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contemplate

Finally, brothers,
whatever is true,
whatever is noble,
whatever is right,
whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely,
whatever is admirable—if
anything is excellent
or praiseworthy—think
about such things.

Philippians 4:8



We can only know one thing about God—that He is what we are not. Our wretchedness alone is an image of this. The more we contemplate it, the more we contemplate Him.

Simone Weil

The idealists dream and the dream is told, and the practical men listen and ponder and bring back the truth and apply it to human life, and progress and growth and higher human ideals come into being and so the world moves ever on.

Anna Howard Shaw

The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing. One cannot help but be in awe when he contemplates the mysteries of eternity, of life, of the marvelous structure of reality. It is enough if one tries merely to comprehend a little of this mystery every day. Never lose a holy curiosity.

Albert Einstein

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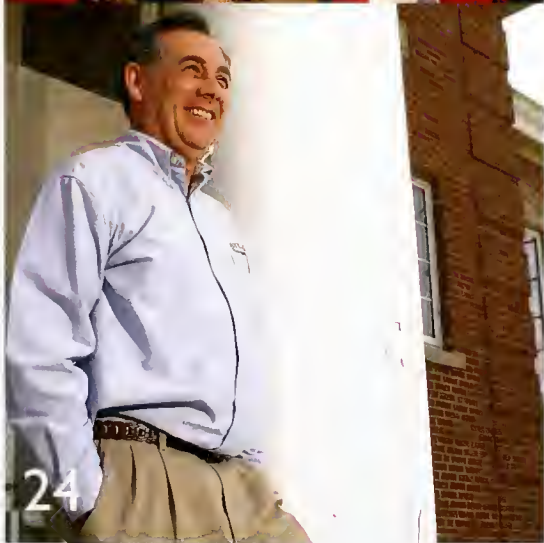
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Spring break. It's perhaps the most anticipated week of second semester. Whether we lay on the beach, made some extra money, slept the week away, dedicated it to serving others through mission trips or did anything except school work, we can all recall our favorite

spring break memories.

"In 1993 I went with Taylor World Outreach to Miami, Fla., and helped clean up after Hurricane Andrew. The best part was the camaraderie with students, the fun trip there and working together."

Kelly Goossen '93, Indianapolis, Ind.

"Relaxing and laughing with friends at the beach. I stayed with my friend, and her parents let us go dancing."

Patty (Link) Tarlach '85, Batavia, Ill.

"In 1974 four friends and I drove a Ford Torino all night to Florida during the energy crisis. We had to stop to buy gas whenever the tank got to half because we couldn't get gas otherwise. We were crammed in the car, and I had to sit on the hump."

Dale Grimes '76, Coral Gables, Fla.

"I went home and worked at a community hospital where I was a receptionist and telephone operator. My desk was down the hall from the x-ray room, and I thought it was funny that guys didn't know how to sit in hospital gowns."

Sandra Harris '77, Liberty Center, Ind.

"My sophomore year I traveled with the gospel team to New York City and did a one-hour concert in Union Station. We performed from an open balcony on the second floor. Thousands of people came through; some would stop and wave, then they'd be on their way."

John Wheeler '54, Springboro, Ohio

"I worked at a hospital in Marion, Ind., and put patients' medical records on microfilm because they didn't have enough room for all the paper. I tried to get some rest and some money."

Rachel (Sypolt) Bailey '71, Bradenton, Fla.

"I went with Youth With A Mission to Kosovo and did outreaches. It was really intense. When we arrived it was cold so we were totally jetlagged, freezing and trying to minister to people who didn't speak our language. God always came through, though. It was really awesome to do it with other Taylor students and get to know each other better."

Rebekah Burtness '03, Madison, Wis.

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A grand entrance

On Dec. 16, 2004, the Hodson Dining Commons Atrium was dedicated. It was named affectionately for Arthur '34 and Nelle (Leisman '43) Hodson, long-time friends of Taylor University and the Upland community. The \$730,000 project added 2,174 square feet to the north side of the existing Hodson Dining Commons and renovated an existing 2,019. The atrium features a fireplace, grand entrance, handicapped-accessible restrooms and new storage areas for students' backpacks and coats. Dedicated "in honor of the students who pass through," the vestibule will serve as a place for fellowship and gathering for years to come.





A personal reflection ...

I love nature. I embrace every sunset, every snowflake, every star granted me. But seldom do I schedule an appointment to do just that—to absorb the Earth's splendor. On a recent trip to San Diego, Calif., I was granted ample time to bask in the exquisite glory of nature, our Creator's canvas.

As I dangled my feet over the edge of the harbor, I noticed a glimpse of my reflection in the tranquil water. It acted as a mirror, illustrating my likeness, as well as His incredible majesty and creativity.

So, too, in life we are called to reflect the face of Christ through our lives. The following features are a small sampling of Taylor individuals who have done just that.

It is our hope that as they share their personal experiences, you will be encouraged and inspired by their examples.

This issue is dedicated to the thousands of alumni who take time to observe Christ through the delicate details of nature and reflect Him in and through their lives.

Blessings to you~

Serena

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New life blooms in backyards everywhere this time of year, but with the new growth often come weeds. The same is true for our magazine. Although we're continuing to grow and sprout new ideas, we still need to be reminded of some of the pesky weeds that need pulled. We want to hear from you, let us know your perspectives on the magazine. After all, there's always room for new growth.



Font faux pas

Great magazine, but the light gray print on the white background is very hard to read. For us, black print is so much easier to see.

Jerry and Mary Coil
Fort Wayne, Ind.

As usual I was excited to get my copy of the *Taylor* magazine. However, when I got to the series of articles on the seasons, I found that it was very difficult to read. The gray against white is just not a color combination that old eyes can read. Is time taken to print a draft copy to see if the printed result is the same as the screen? It would be time well-taken to ensure that an excellent article is not passed over because it couldn't be read. Thanks for the good work, and I look forward to the next issue. Now I'll go find the brightest light I can to read the articles in this issue.

Mary Dennis '64
Covington, Ga.

Re: pages 14, 16-18, 20-23

While it may be an artistic success, I will never know what good things were on these pages. When displayed on a colored background, the font chosen for the above pages is essentially illegible to these 80-year-old eyes.

May I register a plea for legibility?

P. Kenneth Morse '45
Bellevue, Fla.

You're right. We goofed. You are not the only ones who have mentioned the light gray font being difficult to read; we received several letters identifying the problem.

We sincerely apologize. We chose this font for a clean, crisp look that matched the theme of the magazine. We failed to take into account that the thinness harmed readability. Please rest assured that we will be more careful in the future about fonts used. Thank you for being patient with us as we continue to promote Taylor in print!

Winter wonderland

I got a kick out of the perspectives section about J-term and remembered taking statistics during interterm of 1982. The record wind-chill of -60 degrees while walking from Samuel Morris Hall to the Hodson Dining Commons was incredible.

I love the magazine. Keep up the good work.

Tom Shevlot '84
Indianapolis, Ind.

Kind compliments

Thank you for the terrific issue of the *Taylor* magazine. Quality content, writing and graphics from front to back.

It's enough to make an alum proud ...

Blessings to you.

Robert Wolgemuth '69
Orlando, Fla.

You are doing a good job with the alumni magazine. I was glad to see the article in the most recent issue about Joel Sonnenberg. I went out and bought the book! It is good to let people know about people like Joel and the woman who has MS who was featured in the same issue.

Ruth Yocom '71
New Haven, Ind.

We're always excited to receive complimentary responses to our work; however, it's the criticism that keeps us humble and striving to do even better. Thank you for your encouragement, as well as pointing out the areas in which we need to improve. You're keeping us on our toes!

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in the loop

news from Taylor University



Reaching out around the world

When the tsunami smashed into 12 countries on the upper rim of the Indian Ocean on Dec. 26, 2004, its impact was felt half-way around the world in Upland, Ind.

For Sheena Ilangakoon-Perera '08, the cancellation of reservations at a beachside resort proved to be life-saving. "We were contemplating going on (December) 26th or 27th to the Yala Safari Beach Hotel (in southern Sri Lanka)," said Perera's mother, Sheami, in an e-mail message to friends in Upland.

"(At the) last minute, I cancelled the reservation for no apparent reason. (The) Yala Beach Hotel was completely destroyed—no trace at all ... I weep thinking, 'It could have been us.'"

Whitney Fry '03, now working toward her master's degree at Tulane University, visited Sri Lanka and Thailand in January. She said while the devastation was unbelievable, it was the people who left the most lasting impression upon her.

"Some people were rebuilding, if they had any structure left to rebuild on," Fry said. "And some were searching through rubble to find something that might be theirs."

But even more unbearable for Fry were the makeshift morgues and seas of graphic corpse photos. "Each ... page of a person had a shot of their full body, their face and any jewelry they were wearing that might be used to identify them. It was horrific," she said. "I can't imagine trying to find a family member like this."

Along with other Taylor alumni who have since visited the affected areas, a group of Taylor students and professors headed by Drs. Matt Delong, Ken Kiers and Hank Voss plan to go to Colombo, Sri Lanka, in late May to participate in rebuilding efforts.

Additionally, over \$14,000 was collected from students, faculty and staff during J-Term and distributed between the Pereras' churches, Youth For Christ Sri Lanka and Youth for Christ India.

"Please pray that the aid coming into Sri Lanka will be distributed responsively and effectively," Perera said. "Also, we need God intervening to heal emotional hurts of the people whose lives have been devastated. (It is) something that He only can do." —Jim Garringer

What goes around comes around

To most Taylor students and alumni “Vayhinger” is simply the name for the Taylor University circle, formerly known as “the loop.” On Oct. 24, 2002, the circle was dedicated and named for the University’s 17th president (1908-1921), Dr. Monroe Vayhinger. Unfortunately, many Taylor employees, students and alumni are not aware of the legacy of Vayhinger and his vast impact on Taylor University. However, a recent turn of events may shed some light on Vayhinger’s administration and other significant periods in Taylor’s history.

At the time of the dedication, Dr. John Vayhinger ‘39, grandson of former President Vayhinger, and his wife Ruth (Imler ‘39) traveled to Upland from their home in Colorado Springs, Colo., to honor his grandfather. While at Taylor, Dr. Vayhinger donated a file containing letters from his grandfather’s administration. Though small, this donation



became one of the few documents in the archives from that period, due to a fire in 1960 that destroyed H. Maria Wright Hall, then Taylor’s administration building.

Intrigued by Dr. Vayhinger’s donation, Dr. Robert Lay, associate professor of Christian education, contacted Dr. Vayhinger regarding the existence of additional materials related to his grandfather and the possibility of his lending, or even donating, them to Taylor’s archives.

Dr. Vayhinger agreed, and on Jan. 3, 2005, the historic documents arrived in Upland. Included were photographs of Taylor basketball teams from the early 1910s and the president’s wife, Culla. The materials also contained books from the president’s library, including his personal Bible, many notes, letters, diplomas and scores of sermon manuscripts. The collection also includes the deed to the Upland campus property.

The donated materials will become part of the Zondervan Library special collections, while the photographs were scanned and returned to the Vayhinger family. — Kerry Porter ‘06

Inaugural graduation ceremony

It was not your typical commencement ceremony – but they were not your typical college graduates.

Taylor University held its first Master of Business Administration (MBA) commencement on Dec. 10, 2004, for the program’s first 15 graduates. While the program’s inaugural commencement marked a departure from Taylor’s traditional springtime ceremonies, the graduates still received the traditional diplomas and servant towels.

“The students completed the program on November 30,” said Larry Rottmeyer, head of the MBA program. “The students really wanted a separate event for their commencement from the graduation in May,” he continued. “We are able to create community consistent with the University’s mission. Their sense of community is similar to the one created by the dorm floors and wings. They live their MBA experience together.”

Truly they did. Through the course of four four-month semesters, the group took all their classes together; met for small-group interaction, e-mailed and telephoned each other

master of business administration



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and took an August trip to England and Ireland.

“I really got to be good friends with several classmates; I had not counted on that at all,” said Grace Guedet ‘97, business administration graduate and charter member of the MBA program.

“We are more interested in personal and professional growth of our students and developing life-long relationships with them than we are in numbers growth,” said Rottmeyer. “We are interested in helping our students change lives.” — Jim Garringer

Faculty accolades

It's not every day college students have the opportunity to interact with published authors, literary critics and biblical scholars. But for Taylor students, it's a regular occurrence. Truly we are blessed with faculty who take their profession and their faith very seriously, and it shows. The following is just a sampling of the high achievements reached by our faculty each year.

Thom Satterlee, assistant professor of English, published his poem "Habitus" in *Southwest Review*. Also, he published seven translations of poems by Danish poet Annette Kure Anderson in the literary journal *Osiris*. He received funding from the Danish Arts Agency to support a summer trip to Denmark.

Dr. Jim Spiegel, professor of philosophy and religion, gave the keynote address entitled "The Role of Virtue in Moral Theory" at the Southeastern Undergraduate Philosophy Conference at Covenant College on Feb. 25, 2005. His book, *How to be Good in a World Gone Bad* is a finalist for one of the *Christianity Today* 2005 book of the year awards.

Dr. Winfried Corduan, professor of philosophy and religion, presented "Strategic Ambiguity: Truth in the Bhagavad Gita" at the Evangelical Theological Society in November 2004 in San Antonio, Texas. He published the book *Holman Old Testament Commentary: 1 and 2 Chronicles* in 2004, along with "God in the Early Twenty-First Century: Ayodhya as Case Study" in *Christian Scholar's Review* in winter 2005.

