Email is gareth_thomas@kutsaga.co.zw. He would love to hear from TU friends! • **Bill & Bonnie Weberling** live at 464 Beechwood Dr, Mansfield, OH 44907. Bill works for Community Counseling Services as a mental health counselor. Children are Ryan (14) and Corey (12). Email is billweb13@yahoo.com.

1979

Greg & Lucinda (Halbrook) Damron have moved to 6030 Emma Ln, Colorado Springs, CO 80922. Greg works for Focus on the Family. Lucinda is a personal aide to a 7-year-old girl with autism. Sons are Travis (18) and Anthony (15). Email is damronga@yahoo.com. • **Donald & Melinda McNamara** live at 23368 Bluff Crest Dr, Elkhart, IN 46516 where Donald is a dentist. Their children are Sarah (19), Joseph (16) and Carolyn (14). Email is n8rv@gte.net.

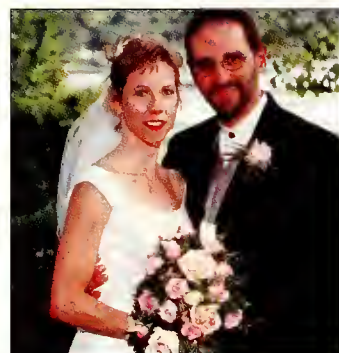
1980

Robert & Kimberly (Tomrell) Ritt live at 321 Lanell Ln, PO Box 7, Bellaire, MI 49615. Kim is president of Cottage Floral of Bellaire. Daughter Katie is 14. Email is ritt2@torchlake.com.

1981

Linda Goldman married Frank Overton on Oct. 27, 2000. Linda is administrative judge for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. The couple resides at 8369 Lombard Way, Rohnert Park, CA 94928. Email is judgelinda10@aol.com. • **Mike & Stacy (Millspaugh) Marley** are living at 6769

N E00W, Marion, IN 46952. Mike is in the apprentice program at General Motors and Stacy is homeschooling their children, Stephanie (14), Rachel (13) and Michael (9). Email is smarley333@aol.com. • **Brian Rishaw** married Sally Bouna on Sept. 9, 2000. Brian works for Alliance Imaging, Inc., as senior MRI/PET scan technologist.



Sally & Brian Rishaw '81

The couple lives at 17719 E Brooks Farm Rd, Higley, AZ 85236. Email is rebelmoelu@earthlink.net. • **Jim & Sharon Stimmel** are the proud parents of Caleb Michael born May 24, 2000; he joins Joshua (5) and Annie (3). The family lives at 4553 Dirham Ct, Hilliard, OH 43026. Email is jim_stim@yahoo.com.

1982

Keith & Jaimie (Schwietert) Hebda are pleased to announce the birth of son Bradley Alan on July 1, 2000; he joins Kristin (11) and Andrew (3). Jaimie enjoys being home with the children. The family lives at 2000 NE 55 Ct, Ft Lauderdale, FL 33308. Email is hebda4@bellsouth.net.



Jaimie (Schwietert '82) & Keith Hebda and family

1983

Paul Branks has accepted a new position managing internal and executive communi-



Ann & Paul Branks '82 and family

ocations for Anthem, Inc., in Indianapolis. Paul and wife Ann, have 3 daughters, Lauren (16), Ellen (12) and Meredith (7). They reside in Brownsburg. Email is branks3@aol.com.

1984

Michael Daugherty is an enterprise architect at DeepGreen Bank. He & wife **Marcia (Harness '85)**, along with children Diana (10), Reed (7) and Ryan (5) reside at 3248 Debra Ct, Medina, OH 44256. Email is mmdaugherty@earthlink.net. • **Matthew & Ruth (Stahr x'87) MacPherson** reside at 113 Briery Branch Ct, Morrisville, NC 27560. Matthew works for Ciseo Systems as manager of technical marketing. Children are David (10), Daniel (8), Ian (7) and Stephen (1). Email is mmaepher00@aol.com. • **Mark Vander Veen** is finance manager for Seminole Ford-Auto Nation USA. He resides at 10106 Plantation Lakes Cir, Sanford, FL 32771. Email is m_vander_veen@hotmail.com.

1985

Daniel & Alisa Detrick joyfully announce the birth of Gillian McClaran on Jan. 26. The family lives in Richmond, Va. Email is alisa-dan@juno.com.