Dr. JoAnn Rediger, associate professor of music, led the Taylor Chorale in a featured performance at the Festival of Faith at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, Ind. In keeping with the theme of "Why Doesn't God Do Something? – The Reality of Evil and the Love of God," the Chorale performed a program entitled "Faith in Time of Suffering," including Rene Clausen's *Kyrie* from Memorial, Randall Stroope's *The Conversations of Saul* and Leo Nestor's *The Call*. Students also participated in a plenary session with Rev. Dr. Cynthia Rigby, W.C. Brown associate professor of theology, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary.

Dr. Pamela Medows, associate professor of education, presented in-service workshops as a part of new teacher orientation at the international school in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.

Gary Friesen, director of academic technology, oversaw the installation of DyKnowVision, an interactive learning system that uses thirty wireless tablet-PCs. Using the pen-based tablet-PCs, students interact with the professor's notes, add their own, take instant polls, submit homework solutions—all of which can be accessed by the student from his or her own computer.

Dr. Donna Downs, assistant professor and print media adviser for communication arts, completed her dissertation on "A Study of Jay Kesler's Leadership During His 15-year Tenure at Taylor University." She will graduate from Ball State University on May 7, 2005, with an Ed.D. in adult, community and higher education with a cognate in journalism.

Meanwhile, in other University news ...

Cameras flashed and onlookers cheered as the directors exited their stretch limousines and stepped onto the red carpet. It was not a Los Angeles film premiere, but it was close.

Taylor's sixth annual Trojan Film Festival was vibrant with excitement as approximately 200 students gathered in the Rediger Chapel Auditorium to watch five films created by their classmates.

The festival opened with the spiritually-focused *Thin Ice* by Jeff Courter '05 which focused on God's care and watchfulness of mankind. It won Best Cinematography, co-Best Actor and Students' Choice for being the best technically and aesthetically-pleasing film.

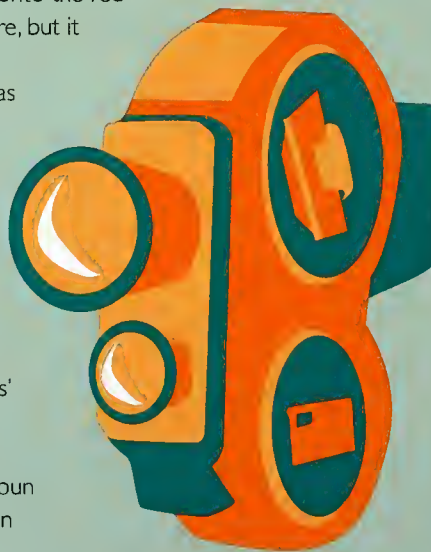
The humorous *Imagination* by Annie Calhoun '05 followed as a mockumentary on pumpkin carving and won Best Screenplay.

Combining two separate films, junior Jonathan Bennett's *Scarf* was a symbolic short of love lost.

Karina was a memorial to Katrina Wahl, a Taylor student who died in October 2001. Filmed by Robby Tompkins '05, the movie moved several to tears as it showed the anguish of the bereaved along with flashbacks on Katrina's life. It won the coveted Best Picture as well as Best Actress and co-Best Actor.

To finish the evening, the silent film by Liz Boltz '05, *Two of a Kind*, used a classical soundtrack and on-screen text dialogue to tell the clever tale of a young man's neurosis.

— Erik Kielish '06



2,183 points,
799 rebounds



Records are made to be broken. Liz Plass '05 did just that when she hit a two-pointer in the last ten seconds of a Taylor women's basketball game in February, shattering Rachel Haley's career-scoring record.

The 6'0" forward thrilled the home crowd, scoring 19 points in the game, none bigger than the last two. "I just figured that with Coach pointing at me and then pointing at the basket she wanted me to shoot, so I did," she said.

The shot went in, bringing the crowd to its feet in applause and propelling Plass past the previous 13-year-old mark.

This isn't the only record Plass holds. She set the single game and single season scoring records in 2004 (38 points and 680 respectively) and also holds the mark for most free throws in a game (18) and season free throw percentage (.879). —Justin Potts '05

Trojan basketball

Men's basketball: The men's basketball team ended the regular season with a record of 23-10, 12-4 in the Mid-Central Conference (MCC). They won the MCC tournament championship with a thrilling last-second 56-55 victory over Huntington. The win earned the Trojans their third consecutive trip to the NAIA National Tournament in Branson, Mo. In the opening round, they battled back from an 18-point deficit but in the end came up short against Mid-America Nazarene, 71-66.

The Trojans' Eric Ford '06 was selected as a MCC first team honoree. Mike Parsons '05 and Doug Bell '06 received kudos for their third team selection.

Women's basketball: The women's basketball team concluded its season with a 23-10 record, 11-5 in the MCC. The Lady Trojans tied for second in the MCC regular season race. The team received an at-large invitation to the NAIA National Tournament held in Sioux City, Iowa. It was the Lady Trojans' first trip to nationals since 1998. The club fell victim to Cardinal Stritch in the first round, 69-41.

Liz Plass '05 was named All-Conference first team, while Melanie Brumbaugh '05 was voted to the second team and Lydia Harris '06 received third team accolades. Katie Madden '08 was named to the All-Freshman team.

A celebration of faithfulness

The enduring story of Taylor University is the faithfulness of God over more than a century-and-a-half. At each juncture of our history God has proven Himself by supplying the right provisions at the right time.

Solomon exalted the faithfulness of God but asked the question, "A faithful man, who can find?" In providing Taylor with the leadership of David Gyertson, He certainly found such a man.

All of us can see the wisdom of God in David and Nancy's call to Taylor and the validation of that call in the progress and clarity of vision we enjoy. When the Gyertsons came to the task, it was evident to all that we needed experienced, professional leadership in assessing the challenges of the 21st century, as well as objective analytical help in establishing a baseline from which to take the next step. Dr. Gyertson's unquestioned commitment to biblical faith and his passion for academic excellence with a Christian service perspective has allowed the University board, administration and faculty to affirm, examine and strategize toward the future while testing and strengthening our academic and theological assumptions.

There is always a sense of sorrow when an innovative and successful leader leaves for other challenges. However, in our current situation, two points remain evident. First, as Christ's followers we rejoice when we see our leader confidently and courageously obeying the call of God in his life. Who could ask for more, and who would want to selfishly stand in the way? The same God who has led the Gyertsons to a great new challenge has a plan for Taylor's next chapter. "Our times are in His hands." He is faithful and has been for all these years.

The second evidence of God's hand is in the accomplishments and imprints that David and Nancy leave behind. The Kesler Student Activities Center is a reality that has affected student life and health. The Fort Wayne campus now has a first-rate library. The capital campaign goal was led to completion and even surpassed its goal. The Center for Teaching Excellence is one of the most important contributions to improving the quality of the academic program in our history. The Center for Research



President Emeritus Jay Kesler enjoys spending time in his workshop and with his beloved wife Janie. Although retired, he serves as preaching pastor at the Upland Community Church.

and Innovation is already making its mark in the larger community and providing an engagement with constituencies who were, until now, unaware of the Taylor program. We now have firmly-established graduate programs in environmental science and business administration with more on the drawing board. These are just the public and easily visible accomplishments. What is not so visible are the extensive and far-reaching implications of the long-range planning, in-depth needs assessments, the isolation of key challenges and the strengthening of administrative support structures.

David, thank you for helping Taylor stage itself for the next great step forward. Nancy, thank you for all of the love and support that you have provided so faithfully during this time. You will be greatly missed; however, we exalt in the prospect of God's plan for both you and Taylor. You leave us with good memories; we are focused with much greater clarity. Your example of a Christ-centered life has inspired us, and we are much better poised to achieve the next level. Though you are leaving for a new challenge, we are celebrating God's faithfulness in all things for you and for Taylor. —Jay Kesler '58

Visual standards

In 1891 a young Samuel Morris courageously left his home in Africa to come to America when blacks were not granted basic human rights. As a Taylor student, Sammy flourished, absorbing everything he could about the Christian faith and community. Today, Taylor still battles racial issues, although they are very different from those that consumed society at the turn of the nineteenth century. The following represents recent conversations about racial perspectives.

Intimidating. The classroom can be an extremely uncomfortable place because it is within those four walls that the stereotypical middle-class, white student is most apparent. This overwhelming majority often creates anxiety for international students. Alicia Chew '07, Malaysia, said, "Swallow [Robin Hall] feels like home when I visit. But I'm the only international student who lives in Bergwall [Hall]."

Exclusive. This word cuts right to the heart of the University's charge: to be a Christ-centered learning, living and serving community. Josh Canada '07, an African-American, said, "The demographics limit us. Because Taylor costs so much money, many African-Americans immediately rule out the possibility of attending Taylor."

Apathetic. Numerous students are simply unaware of their peers' feelings about racial issues. It is not uncommon for a person's view of race and culture to be shaped only by television. Dionne Osman '06, Sierra Leone, recalls being asked, "You live in Kenya? How did you learn English?" Shocked by the student's misguided perception of Africa, Dionne said, "I didn't even know how to answer."

Valuable. Before anything can change there must be a wider understanding of our community's need for students from other cultures. Sarah Kim '06, South Korea, explained, "The Word of God reveals Himself, and we're able to see His character. But each culture reflects certain characteristics of God a lot more than others. In American culture it's more typical to see God portrayed as a friend or like parent-child relationships. If you go to Africa, God is seen as powerful, almighty and all-knowing."

Rindy Schlatter '05, who grew up in Thailand in a missionary family, agreed, "One of the best ways to experience God is to know people because each individual

is unique. If we're all like-minded and have similar views of God then we're missing out on a complete idea of who He is. You cannot have as rich of an experience just knowing God as American."

Experience. Taylor offers a variety of programs that expose students to other cultures in an intentional and educational environment. Lighthouse trips during January term allow students to live in another culture for three weeks—long enough to acclimate to the host culture. Spring break trips, summer trips like the Spanish program in Oaxaca, Mexico, and semester study abroad programs are all international opportunities. Many students choose to travel the globe during summers working for mission organizations or on short-term trips with their churches.

Matt Mancinelli '06 testified to the value of personal experience. "I went to an event my freshman year at Taylor where I was one of two white people out of 100. Everyone stared at me, and I got my first taste of what it feels like to be a minority in a place that is also your home."

Hopeful. The sound of this word reverberates with clarity and vision in the midst of an otherwise depressing conversation. The same students who are

expressing frustration are also offering positive solutions for racial problems. Canada expressed the core issue when he said, "This is not a white problem or a Taylor problem; this is a Christian problem."

North American Christians often live under the illusion that the way they do church, government, education and socialization is right. However, culture is not a standard of right and wrong; it is a set of beliefs that govern behavior and form a way of life. There is only one standard of right and wrong determined by God. Perspective is relative. Truth is real. Culture is not truth.

Sammy Morris is remembered on campus for his contribution to our image of God as a servant-leader; not because his presence increased diversity on campus. However, his African roots enabled him to teach the community in a unique way. As Taylor once did with a young African boy, she must strive once again to look beyond skin color and customs to connect on the foundational level of Christianity. —Jill Hamilton '07



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In the sea of life, we sail through the unique waters in which we find ourselves. Some experiences may be barely survivable in the rushing rapids, while others may allow coasting on peaceful streams. It is the way we navigate through these waters that reflects our character and purpose.

Reflections on the Nature of Life
The journey of life is a complex and often unpredictable one. It is a path that we must navigate through the turbulent waters of change and uncertainty. The way we choose to navigate these waters is a reflection of our inner character and our deepest purpose. Some of us are born with a natural aptitude for the rough waters of adversity, while others may find themselves struggling in the face of the same challenges. It is the way we respond to these challenges that truly defines us. The journey of life is not a straight line, but a winding path that leads us to the most beautiful and meaningful experiences. It is the way we navigate this path that reflects our true self.



"As water reflects a
face, so a man's
heart reflects the
man."

Proverbs 27:17

revisiting okinawa

The Library of Congress/United States Army 1943



How a Taylor grad returned to the land where he fought for his country in World War II—the second time he fought to save souls.

Dried flowers greeted me as I turned into the gravel driveway behind a parked black Camry. A bumper sticker shouted "JESUS" from the back window. A gold and purple plaque proudly proclaiming "Taylor University Alumni" framed the license plate. I knew I was in the right place.

I quickly noticed a flag decal prominently displayed in the front window as I rapped on the wooden door. A friendly stranger with a smile the size of Montana welcomed me. His belt buckle, nearly as big as his grin, accented his navy pinstripe suit and cowboy boots. The lines on his face screamed that he had a story to tell.

A rich life filled with memories emerged from the decor of his humble home in Clifford, Ind. Plaques of appreciation hung on the walls; treasures from other countries were sprinkled throughout the room; an emerald crocheted afghan lay draped across the back of the couch; an African violet was living on the end table by the window.

My attention was quickly drawn back to the gracious host. Reverend Calvin Vass '53 stood a mere 5'10," but he filled the room with his presence. His 80-year-old spunk resembled that of one sixty years his junior. The father of five, grandfather of nine and great-grandfather of seven was quick to bestow his wisdom and perspective on life.

His coffee-colored eyes sparkled as he spoke of his wife, Claudina. They shared nearly 60 years of wedded bliss until January 2002 when she lost her battle to cancer. "It takes God and real love to be married that long," he said. He now shares his life with his Cocker Spaniel, Jasmine. Together, the two visit Claudina at the cemetery almost every day.



Calvin and Claudina were married on March 20, 1943, the day he reported to the Army. Only ten days later, he would leave on a three-year journey that would forever change his life.