1986

Dean & Alicyn (Jacobus) Amann have moved to Castle Rock, Colo., with children Ashlee (7), Tyler (5) and EmmaJean (1). Email is ski2norway@juno.com. • **Darren & Becki (Hensley) Habig** live in Greenwood, Ind., where Becki is a 5th grade teacher. After cheering throughout her college career at Taylor, Becki is finishing up her 15th season as cheer coach for the Greenwood Varsity Cheer Squad. She recently took her squad to the Windy City Classic National Contest at Navy Pier where they placed third in the nation. She is also the coach of

her own All-Star squad that competes nationally. Their children are Hayli (7) and Jake (6). Email is bhabig@oak.gws.k12.in.us.

1987

Kevin Moritz is now working at Focus on the Family. His address is 3718 E La Salle St #2202, Colorado Springs, CO 80909. Email is kevinmoritz@juno.com. • **John & Cindy (Nugent '82) Reishus** live at 3732 E 1250 N, Alexandria, IN 46001. Children are Devin (15) and Kim (12). Email is cjeishus@hotmail.com. • **David & Debbie (Springer '85) Wesner** joyfully announce the birth of Mathew David on March 2, 2000; he joins David (5) and Sarah (3). David is a 6th grade teacher and Debbie is home with the children. Email is d3smwesner@earthlink.net.

1988

Robert & Jodi (VanderMeulen '89) Hanlon are the proud parents of Sydney Drion born Dec. 5. Big brother Quinn is 2. Robert is chief information officer at Global Packaging Group. Jodi enjoys being home with the children. The family lives at 26W450 Churchhill Rd, Winfield, IL 60190. Email is hanlon4@ntsource.com.

1989

Jerry & Laura (Rich '91) Gerig joyfully announce the birth of Hannah Michele on Jan. 7. Jerry is a tennis pro at Ft. Wayne Canterbury Schools and Laura is assistant prof of psychology at TUFW. • **Steve & Katherine (Durham) Palmateer** are the proud parents of Sophie Katherine born Jan. 31. Siblings are Gregory (8) and Lauren (6). The family resides in Marysville, Mich. • **Robert & Stephanie (Soucy) Panciera** can be reached at PO Box 372, Monson, ME 04464. Children are Katherine (8), Emily (7), Joanna (3) and Cassidy (1). Email is panciera@juno.com.

1990

Scott & Becky (Roost) Brown welcomed Carter William into their family on June 18, 2000. Brother Jacob is 3. Scott is assistant pastor at North Cincinnati Community Church. Becky's email is beekyLb1@msn.com. • **Kurt & Coreen (Konya) Joviak** joyfully announce the birth of Kailyn Laurel on Oct. 27, 2000; she joins Cassandra (3). The family resides at 231 S Lake St, S Amherst, OH 44001. Email is joviak34@aol.com. • **Matthew & Sarah Schmidt**

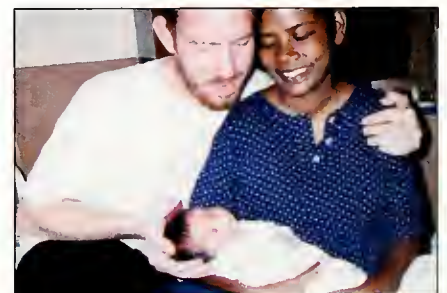
welcome into their family Phoebe Lou born Feb. 13. Siblings are Kharis (7), Aaron (5) and Sammy (1). Their new address is 2718 S Southwood Dr, Warsaw, IN 46580. Email is mslive@waveone.net. • **Daniel & Barbara Warner** are living at 1825 S Tanner Ct, Deltona, FL 32738. Daniel is a project manager for AAA. Email is dwarner@national.aaa.com.

1991

Mark & Tracy (Mains) Gedicks joyfully announce the birth of Kaitlyn Charis on Jan. 6. Tracy works as a paraoptometric. The family resides at 18 Winding Way, Raymond, ME 07071. Email is trixiegbme@juno.com. • **Beth Hartman** spent two weeks in Kazakhstan working at an orphanage. She is making plans to go fulltime in Summer 2002. Beth is currently working as dir. of operations at the Youth Opportunity Center in Muncie, Ind. Email is bhartman@yocinc.org. • **Doug & Jen (Scott '91) Schneider** are pleased to announce the birth of Madelyn Jill on Feb. 6. Siblings are Micaela (4) and Graham (2). The family lives in Galesburg, Ill. • **Tom & Jenny (Hamilton '96) Sena** joyfully announce the birth of Kaleb DeLoss on June 3, 2000. The family lives at 232 S Oak St, Palatine, IL 60067. Email is tsena2@home.com. • **Wes & Cindy (Hayes '92) Williamson** welcome Abigail Joy born June 24, 2000. She joins siblings Ellen (6), Rebecca (4) and Andrew (2). Cindy is a stay-at-home mom. The family resides in Lititz, Pa. Email is wescindy@juno.com.

1992

Roger & Sally (Banks x) Dials live at 2121 Springmill North Rd, Mansfield, OH 44903. Children are Kendall (11), Ellie (8), Hope (4) and Timothy (2). They would love to hear from Taylor friends! Email is sallystar6@yahoo.com. • **Andi & Sheba Eicher** joyfully announce the birth of Asha



Andi '92 & Sheba Eicher with Asha

Esther Alice on Jan. 16. The family lives in Jharkhand, India. Email is eicher@vsnl.com.

- **Carmen (Conley) Flores** and family live at 200 Sixth St, Winona Lake, IN 46590. Email is floresfamily@waveone.net.
- **Kevin & Holly Kelling** are the proud parents of Courtney Grace born Jan. 25. The family lives at N77W16336 Overlook Dr, Menomonee Falls, WI 53051. Email is kellino2@msn.com.
- **Kenyon Knapp** married Ginger Boggs on June 10, 2000, in Tupelo, Miss. Mark Vanest participated in the wedding. Ken finished his PhD in counselor education and is seeking a professorship. The couple live at 1513 Leighton Dr, Tupelo, MS 38801. Email



Ginger & Ken Knapp '92

is kenyonknapp@hotmail.com.

- **Todd & Melissa Pinder** joyfully announce the birth of Nicholas Justin on Dec. 12, 2000. Brother Ethan is 2. The family may be reached at PO Box 88-6686, Nassau, The Bahamas. Email is pinders@coralwave.com.
- **Jonathan & Jodi (Roth '93) Rudolph** are the proud parents of Katherine Grace born Feb. 20; she joins Elly (2). The family resides at 2723 Elmwood Dr, E Grand Rapids, MI 49506.
- **Reuel & June (Roddy) Sample** welcomed Alexis Faith into their family on April 29, 2000. Proud brother is R.K. (4). The Samples recently moved back home to western Pa., after serving in the Navy for four years. Reuel is the chaplain at Waynesburg College in Pa. June enjoys staying home with the children. Email is rjsample@alltel.net.

1993

Jamey & Robin (Fulbright '94) Dickman are pleased to announce the birth of Nathan Robert on Dec. 27, 2000. He joins siblings Joseph (3) and Anna (2). The family resides at 3110 Glendale Ave, Wausau, WI 54401. Email is jdickman@wausau.fammed.wisc.edu.

- **Brian & Jacqueline (Swee Gek) Tan-Pereira**



Jacqueline (Swee Gek '93) & Brian Tan-Pereira and sons

joyfully announce the birth of son Leon on Aug. 18, 2000. Brother Ian is 3. Jacqueline continues to teach TV and video production at Ngee Ann Polytechnic. Email is jts@np.edu.sg.

1994

Mike & Anne (Whitcotton) Carpenter are pleased to announce the birth of Eve Marie on Jan. 8. The family resides at 3671 Myrtle St, Irvine, CA 92606. Email is mikeandanne@the-carpenters.com.

- **David & Anne Chamberlin** proudly announce the birth of Benjamin Scott on March 6. Brother William is 2. David is the director of global communications at Nortel Networks. The family lives at 517 Sunereek Dr, Allen, TX 75013. Email is dehamberlin@bigfoot.com.
- **Greg Domsten** resides at 1431 W Belmont #1R, Chicago, IL 60657. He works at iXL as a quality assurance analyst. Email is greg@gregdomsten.com.
- **Clark & Robin (Niedermeyer) Holland** are the proud parents of Madison Taylor born Sept. 7, 2000. Clark is an investment consultant for Wells Fargo Bank and Robin enjoys being home with Madison. They reside at 7004 Sugarplum



Robin (Niedermeyer '94) & Clark Holland '94 with Madison Taylor

Rd, Nashville, TN 37211. Email is hollanc@hotmail.com.

- **Debbie Kinch** and Michael Pierson were married on Nov. 18, 2000, in

Arlington, Texas. TU participants were Ava Archibald and Sheri La Sovage x. Michael is a youth minister at Lamar Baptist Church and Debbie teaches 3rd grade at Crouch Elementary. Email is m7d2pierson@aol.com.



Debbie (Kinch '94) & Michael Pierson

- **Rob & Julie (Boseker) Sager** are the proud parents of Jemma Catherine born Jan. 13. The family lives at 3785 Seney Dr, Lake Orion, MI 48360. Email is robsager@msn.com.
- **Nathan & Michelle (Mays '93) Shattuck** have moved to 9011 Latona Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115. Nathan works for Williams Communications Solutions as a sales consultant. Email is



Tony '94 & Carole (Bulten '94) Yoder and family

nathanshattuck@hotmail.com.