After basic training and a three-month stay in California at a replacement depot, Calvin was shipped to Hawaii, where, as he put it, "I should have known something was up." While there, he went through one month of intensive training when he learned to fire every kind of machine gun and firearm possible. He reminisced, "There were times I thought 'Why are we doing all this?' I found out later on because that's exactly what we had to do in the war."

He then traveled for 29 days by ship to Okinawa, Japan.

"We took a zig-zag course to throw off submarines. Once there, there were two lines of ships—as far as I could see north and as far as I could see south. We went over the side of the ship at 3:30 a.m. It was dark. We went down on rope ladders. The ship was bobbing up and down, and we were trying to find where to put our feet on the landing craft. We had a full pack on with a rifle that we had to hold over our head to keep it from getting wet. I'm short, so had I stepped off in the coral, that would have been it. Some did. We were expendable."

His face grimaced as he took a deep breath. "I'm reliving it," he said. "That's not good." He paused for a moment and fought the puddles forming in his eyes. He continued slowly ...



"We landed April 1, 1945, Easter Sunday. We did that to throw off the Japanese because they wouldn't think we would come in on Sunday—Easter Sunday at that! I wore a steel helmet for an Easter bonnet that year!

I was in the eleventh wave. The first wave hit at 8:30 a.m. We were there by 11:30 a.m. I looked up and saw planes coming in formation. I saw one take a dive, so I knew they were not friendly. We were standing up watching it like we were at a ball game. Ships were shooting at him—over our heads. They came in every day for the first thirty days, sometimes more than once a day.

Every night, I dug down. While we were in that position one night, they came in with a Betty bomber. He dropped a bomb on our area; we heard it come down, but it didn't go off. Had it gone off, I wouldn't be talking to you. I thought I was lucky, but I found out, you see, that I wasn't lucky at all. It was God."

Back at home, Claudina made a commitment to the Lord. She prayed "Lord, if you bring him home safely from Okinawa, we will do whatever you want us to do." Calvin credits his wife and the Lord's mercy for sparing his life.

"I had a lot of chances to be killed—at least ten or 12. They came in one night bombing, and ours was the last company. Our chaplain was in the one ahead of us, and he was killed that night. When the plane got above our platoon, he pulled up, went out over the ships and they shot him down.

Another time, they were raking our area with 20-millimeter shells. One tore a trench in the dirt about six inches from my hand.

Later, we moved down the beach and landed in the harbor, but the tide had gone down. Someone hadn't figured right, because we should've gotten there when it was up. There was nothing but muck. The Japanese knew right where we were. We were sitting ducks. We waded through that muck. That was another time God spared my life. We went to our foxholes. They were throwing screaming mimies, which sound just like women screaming. The idea is to get you up. If you move, they can see you. If you don't move, they can't. Bullets were whizzing over our heads. Had we raised up, that would've been it. It was tough to stay there because you think those things are going to land right on you. And they could. One didn't hit us, but there were some in our company that weren't as lucky. God was taking care of me, but I didn't know that at the time."

Calvin returned home in January 1946, after enduring three years of combat.

"I went in as an 18-year-old and came out a 21-year-old. I went in a boy and came out a man. My wife didn't think I was happy to be home because I would pace the floor. I was physically home, but my mind was still back in Okinawa. I was home, but I wasn't really home. That went on for a long time."

That fall, Calvin accepted the Lord as his Savior at a church revival and answered the call to ministry. "I pastored, then God called me to go back to Okinawa. I went on a trip with OMS International to visit Japan, Hong Kong and Okinawa. It brought back a lot of memories. Claudina got to see the very beach where I landed."

In 1955, Calvin was one of three co-founders of Global Harvesters Missionary Organization. The mission continues today, taking pastors, students and laymen to the field. As a result, thousands have come to know the Lord.

But eighty years of adventures haven't been enough for Calvin. He will travel to Paraguay in November on a two-week mission trip. "I've got eight years left on my passport, and I've got to use them up!"

I listened as he excitedly shared his plans for the future. I could have listened to this Godly servant for days, soaking in his wisdom and perspective on life, but our time was quickly drawing to a close.

As I prepared to leave, I couldn't help but notice a large portrait of Japanese symbols on the wall. Curious, I inquired as to its meaning. With a smile, he replied, "Goodness, Faithfulness, Long Life, Together."

As I backed my car out of the drive, I couldn't help but think that that's just what he, with the Lord's help, has experienced.

beside still waters

"He has provided for me and protected me over the years."

On May 10, former president's wife Jean Bergwall will celebrate her ninetieth birthday. She has weathered some rough waves in her time, but God provided the still waters to restore her soul.



There isn't much that keeps Jean Bergwall HA '81 down. She has experienced plenty that could have—a heart attack, triple bypass surgery and losing her husband—but she continues living life to the fullest each day and has for most of her ninety years.

Born in Glascoe, Scotland, Jean and her family relocated to Ansonia, Conn., after World War I. She married Dr. Evan Bergwall '39 in 1941. "I didn't date until my husband came to ask if I would play the piano at their church that was two blocks from my house."

Shortly after their marriage, Evan was assigned to pastor a United Methodist church in Brooklyn, NY. They later moved to Waterbury, Conn., then New York City. "Those were the days when you served two years before taking a new appointment. They did that until you were broken in," she said. They also served in Muncie and Kendallville, Ind., prior to their tenure at Taylor.

"When the board asked if he'd become president, he came home and we prayed about it," she said. But Jean wasn't convinced it was something she could do. "I didn't think I could be a president's wife. I just didn't feel worthy of that."

But she was more than adequate for the job. "I let it be known to the students that if they were homesick or wanted a glass of milk and a cookie, they were welcome to come to our house. Many of them did," she said.

Jean's impact reached far beyond the students; she began a women's ministry that continues to this day, over fifty years later. I called together some faculty wives to see if they would be amiable to pray, and they were. We prayed for all the names of students our husbands brought home. A lot of those students didn't even know they were being prayed for," she said.

Overall, being a president's wife was a positive experience for Jean. "It wasn't as hard as I thought it would be," she said. "In fact, I enjoyed it. Taylor is a wonderful Christian school. She makes an impression on the world. I feel very blessed to have been a part of it."

The two served at Taylor until 1959, when Evan returned to his pastoral ministry at a church in Fort Wayne, Ind. He also served six years as Elkhart District Superintendent, during which time he found that he was lacking a minister for a



small, country church. Since Jean had already earned a local preacher's license, she reluctantly took over—"only until they found someone else. I told Evan he better find someone within a month!" she said. One month quickly turned into 19, but she didn't seem to mind. "I loved the people there," she said. Together, Evan and Jean served the Lord in a variety of

ministries over the years until Evan died of a massive heart attack in 1979. "Losing a husband was traumatic. Although I knew he was in heaven, the severance was awful. We had been together for 38 years."

It was during the sleepless nights that followed that she began a ritual she continues to this day. "If I can't sleep, I recite the Ten Commandments, then Psalm 1, 23, 100 and John 14. I'm usually asleep by then," she said.

Jean recognizes the Lord's hand in bringing her through the difficult times that followed—including a heart attack and triple bypass surgery. "He has promised to take care of the widows in Scripture, and it is so right. He has provided for me and protected me over the years," she said.

Jean's sons, Evan Jr. '64 and David, have also been instrumental in caring for her. "I'm so proud of my family. I'm so thankful for them," she said. "I don't know what they have planned for my birthday, but more than anything I just want to have a nice dinner with my whole family."

With her birthday quickly approaching, Jean is convinced that she doesn't feel that old. "I can't believe I'm turning 90! I don't know how it's supposed to feel, but I don't feel it," she said.

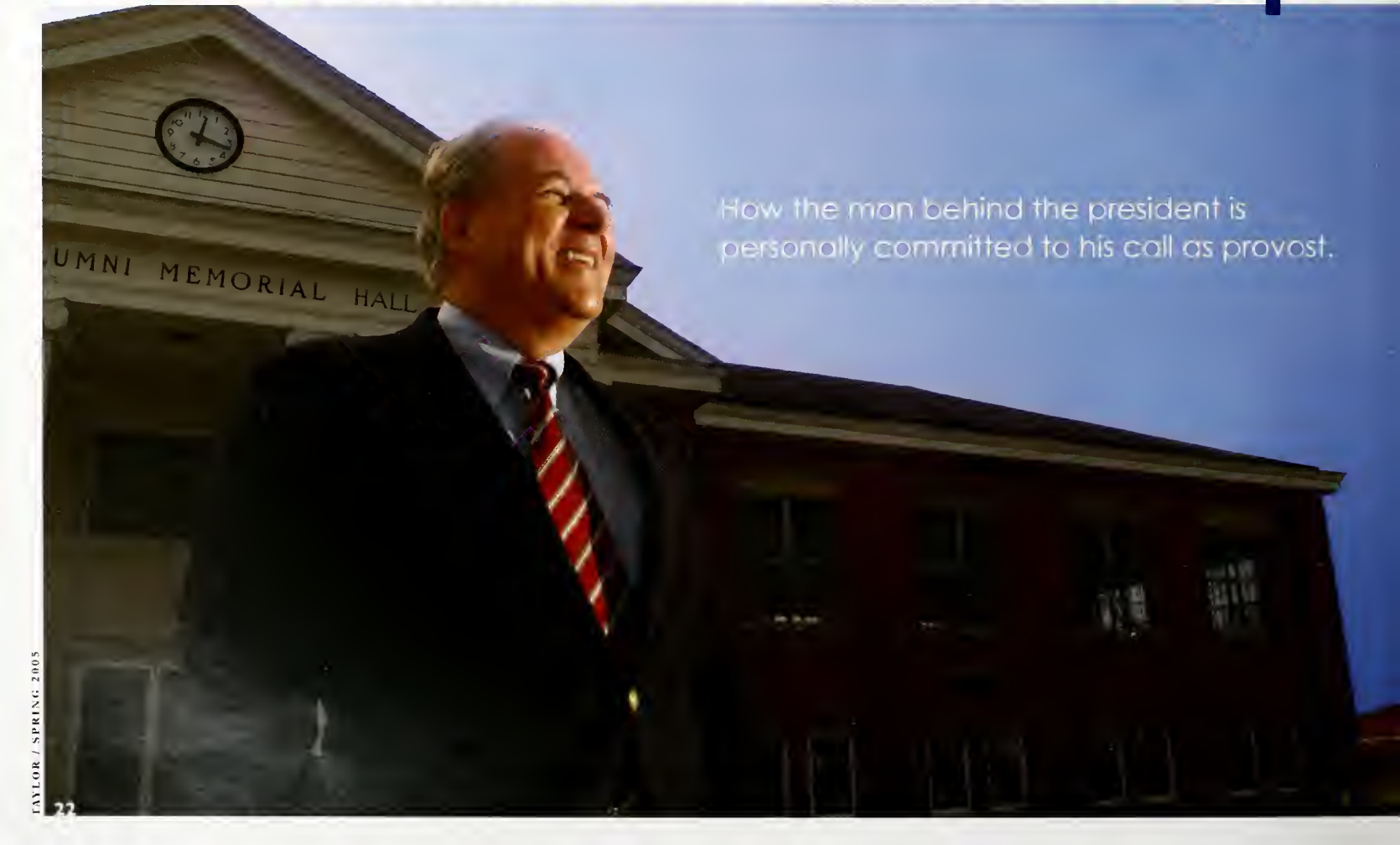
And she certainly doesn't act it. Jean is president of her Sunday school class at Roswell United Methodist Church; she alternates teaching her Covenant Bible class; she is chaplain of the altar guild and her local United Methodist Women group; she visits the sick and shut-ins. Every day she calls three women who are blind to read devotions to them.

Jean's prescription for such a long, rich life? "Don't take yourself too seriously," she said. "Remember that no matter what comes, the Lord will see you through."

The Lord has seen her through a great deal in her lifetime, but she still has much to look forward to. "Heaven. I'm looking forward to going home," she said. "But for now, the Lord still has things for me to do." And it's those things that will keep her going (and busy) until the Lord calls her home.



steadfast leadership



How the man behind the president is personally committed to his call as provost.

The coming months are a crucial time for the Taylor University board and administrative team as they prepare for the transition to a new University president. "Dr. Gyertson has the administrative team in place and the short-term objectives identified to ensure that the mission of Taylor University will be sustained and new opportunities will continue to arise," said Taylor Provost Dr. Steve Bedi '65.

Second in command at Taylor, Bedi works directly alongside President Dr. David Gyertson. He is responsible for all programs, planning and assessment at the University. His job is to ensure that Taylor as a whole is on target with her mission. His passion is to ensure the quality of education and the sufficiency of resources for all Taylor students and faculty.

Bedi and other members of the administration are prepared to continue the momentum that is currently driving new programs and initiatives at Taylor. "I am not only praying for it, I am personally committed to achieving both the short-term and long-term goals that David Gyertson has helped us develop during his time at Taylor."

To Bedi, maintaining the quality of education at Taylor means going beyond the requirements and

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expectations. "I am always looking for a new goal or challenge beyond the mission," he said. Two recent examples of this drive are Taylor's newly-formed Center for Research and Innovation and Center for Teaching Excellence.

It was the University's Christ-centered education that brought Bedi to Taylor in 1961 as an undergraduate student. "During my time as a student at Taylor my heart was renewed, my calling was affirmed, and many of my questions were answered," he said.

In 1991, thirty years after arriving as a student, Bedi returned as the associate dean of education and director of the teacher education program. He felt called by God to return to Taylor because of its community atmosphere and commitment to its mission. Since then Bedi has served as the associate vice president for academic affairs and dean of the Upland campus, as well as vice president for administration and planning. In 2003 he moved into his current position as provost. Bedi is dedicated to using his position to enable the University to fulfill its mission in a high-quality manner.