- **Tony & Carole (Bulten) Yoder** announce the birth of Jonathan Paul on Nov. 7, 2000. Brother Joshua is 1. The family resides at 14507 Knollridge Dr, Tampa, FL 33625-3338. Email is teyoder@tampabay.rr.com.

1995

Mark & Sara (Banks '94) Hubbard have moved to 49011 Gardner Dr, Alpharetta, GA 30004. Mark is vice president for Alliance Capital Management. Email is mark_hubbard@acml.com.

- **Stephen & Sarah (Kearn) Parnell** joyfully announce



Sarah (Kearn '95) & Stephen Parnell with Sean

the birth of Sean Elias on Dec. 13, 2000. The family resides at 4144 Booth Pl #15, Kansas City, KS 66103. • Kent x & Jenny Parsons and son Connor Michael live at 3670 Oak Park, Suwanee, GA 30024. Email is kparsons123@hotmail.com.

1996

Carrie Abert married Mark Panepinto on Nov. 4, 2000, in North Haven, Conn. TU participants were Katherine (Ledingham) Johnson and Julie (Holder) Chang. The couple now reside at 14 Auburn St #3, Worcester,



Mark & Carrie (Abert '96) Panepinto

MA 01605. • Scott & Erika (Shaw '97) Balyo are pleased to announce the birth of their son Isaac Scott on Feb. 9. The family lives in Mackinaw City, Mich. Email is tugrads@yahoo.com. • Brian & Bobbie (Voght '95) Brokaw welcomed their daughter Kathleen Joy into the world on Aug. 29, 2000. Shortly after birth, Kathleen went to Heaven and now lives with Jesus and her big brother Joshua, born in 1998. Through this difficult journey, they have seen that God truly is faithful to His children. Bobbie & Brian can be reached at PO Box 358, Stryker, OH 43557. • Chad & Jodi (Simons) Mulder are living in Singapore where Chad is starting a business with fellow MBA stu-

dents from the Univ. of Michigan. Jodi is coaching an Intl. Age-group Swim Team. They would love to hear from their friends "back home." Their new address is 53 Grange Rd #05-02, Singapore, 249565. Email is cjbaekpaeker@yahoo.com.

• Nicole Riddle and Pratik Patel were married on July 29, 2000, in Anderson, Ind. TU participants were Amy Brown, Janssen '95 & Susan (Patterson x) Longenecker, Sally



Nicole (Riddle '96) & Pratik Patel

(Cummings) Foster, Heather (Geater) Fogg and Lara (Clough) Welch. Nicole completed her MA in social work from Loyola Univ. in May. Pratik is a financial analyst at Bank One. The couple lives in Chicago, Ill. Email is nicoleriddle@yahoo.com. • Traci Tiberi and Mike Falder '94 were married on July 29, 2000, in Columbus, Ohio. TU participants included Jeff Dillon '94, Eric Hehman '94, Tim Smith '94, Chris Wynkoop '94, Andy Peterson '95, Tim Taylor '95, Becky (Delzer) Peterson, Beth (Dalton) Jefferson, Heather (Waliczek) Moritz, Jana Weir, Paula Hartzler, Mike Pobanz, Alex Falder '98, Troy



Mike '94 & Traci (Tiberi '96) Falder

Tiberi '99 and Sonja Jost x'00. Mike is executive director for Central Michigan Youth for Christ and Traci teaches English at the local

HIS. The couple's address is PO Box 1182, Alma, MI 48801.

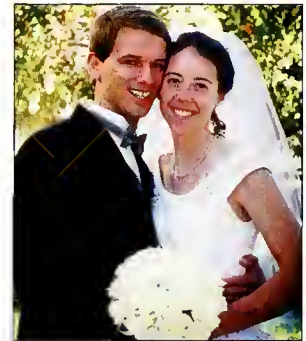
1997

After serving for two years with the Peace Corps, Jennifer Allen married John Sargent on Nov. 4, 2000. The couple resides at 3227 County Road 35, Waterloo, IN 46793.



Jennifer (Allen '97) & John Sargent

Email is jencallen@hotmail.com. • Jonathan Meeks married Heather Wyper on Dec. 27, 1999. Jeromy Smith '96 was a participant. They are resident directors at John Brown Univ. at 2000 W University St, Siloam Springs, AR 72761. Email is



Jonathan '97 & Heather Meeks

jhmeeks@jbu.edu. • Kiersa Nahler married Kevin Durfee on April 1, 2000. Kevin is band director at Perry Meridian HIS and Kiersa is a student at Indiana Univ. School of Medicine. The couple lives at 8364 Silverado Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46237. Email is kiersan@hotmail.com. • Michael Pitts is network administrator for Preferred Medical Plan. Michael & Shannon reside at 3040 NE 190th St #106, Aventura, FL 33180. Email is michaelpitts@mindspring.com. • Heidi Ransbottom married Greg Miller in Van Wert, Ohio, on April 29, 2000. They

reside at 4252-2A Irish Hill Dr, South Bend, IN 46614. • **Michael x & Kristi (Ryan x'98) Temple**, along with son Caleb (4), have moved to 5710 Claw Ct, Concord, NC 28025. Michael works for IBM as a computer help desk analyst. Email is kristi_temple@yahoo.com. • **Julie (Hutson) Thomas** is working in The White House as assistant to the chief of staff, Office of the First Lady. Julie & husband Travis live at 3305A South Wakefield, Arlington, VA 22206. Email is jhutsonthomas@hotmail.com. • **Heidi VanderHorst** married Gregory Whitaker on April 15, 2000. The couple lives at 847 Woodruff Place E Dr, Indianapolis, IN 46201. • **Anna (Hyndman) Williams** is an occupational therapist for Waukegan Public Schools. She & Jonathan reside at 2114 89th St Apt 3, Kenosha, WI 53143. Email is jonathan_anna@yahoo.com. • **Travis & Andrea (Vincent) Wyrick** reside at 9904 W 60th Terr, Merriam, KS 66203. Andrea is an associate attorney at Shook, Hardy & Bacon, LLP. Email is awyrick@shb.com.

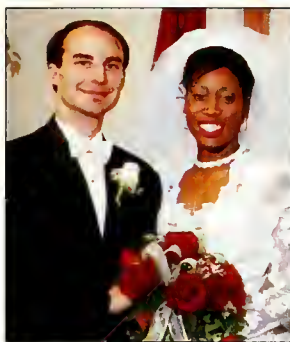
1998

Pete & Beth Demorest live at 46880 Clarion Terr #100, Sterling, VA 20164. Pete is an estimator/project manager at Jenkins Restorations, Inc. Email is pdemorest@jenkinsrestorations.com. • **Jennifer Feldmann and Scott Rice '01** were married on Jan. 6, 2001, in Lombard, Ill. TU participants were Leslie Bucher, Retawnya (Lutes) Provenzano, Elizabeth (Germann '97) Lewis, Timothy Walter '01 and Mark Feldmann '01. Scott is a tax associate with PriceWaterhouseCoopers and Jennifer is a marketing coordinator for Richmond American Homes.



Jennifer (Feldmann '98) & Scott Rice '01

The couple resides at 7555 South Utica Dr Apt 226, Littleton, CO 80128. Email is ricesj@juno.com. • **Abigail James** mar-



Matthew '98 & Abigail (James '98) Stalcup

ried Matthew Stalcup on Dec. 18, 1999. TU participants were Melissa (Albury) Roberts, Dana (Hunt) McGinness, Latoya (Farrington x) Gibson, Jackie Johnson, Rebecca Crithfield '99, Thelma Wells '00, Jeremy Tucker, Matthew Tepper '99, Mark Stalcup '01, Rob Bley '01 and Stephen Stalcup '93. The couple resides at 2004 Bittersweet Dr, Plano, IL 60545. • **Misty Lossau and Talbott Behnken** were married on July 29, 2000. TU participants were Beth (Behnken '95) Daghfal, Caroline Behnken '00, Angela (Whittaker) Yeager, Nancy (Hagestad) Abrell, Robyn Hannaman, Josh Corwin, Kevin Anselmo '99 and Stefan Kubricht. The couple lives at 2504 Larkin Rd #63, Lexington, KY 40503. Email is mistypt@aol.com •



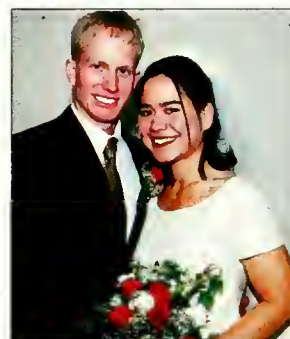
Talbott '98 & Misty (Lossau '98) Behnken

On July 21, 2000, Jennie Miglioratti married J.J. Iagulli '97 in Barrington, Ill. TU participants included Nichole (Hinck) Woland, Brian Dillon, Seth Elzinga '97, Andy Ankeny '97, Galen Zimmerman, Nate Hill '97, Vic Worthington x'97 and Jeff Iagulli x'02. Jennie is a 5th grade teacher and J.J. is teaching high school. Their new address is 1150 Randville Dr Unit 1-I, Palatine, IL 60074. Emails are (J.J.) iagulli_j/ehs