"As Dr. Gyertson prepares to leave his position as Taylor president, he is leaving the University a better place than when he came," said Bedi. "Hudson Taylor once said that God's work done God's way will never lack God's supply." This a source of inspiration for Bedi as the University goes through a crucial time of transition.

"The search for a new University president is a great opportunity to attract the brightest and the best to Taylor," he said. "I believe that it is important to leave a place better than when you came, and that is exactly what Dr. Gyertson has done." – Kerry Porter '06



charting the course

A tribute to Taylor's 29th president as he prepares to answer God's call elsewhere.

David Gyertson's favorite character from scripture is Caleb.

But his story resembles one with whom he shares a name—David and Goliath.

Gyertson's account is one of overcoming adversity, beating the odds when they were against him. The son of an alcoholic father and an emotionally troubled mother, Gyertson found himself on his own at the age of 13. Christian friends took him in and shared the Gospel message.

This past has helped shape him into the man he is today—a man after God's own heart, a man God has used to mold and influence Taylor University and the lives of people here.

Gyertson arrived at Taylor in 2000 with a desire to mentor the next generation of Christian leaders. Now it's just that desire that is taking him back to the classroom.

"We are being called back to what we felt our original call is," said Gyertson. "The vision to be equipping the emerging world leaders for the Christian faith has been deep in my spirit for thirty years; it has been my sense of mission and calling."

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He will complete his presidency on or sometime before December 31, depending on the results of the ongoing search for his successor. He trades in his title of president for distinguished professor of leadership formation and renewal at the School of Leadership Studies at Regent University, Virginia Beach, Va.; an institution he co-founded in 1977.

Most memorable for Gyertson has been the passion for excellence in both academic and interpersonal relationships, something he has evidenced on both campuses. "Taylor is at its best when it's in a time of crisis, where people need to be personally supported and assisted. Taylor does crisis-intervention better than I've seen most other places."

Gyertson has often reflected this in his own life, as well, acting as a pastor of sorts to the Taylor community. He frequently sent e-mail messages of praise to faculty and staff, as well as called on members of the community during times of illness or crisis.

"[Gyertson's] tender pastor's heart, constancy in prayer and obedience to God's leading has had lasting impact on my life," said Harold Hazen, vice president for university advancement. "I have personally benefited greatly from Gyertson's wonderful gift for mentoring."

Of his time at Taylor, Gyertson hopes it can be said of him as it was of King David in Acts: "He served God's purposes while he was here and that there was no question about Nancy's and my desire to do what was right."

And, in the end, just as David was successful in slaying the giant, Gyertson too was successful in his endeavors and will continue to be so, wherever God may lead.



continuing the journey

A presidential farewell



Nancy and I are midwest natives and as a result have always enjoyed the changing seasons. The Scriptures are full of analogies and metaphors celebrating God's creation calendar. There are lessons to be learned, opportunities to be embraced and obligations to fulfill as life's journey unfolds. Our God is the Heavenly Father who delights in equipping His children to serve Him at each stage of life so that His purposes can be realized upon the earth.

As Nancy and I start a new season in our calling it is difficult to leave behind the places and experiences that now mean so much to us. There are so many "ebenezers" as we reflect on our years here at Taylor. God has accomplished so much among us in keeping with His exceeding abundant promise in Ephesians 3:20—my anchor verse for our time in this special place.

It will be most difficult to separate from so many of you who have influenced our lives deeply, encouraging and challenging us to new levels of commitment and calling. However, the opportunity to devote the capstone years of my career to equipping the

"Christ-centered learning, living and serving community."

next generation of emerging Christian leaders to change their world is a compelling and persistent vision we must fulfill. From the Taylor University Board of Trustees, our devoted alumni and gifted faculty, to our dedicated staff and outstanding students who have touched us in ways that we could never fully express, we say thank you and thanks to our God for His work through you!

Like any transition process, there are details that still need to be finalized. While the exact date of my departure is dependent upon the selection of my successor, please be assured that we are working with the board to ensure a seamless transition. And, just as we are excited about God's new direction for our lives, we have a great sense of anticipation as the next season of God's plan for Taylor University's life-transforming mission unfolds. By God's grace and your faithfulness we believe that Taylor is in a strong position to continue its history of worldwide impact for the kingdom of Jesus Christ. As you remain uncompromisingly Christ-centered and biblically anchored Taylor will continue to be an important catalyst in God's plans for a world that desperately needs to both hear and experience the redemptive love of Jesus Christ.

May the Lord continue to do exceedingly abundantly above all that you could ask or even imagine in your calling to be a Christ-centered learning, living and serving community.

David J. Spitzer

PHILANTHROPIC WOMEN

Wealthy men, such as Rockefeller and Gates, have long been renowned for their contributions to society. The following brings to light an uncelebrated portion of Taylor's history.

Dedicated by nature, generous by choice. Taylor donor and parent Joanne Seaman dedicates herself to riding her bike during the summer months.

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was Taylor."

When one thinks about the people who have made Taylor uniquely Taylor, names like Samuel Morris, Thaddeus Reade, Milo Rediger and Jay Kesler come to mind, all of whom have made a significant impact on the University. There are numerous others, many women, whose humble philanthropy has benefited this institution in ways too numerous to mention, and yet their compensation has been, in some cases, no more than a simple "thank you."

This is a tribute to the generous women who over the years have gone without public recognition or recompense. Although it would be impossible to name each one with her individual charitable contributions, the honorable stories of several women are told here in reverent gratitude to all who have sacrificed for Taylor. Ken Smith, executive director of the William Taylor Foundation, said, "The commitment of these women is exceptional. Their legacies still directly impact the campus today."

One of the earliest significant donations was in 1902 from the widow of Christopher Sickler, one of the early Taylor trustees. She gave out of a desire to "help young ministerial candidates obtain their educational preparation," according to William Ringenberg's *Taylor University The First 150 Years*. Because of her generosity, Sickler Hall was built. Today, after more than 100 years, the building has been completely restored and serves the University well as a home for the alumni relations office, the William Taylor Foundation and the Compton Art Gallery.

In 1910, Helena Gehman paid for much of the cost of a new music hall, which today is affectionately called Helena Memorial Hall in her honor. The structure has served numerous functions over its lifetime and now gives incoming students some of their first impressions of campus as they meet with the admissions office staff on the first floor. Helena also houses the president's office on the second floor.



Ruth Flood '28 is one of countless women who have given sacrificially to her alma mater. Upon her death, her estate was donated to Taylor.

In order for Taylor to purchase eighty additional acres to the original campus in the early 1920s, Margaret McGrew contributed a significant portion of money needed. Only a few years later, she gave another donation to construct a barn on the seventy-acre site. For years the University raised its own cattle to provide milk and cheese for students.

One of the largest contributors of her time was Ella Magee, a widow who saved Taylor from financial ruin in 1924. She also provided a large gift toward the construction of the Magee-Campbell-Wisconsin Dormitory. In 1933, she again gave generously to purchase Taylor for the new William Taylor Foundation and to save the University from bankruptcy.

Garnet Rice '29, who experienced that era in Taylor history as a student, "treasured her experience at Taylor beyond anything," said Chuck Newman, friend and former director of the William Taylor Foundation. She and her husband Ray '29 set up trusts and made regular gifts to Taylor, but it was

Garnet's deep love for Taylor and its students that prompted her to fund the Rice Bell Tower in memory of her husband and to leave her estate to fund the Alumni Department Scholarship Fund. Her gift to the Rupp Communication Arts Center named an area in memory of her parents.

Another thoughtful lady in Taylor's history is Ruth Flood '28, who lived with her uncle, Burt Ayres, dean and interim president of Taylor, while attending the University. She received her master's degree from the University of Michigan and went on to teach at several institutions, including Bob Jones University, yet she remained loyal to Taylor. "Her life was Taylor," said Newman. "She loved Taylor and the students." Her devotion was evidenced through her frequent donations. While living, she set up a scholarship fund for dependents of alumni. At her death, her estate was added to that fund. In addition, she made a significant gift to the Rupp Communication Arts Center and named an area in memory of her sister, Cena Mann,

"She just couldn't say enough good about Taylor, and she wanted to financially help others come."



Former president Milo Rediger '39 talks with Hortense Braden at the dedication of the Braden Room in the Hodson Dining Commons, which is named in her honor.

and her mother, Nettie Flood. Ruth, who never married, loved to read and play her organ, which is now located in the Sickler Hall prayer chapel.

Crystal Silverman '35 had a strong sense of business. Married later in life, Crystal may have gained some of her business sense from her husband, Louis, who was a stockbroker. Her love extended to Taylor with regular gifts. When she died, Taylor and the William Taylor Foundation were the largest beneficiaries. In honor of her gift and memory, a room was named for her in the Modelle Metcalf Visual Arts Center.

Philanthropic women are certainly not limited to Taylor graduates. Equally influential were Jessie Cain, Hortense Braden HA '78 and Joanne Seaman. Jessie learned of Taylor through her pastor David Le Shana '53, who as a student was the pastor of the little country church she attended. This began a friendship that lasted a lifetime. "She had a real desire to help kids at Taylor because of Le Shana," said Nelson Rediger, associate executive director of the William Taylor Foundation. "She just couldn't say enough good about Taylor, and she wanted to financially help others come." There is a classroom named in memory of her husband, Walter, in the Smith-Hermanson Music Center.

Hortense Braden encountered Taylor after her car broke down, and a Taylor development officer stopped to help. This began a friendship that resulted in significant gifts over the years and her estate passing to Taylor at her death. The Braden Room in the Hodson Dining Commons, which serves as the president's dining room, is named in her honor and provides a beautiful area for University administrators to host special meals and meetings.

More recently, Joanne Seaman has continued a tradition that her husband Rick Seaman '78, Taylor business professor who died in 1998, began nearly ten years ago. Rick was disappointed to find that Taylor's alumni giving rate was below the national average, so he formulated an idea. He gave each graduate an envelope with a total of \$3, a one-dollar bill and a two-dollar bill. He encouraged graduates to give the one-dollar bill back at graduation rehearsal, the two-dollar bill the first year after graduation and to double their gift each year—thus their first two years of donating were provided. Joanne has kept the Seaman tradition alive in her husband's memory. As a result of the Seamans' generosity, the alumni giving rate has increased, and graduates are encouraged to begin a lifetime of giving back to their alma mater.



Jessie Cain (left) poses with Jay '58 and Janie Kesler at a Board of Trustees dinner in Florida.

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Other significant charitable donations have come from long-time friends and alumni of Taylor including Nellie Scudder Smith, LaRita Boren HA '94, Roselyn (Baugh) Kerlin '55, Diane Humphrey, Florence West and Lois Weed '51. Other faithful long-time donors include Mrs. Carol (Gramlich) Scott '52, Delores (Steinbach) Horne x'62 and Betty Zurcher. "We could continue listing other alumni and friends whose sacrificial giving has deeply impacted the University," said Ken Smith. "The names here are representative of the hundreds of deeply committed women whose philanthropic efforts help to sustain the mission and vision of Taylor and her students."

According to the Women's Philanthropy Institute, women philanthropists have been creating institutions, including schools and colleges, and donating generously to improve society since the 19th century. "In my 25 years of raising support for Christian higher education, the largest gifts I've ever received have been by women philanthropists," said Harold Hazen, vice president for university advancement. "Women literally put their money where their heart is!"

The generous women who have given to Taylor believe in the University and its students, and they want to make a difference. Nelle Alspagh Hodson '43, long-time friend and

donor, is one such example. "I give to Taylor because investing in students' lives, particularly college students, is my way of making a difference in tomorrow," she said.

Hodson is not alone in her charitable commitment to investing in meaningful, life-changing endeavors. Bertha Gilson '29, is still very much involved in Taylor through regular financial gifts. She continues to be interested and excited about Taylor's students, the campus facilities and the spiritual atmosphere of Taylor.

"Our women donors take their giving very seriously," said Joyce Helyer, associate vice president for university advancement. "They feel the weight of responsibility for the resources with which God has blessed them, and they pray for wisdom to be good stewards."

Perhaps these charitable donors can best be summed up by a common thread that runs through them—their faith in Jesus Christ and their love for Taylor. All of their dedication, benevolence and involvement in Taylor has enriched the lives of so many and will continue to do so in the years to come. May their legacies live on.

THANK YOU!

UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

Phil and I used to stare at a large world map that hung next to his desk. Late at night, we would imagine heaven to be the adventure of exploring a restored earth.

On the Indian Ocean, full sail, at the helm of a small seafaring vessel and a storm raging all around, we'd be headed wherever the wind would lead, to delight in creation. At the snap of our fingers or the click of our heels we'd be there, but it would be about the journey we conjectured, not the destination. No fear of death or an end, just the open sea and the blinders removed from our eyes.

God was drawing Phil closer to Himself in his last earthly weeks, closer to the adventure we imagined. I had never seen anyone in the Word as much as Phil was then, so much I thought it strange. But Phil was finding himself in its pages; he was finding his true identity in Christ, an identity free from fears that held him back.

In his last words to a friend before taking off for his run on April 3, Phil confessed he had finally realized what it meant to love the way God loves: a love that is not tied to circumstance or condition. He was excited to come back to Taylor to share this love with those around him.

Tragically, Phil never returned from his run. He was struck by a car and later died in a hospital bed surrounded by family and friends who loved him dearly. I was one of many Taylor students who traveled to High Point, NC, to support the Schrums and grieve the loss. But we encountered something we had not expected—an outpouring of love by Phillip's family. Phillip's mother challenged us to ask difficult questions: What holds us back? What keeps us from living lives unfettered by fear, lives free from that which keeps us stationary and renders us blind to move where God moves?