J.J. '97 & Jennie (Miglioratti '98) Iagulli with wedding party

@dns.u46.k12.il.us and (Jennie) jiaagulli@district96.k12.il.us. • **Tim Muehleisen** married Adriane Struckhoff on Aug. 26, 2000, in St. Louis, Mo. TU participants were Brad Kerfoot '97, Brad Amstutz '99 and Rebecca (McDougall) Schaffer. Tim teaches at Westminster Christian Academy. The couple lives in St. Louis, Mo. • **Christine Poosawtsee** married Greg Vlietstra on Dec. 23, 2000, in Portage, Mich. Christine is an occupational therapist at Health Care Midwest Hand Surgery Care and Greg is assistant to the city manager of Portage.



Greg & Christine (Poosawtsee '98) Vlietstra

Email is envlietstra@hotmail.com. • **Jody Wiley and Rukshan Fernando** were married on August 12, 2000. TU participants were



Rukshan & Jody (Wiley '98) Fernando

Tiffany (Roberts) Walbridge, Johanna Thalacker, Jennie (VonEschen '96) Wiley, Holly Davis '04, Jeff & Sarah (King '99) Bontrager, Rob Wiley '96, Christa Lee '99, Nat Baker '97, and Cathy Harner (TUU faculty). The couple now lives in Alexandria, Va., where Jody is a HIS Spanish teacher and Rukshan is associate director at Housing Unlimited. Emails are jodylouise@hotmail.com and rukshan_fer@hotmail.com.

1999

Bob & Elizabeth (Honett) Bell joyfully announce the birth of Sierra on Nov. 3, 2000. Bob is a software engineer with Compaq Computer Corp. and Elizabeth enjoys being home. The family is moving to 2 Rangers Dr, Hudson, NH 03051. Emails are bbell@maeroped.com and lizard@maeroped.com. • **Ryan & Amy (Perkins) Blackburn** are thrilled to announce the arrival of Ryan Everett on Feb. 24, 2000. Amy enjoys being home with Ryan. They would love to hear from Taylor buddies! Email is ryan.blackburn@ronblue.com. • **David x & Bonnie (Bacon) Geiger** are living

at 5757 W Eugie Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85304. David is media manager at Automatik. Email is dgeiger77@hotmail.com. • **Stacy Hillman and Andrew Davies** were married on July



Andrew '99 & Stacy (Hillman '99) Davies

S, 2000, in Grand Rapids, Mich. TU participants were **Carey Dupy '98, Jessica Miner '00, Mark Sweeney and Chuck Morrison x**. The couple currently lives in Indianapolis where Andrew is a stockbroker for Charles Schwab and Stacy is an adult probation officer for Marion County. • **Sarah King and Jeff Bontrager '98** were married on July 8, 2000, in Golden, Colo. Jeff works part-time for the Mental Health Corp. of Denver while



Sarah (King '99) & Jeff Bontrager '98

attending CU Denver for pre-med courses. Sarah teaches 4th grade at Colorado Academy, a performing arts day school. She is also recording an album with **Daniel Moore '97** through Prodicial Productions. The couple may be reached at 12048 W Arkansas Pl, Lakewood, CO 80228. Emails are sarah7king@hotmail.com and j_bontrager@hotmail.com. • **Kirk & Jennifer (Frishmuth) Logan** joyfully announce the birth of Michaela Ann on Dec. 1, 2000. The family resides at 400 S Maple, Itasca, IL 60143. Email is jennifer_logan@hotmail.com. • **Scott & Regan (Beck) Stuckey** reside at 1023 Hemingford Ct, Ft.

Wayne, IN 46845. Regan is a financial analyst for Lincoln National Corp.

2000

Torrey Barger is working for the Marion County Prosecutor's Office as a major felony victim advocate. She lives at 8965 Jaywick Dr Apt 208, Fishers, IN 46038. Email is torrey96@aol.com. • **Allison Heiser** is a recreational therapist for Colorado West Regional Mental Health. She resides at 524 Hyland Park Dr, Glenwood Springs, CO 81601. Email is aheiser@hotmail.com. • **Amy Meinert and Curtis Burkholder** were married on July 8, 2000. TU participants were **Cara (Meinert '91) Langford, Joanna**

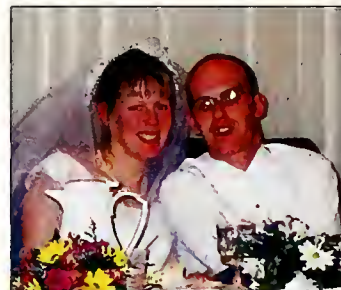


Curtis & Amy (Meinert '00) Burkholder

Castro and Heather Rattray '01. Amy is a rehab aide at Elkhart General Hospital and will be attending graduate school in Indianapolis in the fall. Email is amyandcurtis@hotmail.com.

2001

Cheryl Neuhaus married **Chris Davidson** on Feb. 3, 2001, in Wheaton, Ill. TU participants were **Melissa Robertson and Carrie Lenz**. Cheryl is now a lead teacher and Spanish teacher in a preschool; Chris is a GMC technician. The couple resides at 116 N Oak St, West Chicago, IL 60185.



Cheryl (Neuhaus Dec. '01) & Chris Davidson

Attention alumni ...

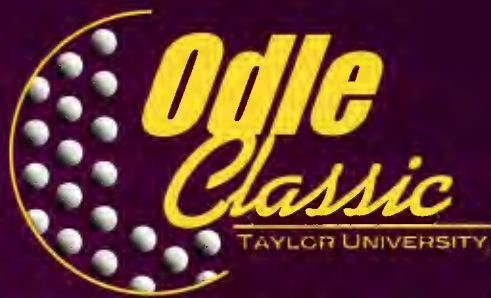
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Alumni meet in Spain

Chuck Stevens '67 and Dr. Franklin W. Forman x71 met at an unexpected place this spring. The two men were both serving on work projects at L'Arcade Christian Camp near Barcelona, Spain. Stevens ran wiring and laid brick while Forman laid tile and set mirrors.



Alumni meet in Tennessee

The Alumni Relations staff meets with groups of alumni around the country. Over the year there have been gatherings from Colorado to Tennessee to Texas. This group met in Nashville, Tenn.

Deonne Beron '97, Arlan Birkey '64 TUFW, Matt & Kathy (Cutforth '94) Crowe, Jason Derouchie '95, Mark Dickens '96, Peter Dybvad '75, David Faulks '92, Max Fulwider '95, Terre Grable '92, Dick '67 & Bonni (Fisher '67) Gygi, Mike Harbin, Paula Hartzler '96, Nate Helyer x96, Larry & Joyce Helyer, Bill Heth, Don '92 & Dawn (Gillette '93) Hoesel, Clark '94 & Robin (Niedemeyer '94) Holland, Todd '96 and Rose (Cross '94) Horton, Paul House, Bryan Jacobs '94, Rebecca (Currie '95) Josberger, Nicole (Swihart '95) Koreiba, Mark '96 & Keri (Quick '97) Kornelsen, Travis '98 & Stephanie (Busic x98 TUFW) Kraft, Michael '91 & Christine (LaRue '92) Mortensen, Sarah Nachtigal '99, Carol Neal '96, Roger Ringenberg, Mike x92 & Alison Risher, Marc '98 & Susannah (Cadle '95) Sammons, Lori Shepard '84, Dave '98 & Katherine Sylvester.