What if we could live every day as if we had no shame, no embarrassing past or current condition? What if none of it mattered? Phil would insist he often fell short, but in the end he learned something for which we all must strive: to live lives of unconditional love free from fear and worry.

If you get the chance, sit down in front of a large world map sometime and stare ... If you haven't lost all that once made you a kid, your imagination should do the rest. Now blink, and realize you've been given this day. Own it; take the responsibility given to invest in others and to live authentically. For life is short, and we have not been given a spirit that makes us slaves to fear, but we've received a spirit of Sonship and by Him we cry, "Abba," Father (Romans 8:12-15).

There's a hole in Taylor's campus and in the hearts of those who loved him. We miss Phillip Schrum, but we're also missing his spirit of love that was God-given. He has gone ahead of us, and now we are left with his challenge to share God's unconditional love with those around us. —Brooks Bontrager '05



Phillip Schrum helps build a house for Habitat for Humanity. He sacrificially gave of his time, volunteering for Younglife and One-on-One ministries at Taylor.

Memorials may be sent to Camp Lurecrest Ministries, P.O. Box 690459, Charlotte, NC 28227.



alumni notes

keeping connected with friends

1938

Dorothy (Weaver) Engstrom went to be with the Lord on Jan. 28 after struggling with illness for over two years. She will be remembered for her great kindness and quiet witness to all who knew her, as well as for her partnership with husband of 65 years, **Ted Engstrom**. The couple met while freshmen at Taylor and were married following graduation. In addition to Ted, three children and five grandchildren survive her. Ted's address is 1763 Royal Oaks Dr N Apt 208, Bradbury, CA 91010. presidentemeritus@worldvision.org.

1940

Ruth (Johnson) Hall is enjoying life in Ferris Hills, a lovely retirement community in Canandaigua, N.Y. She is blessed with 2 granddaughters and 7 great grandchildren.

1941

Roger Burtner is the visitation pastor at First United Methodist Church in Brady, Texas.

1942

Doris (Horn) Miller passed away on Oct. 27, 2004. She & husband of 62 years, **Donald A. Miller**, served together in ministry for more than 50 years. They pastored Christian and Missionary Alliance churches in Mass. and N.Y. then served at Hope Congregational Church in St. Louis, Mo., for over 20 years until retiring in 1989. In several churches Doris served as pianist and then organist. During this period she composed many hymns and choruses. *In Remembrance of Thee*, a communion hymn, became an instant favorite. It was printed again in the new edition of *Hymns of the Christian Life*. Doris will be missed by children

Marion Overhiser, Janice Howland, and **Donald B. Miller x'75**. Husband Don's e-mail is donaldamiller@sbcglobal.net.

1943

L. Shirl Hatfield x passed away on Nov. 2. His wife Gloria lives in Indianapolis, Ind.

1945

Elizabeth (Good) & Clarence Owsley continue as volunteers in Christian service in the local church and community; they also assist in translating letters of Brazilian children to their sponsors ... 700 + in 2004! They live in Van Wert, Ohio.

1948

Donald MacGill x went home to be with his Lord on Dec. 31, 2003. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dorothy, and three sons. Their eldest son Timothy passed away two weeks after his father. Dorothy may be reached at dmacgill@everestke.net. • **Bill & Helen Stone** are serving at the Venice Isle Estates mobile home park which consists of 992 mobile homes, six lakes and a lot of great people. Their address is 204 Mantua Dr, Venice, Fla. 34285. They would love to visit with any Fla. alumni out there! E-mail is chwstone@voyager.net.

1949

Vernon & Wilma (Steiner '47) Petersen reside in Ft. Wayne, Ind. Vernon is minister of visitation at Grabill Missionary Church, and Wilma sings in the choir and helps in the church nursery. September 2005 will mark 60 years as a minister in the Missionary Church for Vernon. E-mail is vjpetel@juno.com.

1950

Richard Ditmer x passed away

on Nov. 23, 2004. He is survived by wife Louise who lives in Beavercreek, Ohio.

1951

Henry Nelson has moved to Windsor Park Manor in Carol Stream, Ill. He recently participated in the Jimmy Carter Habitat Building Project in Puebla, Mexico; they completed 75 houses. • **Norm & Eunice (Berg x) Wilhelmi** continue to live in Montreat, N.C. E-mail is ole_coach@juno.com.

1952

Carl Gongwer received the 2004 Volunteer in Service Award from World Gospel Mission for his lifetime dedication to the Great Commission. Carl spent several years on the mission field in Mexico, then taught Spanish at TU where he initiated two Spanish abroad programs and led many student mission trips. Since his retirement in 1988, he has served in Argentina, Bolivia and Honduras teaching Spanish, New Testament studies and Greek. He has also written in Spanish and has translated nearly 300 sermon studies into Spanish. Carl & wife **Mary (Davis)** live in Warren, Ind.

1954

Virginia (McNeil) Miller passed away June 21, 2004, in Bad Axe, Mich., after a long battle with cancer. She is survived by husband, Wayne, four children and eight grandchildren. Sisters are **Verneta McNeil '57** and **Elaine (McNeil x'54) Lindell**.

1955

Alvin x & Jeanelle (MacDonald x) Long celebrated their 52nd wedding anniversary on Sept. 13, 2004. They reside 6 months in Bad Axe, Mich., and 6 months in Palmetto, Fla. • **Stan &**

Connie (Ross) Reed, Don '52 & Jean (Huffman '52) Granitz, and **Jack '58 & Jan (McCarty x'58) King** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversaries together by going on an Alaskan cruise in September 2004.

1956

Ron Woodward retired from pastoral ministry in the Friends Church in 2000. He is now doing church consulting and pulpit supply as well as editing material for the Conversation Café at www.barclaypress.com. He & wife Nancy live in Keizer, Ore.

1957

Joan (Green) Chapin received the "Blessed Are the Peacemakers" Award from the World Council of Churches in 2004. Joan is a local, regional and national leader with United Methodist Women, working for peace and justice in myriad ways. Joan & husband **John** reside in Caro, Mich. • **Joanie (Selleck x) Yoder** went to be with the Lord on Oct. 15, 2004. She was a missionary serving with Youth for Christ for many years.

1958

During his second retirement, **Charles Howland** wrote two books for the Mich. Dept. of Correction. He developed a program called "Pre-Release" based on biblical principles for prisoners looking to be paroled within 12 months. After instituting the "Pre-Release" program the recidivism rate dropped from 65% to 20%.

1959

Raymond Merz served for 39 years in the United Methodist Church. He is now training new Stephen Ministers, tutoring inner-city school children and teaching classes on marriage

in Presbyterian and United Methodist churches.

1960

George Klohck returned to Mozambique with another Volunteer-in-Mission Team in August 2004. Now retired, he serves part-time as pastor of the United Methodist Church in Ferrisburgh, Vt.

1961

Bev Cortis is enjoying retirement from a career but not from service to the Lord. She has been privileged to serve on the Taylor National Alumni Council for the past few years.

1962

Carlton Snow died on Nov. 19, 2004, from a brain aneurism. He was a revered Willamette Univ law professor, nationally respected arbitrator and trustee of Fuller Theological Seminary. He was preceded in death by wife Sally two months previously. • **Michael Szabo** retired in July 2004 as professor emeritus of educational psychology at Univ of Alberta in Edmonton, Canada. He & wife Noreen live in Vancouver, BC. E-mail is ekimrd@telusplanet.net. • **Thomas Thiery x** received the Siddell Peace and Understanding Award from the Michigan Education Association and also the Applegate-Dorros International Peace and Understanding Award from the National Education Association. Thomas & wife Lillian have worked tirelessly with students in Mexico, Guatemala and in the U.S. at migrant camps and in innercities. E-mail is tthiery@tc3net.com.

1964

Daniel & Joyce (Gray '63) MacLeish live at 1576 Kirkway Rd, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302. Daniel is president of MacLeish Building, Inc., where Joyce is VP. E-mail is jkmbuild@aol.com. • **Marijane (Ritter) West** passed away on Nov. 20, 2004, after a battle with cancer. She is survived by husband Rex who resides at 120303 County

Rd J, Mitchell, NE 69357. • **Ted Woodruff** died on February 25, 2004; he had been hospitalized since February 13 when he was reportedly assaulted during a home invasion. Ted served as a missionary in Mexico, Chaplain of the McAuley Water Street Mission in Manhattan where he ministered to homeless men, and in various other capacities from Alaska to Oklahoma. He served his community in many ways and will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife Nancy.

1965

Bob Ayton has officially retired from his 38-year career as a HS teacher and coach but is still coaching cross country and pole vaulting. He & wife Claire reside in Warminster, Pa. • **Charles Paxton** is a pastor at Camby Community Church. He & wife Cathy reside in Indianapolis, Ind. E-mail is pastorcharlie@ccctc.com.

1966

Robert Casey retired as superintendent of the Fredericktown School District in 1998. Following a brief stint at Ashland Univ, he has now assumed a position with an educational computer association that markets online education. His second book, *Wisdom from the Journey*, focuses on poetical and thoughtful comments on life. His monthly newsletter, *The Poetical Journal*, reaches 20,000 + subscribers worldwide. He is serving his second term as president of the Ohio Poetry Association. E-mail is bob@poeticaljourneys.com. • **TU friends Karen (Huston) Mott, Barbara (Beanblossom) Harrison, Suzanne (Peterson) Lindgren and Marilyn (Monce) Hiscott** continue to get together during the summers. They have helped each other through the deaths of husbands and discovered that God is faithful and so are their Taylor friends.

1968

Paul Martin x continues as a psychologist who runs a

counseling facility for ex-cult members and rehabs them back to spiritual wholeness. Wife **Barbara (Kirchner x)** is a speech-language pathologist working with preschoolers.

1969

Gary Drill died unexpectedly of complications from cancer on Oct. 27, 2004. Gary was the former Norwell HS principal and the Northern Wells Community Schools (Ind.) assistant superintendent.



1970 TU Friends reunion

1970

Karen (Drake) Carey, Jan (Soldner) Grindle, Beth (Knight) White and Carol (Dunkerton) Locke had a reunion in the summer of 2004 at the home of Jan Grindle, Ft. Wayne, Ind. These friends, along with two other TU friends, have had a traveling group letter since graduation. Each person writes a letter, removes her outdated letter, and mails collected group letters to the next friend on the list. • **Fred & Gerri (Covert '73) Jenny** reside in Grove City, Pa., where Fred is an instructional technologist and computer systems professor at Grove City College, and Gerri is an assistant professor in the education dept at Slippery Rock Univ. They have 3 children and 2 grandchildren. • **Ricardo & Carol (Hill) Vega** survived two hurricanes in their area of Florida and are grateful for Jesus, family and friends. • **Bob & Jean (Lehman) Wolf** took a trip of a lifetime by driving to Alaska, where they ministered to missionaries and then took a 56 miles fishing trip down a river in a canoe. Jean continues to enjoy teaching middle school Bible at Emmanuel Baptist Christian School in Toledo, Ohio.

Take it to the Hoop

Special Olympics takes the court

Taylor Disability Outreach (TDO) hosted its first Take it to the Hoop basketball tournament for Special Olympics athletes on Jan. 15, 2005. The event took place at the Kesler Student Activities Center from 8 a.m. until 10 p.m.

Coming from as far as Elkhart, Ind., to the north and Crawfordsville, Ind., to the south, 37 teams with over 400 Indiana Special Olympics athletes participated in the day's activities. More than 100 Taylor students helped with the event as volunteer referees, team hosts, score-keepers and concession workers. The event also included entertainment and music for the athletes to enjoy.

"To see the many students there interacting with these men and women and their families was one of the most outstanding examples of love in action that I think I have seen," said Taylor parent Richard Baldwin '77.

"A coach who had been involved in Special Olympics for 15 years approached me and said that it was the best Special Olympics tournament he had ever been to," said TDO co-chair Chris Horst '06.

The basketball tournament is one of several events hosted by TDO in conjunction with the Special Olympics of Grant County.

—Kerry Porter '06

alumni notes

1971

Rebecca (Martin) Bontrager works for Phoenix Public Library giving story readings for preschoolers and school-age children. She & husband Jay reside in Phoenix, Ariz. • **Suzan (Scott) Gonser** continues to teach 2nd grade in LaBelle, Fla.,



Suzan Gonser '71

where she also teaches a Bible study for 7-11 year old girls at her church. She has raised sons Luke and Joel as a single

parent. E-mail is deyhere@strato.net. • **Richard Myers** is the principal at Kennedy Middle School in Rockledge, Fla., where he lives with his wife Sandy. His children are Mark and Matt; stepdaughters are Natasha and Tabitha.

1972

Larry & Linda Brown celebrated 43 years of marriage this year. Before moving to Florida, Larry pastored for 20 years and was at Whites Residential & Family Services in Wabash, Ind., for 12 years; he's now teaching elementary P.E. E-mail is landlbrown1@netzero.com. • Following 20 years in United Methodist ministry, **Rev. Dr. Mel Leaman** has been assistant professor of religion at Lincoln Univ in Pennsylvania. Last year he was given the "Excellence in Teaching Award" by the Dean of Humanities. E-mail is jmleaman@comcast.net. • **Kate (Townsend x) Linsner** recently moved from the metropolitan NYC area back to the Midwest. She lives in Westerville, Ohio, where she is the acquisitions editor at Pearson Education. E-mail is katelinsner@hotmail.com. • **Doug Smith** will retire this year after working 30+ years with the State of Ohio Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation.

1973

Donna (McSorley) Draney lives in Norris, Tenn., with husband Bill and three grown children: Kasey, Patty and Will. She is a secretary for two local churches. E-mail is ddraney@comcast.net. • **Robert & Kathleen (McLennan) Legel** reside in Geneva, Ill., where Kathleen works as a literacy and ESL tutor trainer for the Literacy Connection. Children are Valerie (23) and Kara (20). E-mail is legel@earthlink.net.

1975

Fred & Janet (Johnson x) Harper live in Ft. Myers, Fla., where Janet is a mortgage loan underwriter at SunTrust. They are enjoying their granddaughter Alexa (1), waterskiing and wakeboarding. E-mail is janharp@yahoo.com. • **Roy & Marabeth (Johannes) Ringenberg** are living in South Bend, Ind., until they return to Quito, Ecuador, in October. While in the U.S. they are busy taking classes, working at the Southwestern Medical Clinic in St. Joseph, Mich., volunteering at local churches and spending time with their family. E-mail is rringenb@hcjb.org.ec.

1976

Ben & Mary Ann (McHenry) Ayling reside in Kent, Ohio, where Ben is an assistant professor in music education at Kent State Univ, and Mary Ann is director of curriculum and instruction at Canton City Schools.

1977

John & Sharon Kaiser live in Greenville, S.C. where John is a recruiter for FGP. E-mail is john_kaiser@charter.net. • **John & Wanda (Smith) Kawadza** reside in Harare, Zimbabwe. Wanda is still recovering from a serious car accident in Francistown, Botswana, in February 2004; she is thankful that God preserved her life. Children are Munyaradzi (23), Danai (21) and Tendai (19). E-mail is wkawadza_zim@yahoo.com. • **Gary & Sally (Wright x)**

Leath own a window cleaning business. Sally is a dental assistant and x-ray technician. Children are Joshua, Cheryl and Cindy.

1978

Ken & Beth Ellis live in Wheaton, Ill., where Ken teaches and is science dept chair at Wheaton Academy. Children are Cindy (18) and Karl (15). E-mail is ellisfamily@lightfirst.com. • **Mike x & Connie Lehe** are farming in Wolcott, Ind. Children are Renae (22), Rose (20) and Reid (16). E-mail is mclehe@sugardog.com.

1979

Gina (Roberts) Snyder recently became the director of alumni relations at Montreat College. E-mail is gsnyder@montreat.edu. • **Aaron & Cynthia Wheaton** recently celebrated 27 years of marriage. Aaron ministers at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist which is a growing 500+ member church. Children are Isaac and Andrew.

1980

Michael & Dawn (Duffey) Burnett live in Mason, Ohio, where Dawn is an independent foster/adoptive trainer and consultant for the State of Ohio. Sons are Brent (17) and Drew (15). • **Neil & Jane (Crawford x'81) Martin** are moving to Muskegon, Mich. After delivering 1,000 babies as a family practice physician in Niles, Neil is going back to school to do an obstetrics/gynecology residency. Children are Justin (18), Jeremy (15) and Christina (11). • **Neal & Trish (Dial) Smith** live in Bridgman, Mich., where Neal owns a dental practice and is a trustee of the Christian Medical & Dental Assoc. Trish earned a master's from Bethel Seminary in children & family ministries. Children are Britton '05, Grant '05, Whitney (18), Karsten (12) and Collin (10).

1981

Jami (Miller) Kinzer is the office administrator

for Crossroads Community Church in Fishers, Ind. E-mail is jkinzer27@aol.com. • **Tim Lugbill** was named assistant VP of government affairs at the Nat'l Assoc. of Manufacturers. He, wife Carolyn, and sons Christian (8) and Colson (4), reside in Fairfax, Va. E-mail is tlugbill@nam.org. • **Monte & Amy (Yordy) Shanks** are the parents of Garrett (11) and Wyatt (9). Monte is pursuing his PhD at Southern Seminary, and Amy teaches kindergarten.

1982

James Boyce continues as the children's pastor at Abundant Life Fellowship in Roseville, Calif. James & Kelley's children are Bryon (21), Jason (18), Meagan (15) and Nathan (13). E-mail is jboyce@alfchurch.org. • **Scott & Rebecca Martin** reside in Auburn, Calif., with children Blake, Brooklyn, and Chanel. Scott works for Brecek & Young Advisors as a financial consultant. E-mail is scott.martin@brecek.com. • **Kurt & Sherry (White) Prescott** have been married 21 years and continue to farm. Sherry is transitioning from a daycare provider to another career; children are Megan (18) and Jordan (14). • **Michael & Lana Wolford** live in Buena Vista, Colo. Their children are Mike '08 and Matthew (16). E-mail is mwolford9374@msn.com.

1983

James x & Lora Devine are living in Jupiter, Fla., where James works for Ship Shape TV in marketing. Children are James (19), Victoria (14) and Molly (10). E-mail is devi3392@bellsouth.net. • **Scott & Laurie (Mason '82) Price** celebrated their 20th anniversary with a trip to Jamaica. They reside in Raleigh, N.C., with children Lindsey (13), Julie (11) and Eric (10). Scott was recently honored for 20 years with Electronic Data Systems, and Laurie is blessed to be a stay-at-home mom.

1984

Michael & Marcia (Harness '85) Daugherty live in the Cleveland, Ohio, area. Michael recently completed his MBA in e-business and is employed by Westfield Insurance as enterprise architect; Marcia and a friend founded a custom jewelry design company. Children are Diana (14), Reed (11) and Ryan (8). E-mail is mnmdaugherty@zoominter.net.net. • **Richard & Kathy (Roberts) Henderson** of Indianapolis, Ind., graduated their oldest son Drew from their home-school. If noticing the time flying by makes you a little nostalgic for Third Center Olson from 1980-88, please e-mail rkdhender@netscape.net and help plan a reunion for fellowship, encouragement and fun! • **Tom Shevlot** has joined Insight Communications, a cable TV operator, as its regional VP for Indiana. Tom & wife **Elizabeth (Knudsen)** reside in Indianapolis with children Alex (16) and Emily (13). E-mail is tomshevlot@aol.com.

1985

Scott & Pam Hammond live in Oak Park, Ill., where Scott is a global sales manager for Lanier Worldwide. Children are Alexandra (11), Brett (10), Wesley (8) and Callista (6). E-mail is snphammond@comcast.net. • **Michael & Robin (Taylor) Radvak** reside in Longwood, Fla.; children are Alexandra (14) and Grantley (10). Robin would love to hear from her TU friends! E-mail is robinradvak@earthlink.net. • **Jerry & Nancy (Hansen) Thomas** live in Brentwood, Tenn. Children are Megan (9), Sarah (5) and James (3). E-mail is nancyrthomas@comcast.net.

1986

Kent & Corinne Bundy live in Alpharetta, Ga., where Kent is director of national accounts for Bari Foods. Their sons are Sean (12) and Stefan (10). E-mail is thebundys55@comcast.net.



Dan & Lisa (Clark '87) Adkins

1987

Lisa Clark and Dan Adkins were married on Mar. 13, 2004, in Sweetser, Ind. TU

participants were **Meleita (Abshear '89) Street, Paul Clark '86, Bill Clark '92, Ronda (Lawson '92) Clark, Gary Devore '89, Lori (Clark x'91) Devore, Doug Clark '95 and Steve Loft '86.** Lisa is a part-time faculty member at Indiana Wesleyan Univ, and Dan is a computer information specialist for Electronics Data Systems. E-mail is wm_dan_adkins@yahoo.com. • **Lee & Jeanne Crawford** joyfully announce the birth of son Conrad William on Dec. 8, 2004; he joins brother Kevin (2). The family lives in Morristown, N.J. E-mail is jbsing@yahoo.com. • **Rich & Adele (Heinrich x'89) Frieder** live in Shakopee, N.Y., with three daughters. Rich is a director of marketing strategy, and Adele works part-time with special needs children. • **Doug & Peggy (Way) MacQueen** reside in West Chester, Pa., with daughters Aubrey (11) and Madison (7). Peggy recently received her MS in counseling and higher education from West Chester Univ and is employed at a Christian counseling center. • **Doug & Tracey (Jorg) Rollison** joyfully announce the birth of Gemellia Arwen Eressea Ashley on Nov. 27, 2004. (The couple is self-proclaimed Tolkien geeks.) Gemellia joins Alec (8) and Bella (5). Tracey has a home business with Usborne Books promoting education and literacy with a focus on special needs. Proud grandparents are **Paul x'61 & Marcia (Van Doren '61) Jorg.** • **Bill & Lori Star** live in Cambridge, Ohio, where Bill is a special education teacher. Daughters are Leslie (15), Maggie (13) and Annie (9). E-mail is d_daddy82@yahoo.com.

• **David & Karen (Muselman) Thomas** are the grateful parents of Mary Esther born July 15, 2004; she joins brothers Luke (4) and John Paul (3). Karen is enjoying the hectic pace at home and is completing her tenth year on the Asbury Theological Seminary Board of Trustees. • **Jim & Sheila Wierenga** and their 6 children, **Rob '86 & Carol (Meier '88) Sisson** and their 5 children and **Dean '86 & Alicyn (Jacobus '86) Amman** and their 4 children recently gathered for a reunion in Isle of Palms, S.C., where they rented a home for the whole clan for a week. The theme of the week was "14 Years and 15 Kids Later ..." referring to their first



"14 Years and 15 Kids Later ..." (TU Reunion)

reunion in 1990 when there were no children among them!

1988

Todd & Leigh (Hammond) Carlson are excited about the opening of Carlson Architecture, Ltd. in Palatine, Ill. E-mail is leighannecarlson@yahoo.com. • **Philip & Pam Herman** joyfully announce the birth of Nathanael Timothy on Nov. 3, 2003; siblings are Josiah (9), Matthias (6) and Abigail (5). Philip is the executive director of the Greater Wheeling Area Youth Outreach, an after-school mentoring and tutoring program. He is also a youth pastor working with unchurched young people in a ministry called The Way to Him/"Club 550." The family resides in Arlington Heights, Ill. E-mail is pherman2@juno.com. • **Jennifer (Diller) Knarr** moved with children Charles (7) and Rachel (5) to Ft. Wayne, Ind. Jenny is a senior consultant for

a scrapbooking company. E-mail is cmjennk@verizon.net. • **John & Sharlene (Ehresman) Kozlowski** live in Ossineke, Mich., with children John (10), Jacob (8), Emily (6) and Joshua (2). John is active duty Air Natl. Guard, and Sharlene is happily at home with the children; she would love to hear from her TU family! • **Joseph & Becky (Shannon) Leija** are the proud parents of Jayden Samuel born Aug. 30, 2004. Joseph is employed by Vineyard Church of Columbus, Ohio, and Becky works part-time at the American Heart Assoc. The family resides in Newark, Ohio. E-mail is becky.leija@heart.org. • **Shelley (Rogers) Maze**

works with special needs preschoolers in Greenwood, Ind. Daughter Emma is (6). Shelley would enjoy hearing from her TU friends. E-mail is egsmaze@spitfire.net. • **Scot & Karen (Hollars) Shelburne** celebrate the arrival of Lauren Elyse on Sept. 10, 2004. Their home is very busy with sisters Stephanie (9), Sarah (6) and Emily (3). The family lives in Rocky Mount, N.C., where Scot serves as the senior pastor of Falls Road Baptist Church. E-mail is keshelb@cox.net.

1989

Mike & Carolyn (Schumacher) Aragon joyfully welcomed Lisa into their family on July 23, 2004; she joins siblings Michael (9), Anne (8), Jonathan (6) and Sarah (3). They are continuing their ministry to the Spanish-speaking community in the south suburbs of the Twin Cities, Calif., where Mike is the pastor of Iglesia Vida Nueva. E-mail is mqaragon@aol.com. • **Beth Benjamin** married Michael Peterman on June 5, 2004. TU participants were **David Benjamin '90** and **John Benjamin '93**; the bride's parents are Robert & Marcia Benjamin, both Taylor employees. The couple resides



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in Hobart, Ind. E-mail is petermanclass@hobart.k12.in.us. • **Bob & Kristin (Short '96) Bragg** announce the birth of Jacob Michael on July 15. The family lives in Noblesville, Ind. • **Lee & Lisa Brookshire** live in Converse, Ind., where Lee continues to work as the maintenance supervisor at Daimler Chrysler. Children are Willis (13), Miranda (11) and Sydney (9). E-mail is lb60@daimlerchrysler.com.



David Moellering '89

• **David Moellering** has been named dir. of business development at APAC, Inc., a transportation, construction and design company. • **Troy & Katie (Hardin x'90) Mounsey** have relocated to Lansing, Mich., where Troy works with Accident Fund Insurance Co of America. Daughters are Megan (10) and Callie (8). E-mail is troymounsey@juno.com. •



Stacey '89 and Rebecca Peters

Stacey Peters married Rebecca Arnold in Richmond, Ind. on May 29, 2004. TU participants were **Carey Peters '84, Chad Peters '91, Rod Gerig, Brian Peters '88, Roger Golden, Troy Mounsey, David Woodring, Darren Nyce '90, Frank**

Downing, Melanie (Golden '95) Munn, Brenda (Golden '86) Miller and Whitney (Cross '01) Mires. The couple lives in Plainfield, Ind., where Stacey teaches math at Plainfield HS, and Rebecca is a dental hygienist.