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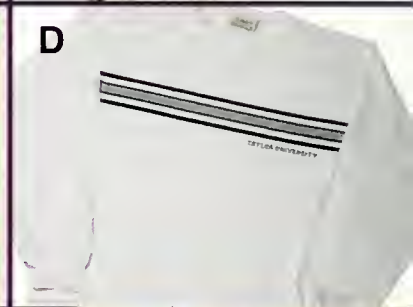
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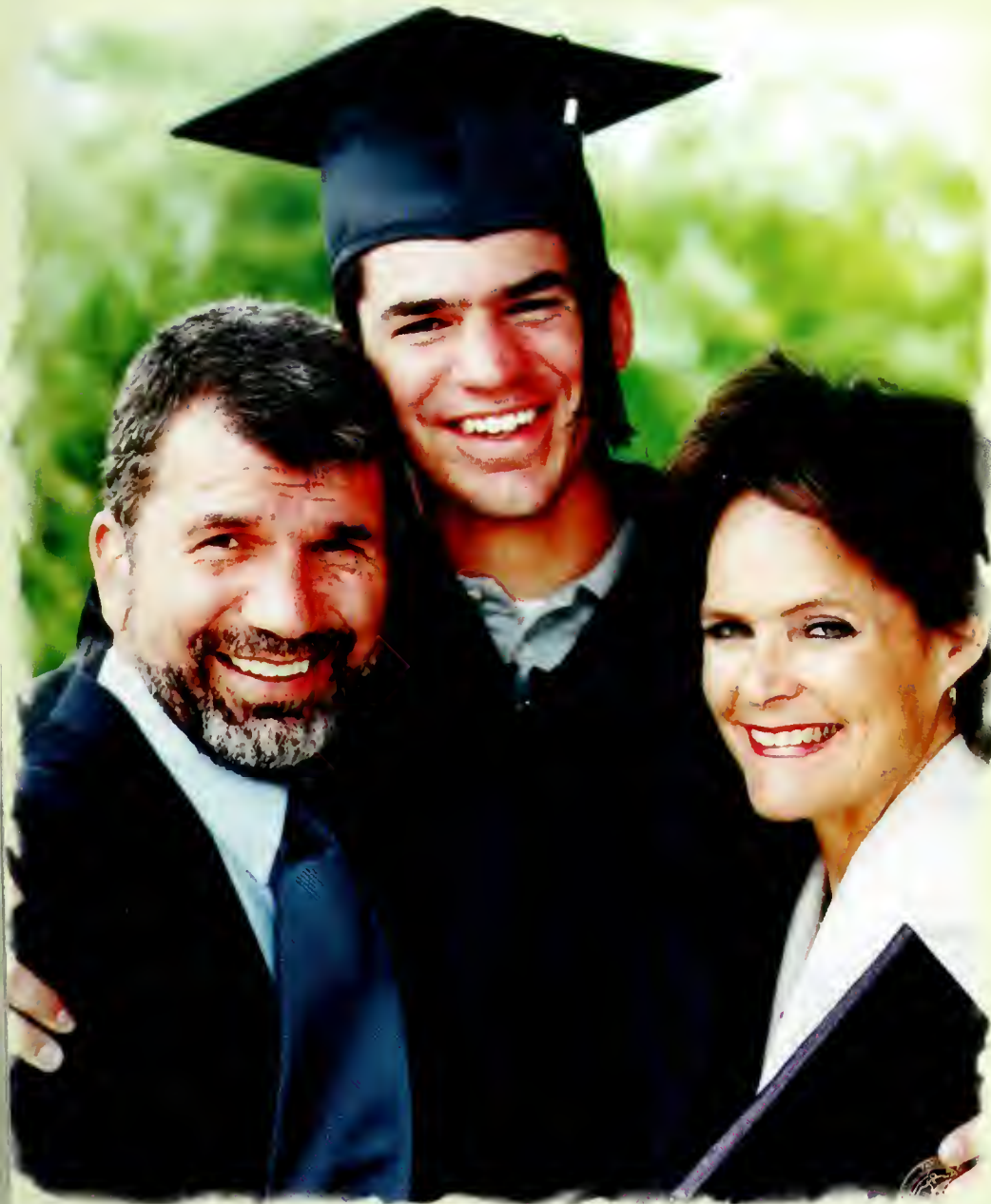
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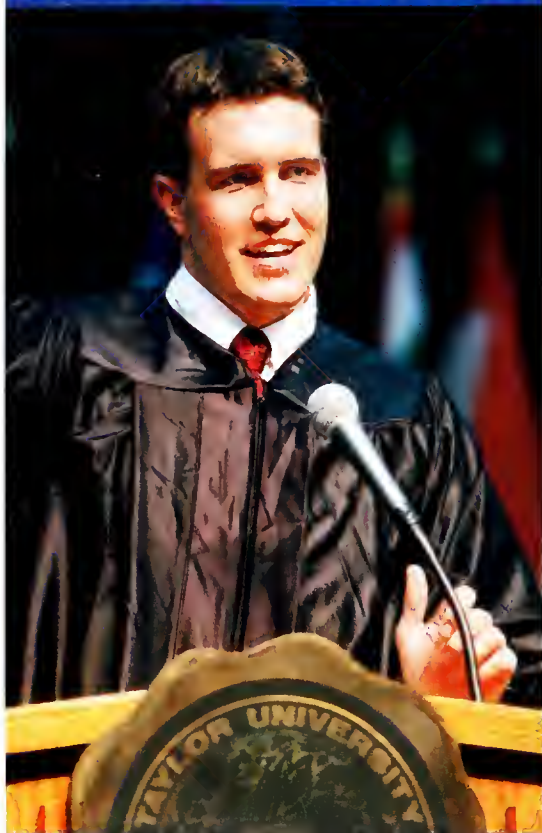
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During his commencement address on May 26, 2001, the graduating student body president called upon Taylor students and alumni to make a mark, continuing to live their faith in a way that draws people to Christ.

Klipp's remarks were featured on the National Public Radio news program *All Things Considered* on June 7, 2001.

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