1990

Russ & **Linda (Sechrist) Bottom** are the proud parents of Jasmine Sarah born May 19, 2004. Russ is assistant state's attorney for Macon County in Decatur, Ill. E-mail is lindaandblackie@wmconnect.com. • **Richard Crist** was named president of Rutter Communications Network, a TV advertising firm specializing in local and regional cable and video/film production. Richard lives in Muncie, Ind., with wife **Jackie (McClure)** and daughters Katy (9) and Kelsey (6). Jackie works part-time as an associate financial rep with Northwestern Mutual. E-mail is rcrist@rutter.net. • **Shawn & Susan Denny** reside in Silver Spring, Md., where Shawn is senior web developer for TRX, Inc. E-mail is shawn@metatropolis.com. • **Cecil Ferguson** works as a trust officer for UBS Trustee Ltd. He, wife Jacqueline and son Caleb (6) live in Nassau, Bahamas. E-mail is ccaleb@coralwave.com. • **Mike & Susan (Konold) Hatcher** have moved to Aptos, Calif., with their children Brenna (8), Wesley (6) and twins Daniel and Matthew (3). Mike is in produce sales, and Susan teaches piano lessons part-time while home with the kids. • After 4 years, **B.J. & Lisa (LeMasters '91) Thomsen** will be returning from Bangladesh and living in Indianapolis, Ind., for a year beginning this summer. E-mail is thomsen@aob.globalctg.net.

1991

Sean & Cassie (Thompson) Cogburn live in Westerville, Ohio, with children Kayla (8), Camden (6) and Owen (2). Sean is a director with Bank One/JP Morgan, and Cassie loves being a stay-at-home mom. • **Mike &**

Michelle **Kooistra** celebrated the birth of Megan Elizabeth on May 26, 2004. Megan was 12 weeks premature, weighing only 2 lbs. 11 oz., but she is doing wonderfully. They now have 2 boys and 2 girls. The family lives in Auburn, Ind. • **Scott Kooistra** is a U.S. Navy Dental Corps Officer currently stationed at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. E-mail is kooistra@hargray.com. • **John & Cara (Meinert) Langford** are thrilled to announce the birth



The Langford Family

of Megan Marie born July 30, 2004. Brothers are Ryan (5) and Nathan (2). The family lives in Indianapolis, Ind. E-mail is jbh-homey@sbcglobal.net. • **Mike & Kristen Robertson** announce the birth of Kellie Eloise on Nov. 29, 2004; brothers are Troy (8) and Jack (4). After a short stint with the federal government (DEA), Mike went back to his position as a beat cop in the Philadelphia, Pa., region. Mike requests prayer to soften the hearts of many of his co-workers who have been calloused by the everyday tragedies seen while on the job. • **Michael & Angela**



The Ryg Family

Ryg are the proud parents of Jonathan Richard born July 28, 2004. Siblings are Leah (4) and Joshua (2). Michael continues to work at Quality CAD, and Angie enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. The couple resides in Arlington Heights, Ill. • **Matt & Leigh (Evink) Theunick** live in Big Rapids, Mich., where Leigh is a student services rep at Ferris State Univ. E-mail is mattandleighann@yahoo.com. • **Andrew & Jane (Sikkenga) Wesner** reside in Grand Haven, Mich., where Andrew owns a boutique investment advisory firm, Pinnacle Investment Group, LLC. Daughters are Elizabeth (5) and Emily (3). E-mail is andrew.wesner@lpl.com.

1992

Stan & Amy Couch have moved to Midland, Mich., where Stan is a doctor of chiropractic at Simmons Specific Chiropractic. Their children are Stevi (12) and Jacob (10). E-mail is coucha@sbcglobal.net. • **Ken**



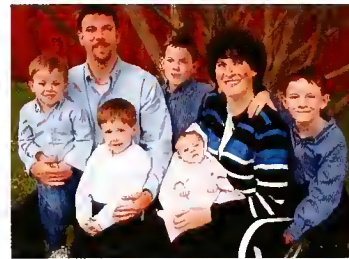
The Kytta Family

& **Kristin (Miller) Kytta** have moved back to upper Michigan after 12½ yrs. in Minneapolis, Minn. Sons are Karsten (6), Kurtis (4) and Kolson (2). They would love to hear from their TU friends. E-mail is kkytta@juno.com. • **Kenji & Sharon (Delp '94) Matsudo** joyfully announce the birth of Justin Thomas on Sept. 14, 2004; he joins Braden (2). Kenji is the principal of Sycamore HS, and Sharon has a home-based special event consulting business staying home with the children. The family lives in Maineville, Ohio. E-mail is sharonmatsudo@yahoo.com. •



The Neu Family

Jeffrey & Becky (Franz) Neu have moved to Boiling Springs, S.C. Jeff is director of program service with Upward, a ministry that partners with churches in youth sports outreach. They are thankful for the arrival of Ashley Megan on June 23, 2004. Brothers are Jacob (3) and Joshua (8). E-mail is neu5@earthlink.com. • **Steve & Libby (Inlow '93) Newton** are pleased to



The Newton Family

announce the birth of Adrienne Ruth on Sept. 21, 2004. Proud brothers are Silas (2), Cobey (4), Daniel (6) and Caleb (6). The family lives in Spartanburg, S.C., and would love to hear from fellow TU alumni! E-mail is stevenlibby@access4less.net. • **Miriam Scott** is a senior administrator for Pictet Bank & Trust Company in Nassau, Bahamas. E-mail is mirmscott321@hotmail.com. • **Maj. Daniel Seibel** has returned from a deployment supporting Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan. In July 2004 he was assigned as a student at the Marine Corps Univ Command and Staff College for the 2004-05 academic year. E-mail is seibz@hotmail.com. • **Dave & Cassandra (Edgecombe '88) Smith** live in Nassau, Bahamas. E-mail is dash_smith@hotmail.com. • **Jason &**

Alida (Stark) Stelman now live in Woodinville, Wash. They are the proud parents of Ainsley Elizabeth born Aug. 26, 2004. E-mail is a.stelman@cox.net. • **Kerry & Jessica (Trobaugh x) Temple** joyfully announce the birth of triplets Pike Owen, Finn Paxton and Kinsey Noel on Aug. 6, 2004. They are thankful that all are healthy and home! The family lives in South Bend, Ind. E-mail is thunderstorm@att.net.

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Chris & Jill Balkema were blessed by the birth of Max Thomas on Sept. 28, 2004; brother is Luke (3). The family lives in Peoria, Ill., where Chris is employed by Caterpillar. • **Jon & Lisa (Gallagher) Beck** joyfully announce the birth of Jon David Christian in June 2004; he joins James (10), Ashley (8) and Danelle (5). The family lives in Noblesville, Ind. E-mail is lisabeck@insightbb.com. • **John & Jennifer (Barrett) Benjamin** are the parents of Nathan Joel born July 31, 2004; he was welcomed by his brother Joshua (6) and proud grandparents Robert (TU prof.) & Marcia (TU education dept secretary) Benjamin. John recently completed his certification as a project management professional. The family lives in Carmel, Ind. E-mail is jjab@indy.net. • **Ken & Jennifer (Lambert) Burkhart** reside in Napoleon, Ohio,



The Burkhart Family

where Ken is a hay farmer and stay-at-home dad to Andrew (6), David (4) and Rebecca born August 22, 2004. Jennifer teaches 1st grade. E-mail is jenandkenb@peoplepc.com. • **Tim & Michelle DeLaughter**

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The DeLaughter Family

joyfully announce the birth of Zeke Elliott on Aug. 29, 2004; he joins brother Ian (3). • **Ken & Rebecca (Bowman '94) McFarland** have returned to Louisville, Ky., where Rebecca started a medical practice, and Ken is an independent financial planner. Children are Alexander (4) and Ethan (1). • **Steve & Jennifer Roggenbaum** are enjoying the blessings of 3 wonderful boys; Aiden (5), Landen (2) and Michael (1). They live in Grand Rapids, Mich., where Steve is in sales for Action Fabricators, a manufacturing company, and Jen is a stay-at-home mom. • **Matthew & Joy (Pearson) Snell** reside in Neb. with daughters Ashley (5)



The Snell Family

and Abigail (1). Matthew is the pastor of Keene Evangelical Free Church. He recently rode his bicycle across Nebraska (502 miles) on a solo charity ride to raise awareness and funds for two non-profit organizations. E-mail is called2him@alltel.net. • **David & Janet Wehrle** thank God for the continued healing of Gabriel (5). He has been decannulated and no longer needs a tracheotomy to breathe. His twin Elliot (5) and brother Nathaniel (3) are doing great too! David is pastor of First

UMC, Mt. Ephraim, N.J., and Janet is ministry coordinator. • **Gordy & Candice (Tabb) Wilhite** announce the birth of Catherine Mae on Aug. 19, 2004. Siblings are Andrew (6), Lilly (4) and Tabb (2). The family lives in Aurora, Colo., where Gordy works for CNL Securities Corp.

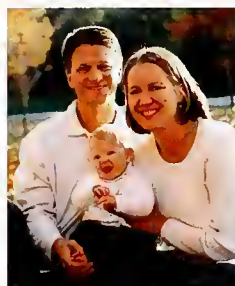


The Wilhite Family

E-mail is gordywilhite@hotmail.com.

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Philip Beaverson recently opened a physical therapy practice in Fishers, Ind. He & wife Dawn praise God for their children Eli (4) and Audrey (1). E-mail is snoskinutt@aol.com.



The Bird Family

• **Dan & Jennifer (Shaner '96) Bird** joyfully announce the birth of Lily Delayne on Apr. 25, 2004. The family lives in Plymouth, Mich. •



The Hickok Family

Clif & Michelle (Greenawalt) Hickok have completed their master's degrees; Clif from DePaul Univ and Shelley from Loyola Univ Chicago. Clif is a production advisor at AVON. Their children are Jillian (3) and Brianna (1). The family lives in Hoffman Estates, Ill. • **Eric Jentes** married Laurie Melson in Haddon Heights, N.J. on Dec. 4, 2004. The couple resides in N.J., where Eric is a physical therapist/manager and



Eric '94 & Laurie Jentes

Laurie is a TV producer/writer in Philadelphia, Penn. **Dan Jentes '97** and **Christy Jentes '98** were in the wedding. Eric's parents are **John '71 & Joy (Pence '71) Jentes**. • **Michael & Annie (Banner) Musick** have moved from the Chicago, Ill., area to Nashville, Tenn. Annie is thankful to God for 10 years seizure-free, for her husband and for daughters Bethany (3), Addison (2) and Mia Joy (1). She would love to hear from her TU friends! E-mail is annie@reallybigcity.com. • **Ryan & Stephanie (Smith) Martin** announce the birth of Thomas Ryan on Mar. 26, 2004; he joins Tucker (6) and Anna (3). The family lives in Woodstock, Ga. • **JD & Christan (Hibschman '95) Perona** are the thankful parents of Kharis Brynn born Oct. 20, 2003; she joins Clayton (3). JD is the middle school athletic director at Westminster Christian Academy and also the head varsity football coach and assistant varsity baseball coach. Christan works part-time as an adoption social worker with Bethany Christian Services. E-mail is jdchristan@juno.com. • **Erik & April (Swanson '95)**

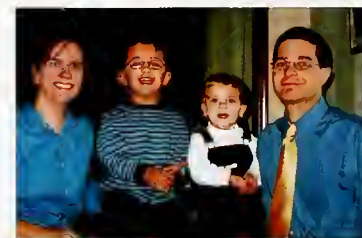


The Sechrist Family

Sechrist are proud to announce the birth of Brady Allen on May 21, 2004; sister Nicole is 5. Erik is employed at Forest River and April is loan officer/VP of United Credit Union. The family lives in Etna Green, Ind. • **Chris & Christina (Fox) Knoderer** reside in Eules, Tex. Christina is director of quality management at Kindred Hospital Walnut Hill. E-mail is clkknoderer@hotmail.com.

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Gerrit & Carrie (Bauer '96) Ayers are happy to announce the birth of Gerrit Austin on Aug. 2, 2004; big sister Audrey is 1. The family lives in Tacoma, Wash. E-mail is gncayers@comcast.net. • **Ted & Joy (Noe '97) Carpenter** are the proud parents of Mitchell James (1) and Jayden (4). •



The Carpenter Family

Todd (Piggott) & Dawn (Burns) Comer gratefully announce the birth of Elliot Todd on June 24, 2004. Dawn is a visiting assistant professor in the English department at Albion College; Todd is completing his PhD in literature at Michigan State Univ. • **Mark Goddard** married Daretta Roller on Sept. 19, 2004 in Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif. Taylor participants were **Eric Goddard '99** and **Jason Huff**. Mark is a software developer for Networks in Motion, Inc. E-mail is mark@goddardfamily.net. • **Mark & Amy (Boothe)**

Mays live with daughter Abby (2) in Ft. Wayne, Ind., where Mark has a ministry position with ACMC (Advancing Churches in Mission Commitment). E-mail is markmays@acmc.org. • **Jared & Tammy (Upton '96) Smith** have moved to Vernon Hills, Ill. Jared is the associate pastor at Village Church of Lincolnshire, and



The Smith Family

Tammy is dir of social services at a nursing home. E-mail is jntsmith@prodigy.net. • **Nathan & Lisa (Skiles '96) Smith** welcomed Zachary Isaac on May 30, 2004; he joins Cameron (3). Nathan is in charge of media and communications at New Hope Community Church in Bryan, Ohio, while Lisa is chief caretaker of the boys. E-mail is nsmith@crossmarkdesign.com. • **Mark & Kathy (Kenworthy) Wilson** returned to Germany in August 2004 where Mark is director of operational vision for Malachi Ministries. Their children are Abby (4) and Samuel (2). E-mail is markkathw@t-online.de.

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Tim & Jennifer (Hecker x) Anderson announce the addition of Elijah Mussio into their family on Oct. 2, 2004; brothers are Alex (17) and Jack (5). The family has moved to Brentwood, Calif. • **Cory & Heather (Ellison '97) Beck** live in Schaumburg, Ill., with Allison (3) and Kendall (1). E-mail is corybeck@rocketmail.com. • **Natalie (Stanislaw) Cherbaka** received her PhD in industrial and systems engineering from Virginia Tech in December 2004. She & husband Mark live in Blacksburg, Va. E-mail

is natandchew@yahoo.com. • **Patricia Dugan** may be reached by e-mail pdugan74@isp.com. • **Heather Finstad** married Chris



Chris & Heather (Finstad '96) Sawdon

Sawdon on June 26, 2004. The couple met in the Philippines where they hope to return as missionaries with Word of Life. E-mail is heathersawdon@wol.org. • **Michael & Marla (Miller) Folkerts** reside in Holland, Ohio, where Michael is a full-time nursing student at Mercy College, and Marla is director of admissions/marketing at the Lutheran Home. She plans to begin RN studies in 2005. E-mail is mfolkerts@sbcglobal.net. • **Brad & Melynie (Coté) Hall** have moved from the east coast to the west coast. Brad is an AF pilot who is stationed at McChord AFB and flying C-17's. Daughters are Baileigh (3) and Mckenna (1). E-mail is baileigh1@msn.com. • **John &**



The Harrill Family

Christa Harrill are happy to announce the arrival of Elias Michael on Aug. 10, 2004; he joins Aysia (3) and Siane (2). The family continues to work in Mainland China. E-mail is christajohn@yahoo.com. • **Laura (Zerkle) Kierspel**

lives in Louisville, Ky., with husband Lars who is a doctoral student at Southern Baptist Seminary. Laura teaches HS chorus and piano and plays in a flute quartet at church. E-mail is lkierspel1@juno.com.



John & Elizabeth (Kroeze '96) Witkowski

• **Elizabeth Kroeze** married John Witkowski on May 31, 2004. Elizabeth teaches ESL, and John is a director at Stryker Orthopedics. Involved in the wedding from TU were **Martha Louise (Flectwood x'92) Manko**, **Eric Manko '91**, **Vonda (Swinborne) Rankin**, **Ed Rankin '97**, **Natalie (Galbo) Charbonneau**, **Jesse Kroeze '03**, **Allison (Horsey '94) Cochran** and **Craig Cochran '94**. The couple lives in Blooming Grove, N.Y. E-mail is ekroeze18@hotmail.com. • **David & Dana (Hunt '98) McGinness** joyfully announce the birth of Claudia Shalom on Aug. 20, 2004. Sister Lydia is 2. David teaches Spanish at North Central HS in Indianapolis, Ind. E-mail is dmegin8303@aol.com. • **David & Michelle (Graber) McKnight** are the proud parents of Jonathan Andrew born on Nov. 1, 2004. The family lives in Indianapolis, Ind. where Michelle is a salesperson for Carpenter Realtors. E-mail is mmcknight@carpentergmac.com. • **Dave & Joy (Telego '97) McWhinnie** welcomed Maggie Grace into their family in March 2004; she joins brother Cole (2). Dave is development dir and varsity basketball coach for Toledo Christian Schools, and Joy enjoys being a full-time mom. • **Eric & Missy Moyer** are

grateful for daughters Emmy, born October 2003, and Anna Grace, adopted from Guatemala in December 2003. Eric finished his PhD at Univ of Kentucky and is now an assistant professor at Lee Univ. E-mail is eamoyen@yahoo.com. • **Gretchen Newhouse** married James Berns on July 24, 2004. TU participants were **Heidi (Love '89) Newhouse**, **Shawn (Mulder '90) Newhouse**, **Peter Newhouse '91**, **Micah Newhouse '93** and **Jabin Newhouse '03**. Gretchen is a professor at the Univ of Wisconsin



James & Gretchen (Newhouse '96) Berns

LaCrosse, and James is a school teacher. The couple lives in Onalaska, Wis. • **Todd & Carrie Norris** reside in Memphis, Tenn., with children Caleb (3) and Hannah (1). Todd is assistant director of admissions at Indiana Univ Southeast. E-mail is toddandcarrie@netzero.net. • **Jill Petersen** is a missionary in Quito, Ecuador, and will remain as a teacher of HS English at the Alliance Academy for the next 3 years. E-mail is jillpetersen@msn.com. • **Elan & Rani Rajamani** have moved to Bloomington, Ind., where Elan is the branch director for Int'l Friendship Ministries which reaches out to international students with the gospel. Children are Mark (6), Hannah (4) and Luke (1). E-mail is elanrani@email.com.

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• **Kristen Smith** married Andy Streepey on June 5, 2004. They live in Chicago, Ill. • **Kenyon & Laurie (Hunderfund) Sweeney** announce the birth of Andrew Kenyon on Oct. 26, 2004; he joins Brendan (4) and Cameron (2). The family resides in Park City, Utah, where



The Sweeney Family

Kenyon works for Sanofi-Aventis Pharmaceuticals, and Laurie is home with the boys. E-mail is sweeneystuff@cmcpc.net.



The Averill Family

1997

Mike & Jen (Hendrickson) Averill are the proud parents of Seth (1) and Katelyn (3). The family lives in Monroe, N.C. E-mail is mikeandjen@carolina.rr.com. • **Alex Brenneman**



Alex '97 & Erica Brenneman

married Erica Lee on Apr. 5, 2003. The couple lives

in Elkhart, Ind. E-mail is maplecrestfarms@msn.com.

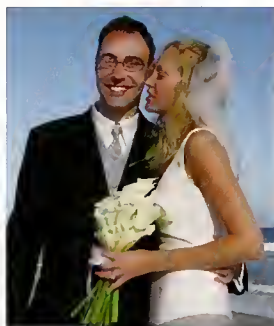
• **Amy Cobb** married Craig Strowig on Oct. 9, 2004. They live in Colgate, Wis. E-mail is amyleighc77@aol.com. • **Dan Jentes** married Becky Pasco New Year's Eve 2004 in Ashland, Ohio. Dan, a Marine Sgt., had just returned from ten months in Iraq. The couple resides in Mansfield, Ohio. Dan's parents are **John '71 & Joy (Pence '71) Jentes**. • **Ben & Julie (Smallwood) Little** live in Buena Vista, Colo., where Julie teaches at Darren Patterson Christian Academy. Son Malachi is 2. E-mail is julielit@hotmail.com. • **Galen & Laura (Mailand) Zimmerman** announce the birth of Mailand Paige on Dec. 10, 2004. The family lives in Lewisville, Texas where Galen is a teacher and coach. E-mail is zimmermang@lisd.net.



Dan '97 & Becky Jentes

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Susannah Berke married Damon McClain on Aug. 30,



Damon & Susannah (Berke '98) McClain

2003 on Hatteras Island, N.C. Susannah recently graduated from Temple Univ School of Medicine and is currently an internal medicine resident at Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, Va. Damon is a physician with the U.S. Navy. E-mail is susannahmcclain@yahoo.com. •



The Cloud Family

Brandon & **Carrie (Hartley) Cloud** joyfully announce the arrival of Grace Elizabeth on Sept. 3, 2004. The family lives in Sharpsville, Ind. • **Janette**



Brandon & Janette (Cox '98) Griffith

Cox married Brandon Griffith on July 17, 2004, in Ft. Wayne, Ind. **Rebecca Wheeler '99** was a participant. The couple resides in Goshen, Ind. E-mail is janette_griffith@yahoo.com. • **Jeffrey & Heather**



The Diller Family

(**Roberts**) **Diller** live in Atlanta, Ga. Although Heather is mainly at home with son Preston (1), she still does some marketing consulting. E-mail is dillerh@bellsouth.net. • **Alex & Tricia Falder** live in Sewickley,

Pa. Alex is assoc. dir. of student ministries at Christ Church at Grove Farm. • **Rukshan & Jody**



The Fernando Family

(**Wiley**) **Fernando** recently moved from the DC suburbs to Upland, Ind., where Rukshan teaches in the TU social work dept. Daughter Maia is 2. Look them up when you're on campus!

• **Nate Grubaugh** continues to teach at Detroit Country Day School. He lives with wife Christie in Livonia, Mich. E-mail is ngrubaugh@dcds.edu. • **Megan Linton** married Derek Rund on Dec. 13, 2003. TU participant was **Leslie (Clarke '99) Royer**. Derek is studying industrial design at the Univ of Cincinnati, and Megan is a contract employee for the Air Force doing graphic design, copywriting and project



Derek & Megan (Linton '98) Rund

support. The couple lives in Centerville, Ohio. E-mail is derek_megan@yahoo.com.

• **Keith & Jawn (Kunkle) Merillat** welcomed Chloe Ann and Karissa Noel on July 2, 2004; they joined brother Kale (2). The family lives in Edgerton, Ohio. • **Dallas & Melissa (Albury) Roberts** reside in Nassau, Bahamas, where Melissa is the owner of DMR World Wide. Their children are

Isaac (3) and Sarah (1). E-mail is dmroberts@bww.com. • Craig



The Tamlyn Family

& **Stephanie (Balyo) Tamlyn** are the proud parents of Heath born May 22, 2004; he joins brother Jack (3). The family lives in Grandville, Mich. E-mail is ctamlyn_3@hotmail.com.

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Jonathan & Veronica (Loss '00) Coombs along with Lydia (1) have arrived in Indonesia where they will be spending the next year learning the national language. • **Owen & Staci (Klutz) Cooper** are



The Cooper Family

the proud parents of Joseph Owen born Feb. 15, 2005. Sister Virginia is 2. The family lives in Minneapolis, Minn. • **Robert & Nicole (Bragg) Geiger-Pergem** joyfully announce the



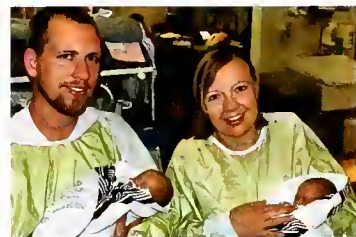
The Geiger-Pergem Family

birth of Delana Joy on Nov. 23,

2004. • **Rob & Jenny Hayworth** are thankful for the birth of son Grant on May 25, 2004. The family resides in Ft. Wayne, Ind. • **Terrance & Jacqueline (Hanna '00) Johnson** live in Pensacola, Fla., with children Terrance (3) and Timotheus (2). Terrance works for Mold-Ex, Inc. as a sales forecast analyst. E-mail is tmjohnson28@yahoo.com.

• **Derek Lay** married Megan Knudsen on June 11, 2004. Derek works as a speech and theatre instructor and admin intern in St. Charles, Mo. E-mail is derek_megan2004@yahoo.com.

• **Ryan & Laurie (Dunkerton) Mitchell** were blessed with the birth of Cade Ryan on Aug. 17, 2004; he joins Madeline (3). The family lives in Naples, Fla., where Ryan is a teacher and coach at Barron Collier HS. E-mail is themitchells6@juno.com. • **Alisha Niswander** continues to reside in Park City, Utah, where she owns and operates Mountain Vista Touring, an adventure company. E-mail is akniswander@hotmail.com. • **Nick & Molly (Pangborn '00) Pastermack** joyfully announce the birth of Ineka Grace on Sept. 4, 2004. The family lives in Indianalantic, Fla. E-mail is pastermack@juno.com. • **Chris & Kim (Snow '94) Robey** live in Enid, Okla., where Chris was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in USAF in December 2004. Chris is attending undergraduate pilot training at Vance AFB. E-mail



The Stiansen Family

is chris@robey.com. • **Dave & Shelley (Gibbs) Stiansen** are the proud parents of Alayna Joy and Elizabeth Georgia born June 8, 2004. The family lives in Indianapolis, Ind. • **Scott & Regan (Beck) Stuckey** announce the arrival of Leah Renee born Nov. 8, 2004; she joins Caroline (2). E-mail is regan.stuckey@verizon.net.

Marrying military men

How two alumnae unexpectedly became friends

Melynie (Cote '96) Hall lived on First East Olson for three years, yet she never met Kathy (Anderson '97) Fields who was a three-year resident of Second Center Olson. Both women were PAs their sophomore years and had mutual friends, but they don't recall ever crossing paths. Little did they know they would become close friends years after their Taylor experiences.

After graduating from Taylor, Melynie moved to Colorado Springs, Colo., to work at Focus on the Family, where she met Brad Hall, an Air Force cadet. She left Focus on the Family to get married in 1997.

By the time Melynie left her position, Kathy also moved to Colorado and worked at Focus on the Family in 1999. While there, Kathy met Bill Fields, also an Air Force cadet, and the two were married in 1999.

In 2004, Bill and Brad met while training together for the Air Force in Oklahoma. They quickly discovered that both of their wives were Taylor alumni. The two women finally met when both of their husbands were assigned to McChord Air Force Base in Tacoma, Wash., as C-17 Globemaster pilots.

Kathy and Melynie now live only three miles apart and get together for meals and "play dates" while their husbands are away. Kathy and Bill have two boys, Ivan, 2 1/2, and Grant, 11 months. Melynie and Brad have two girls, Baileigh, 7, and McKenna, 17 months.

"Developing a friendship with Kathy has been a great source of support and encouragement. We understand each other's situation," said Melynie. "We laugh all the time at the fact that despite our years at Taylor together and our moves to Colorado, it took marrying military men and moving thousands of miles away to meet each other and become friends."

—Kerry Porter '06

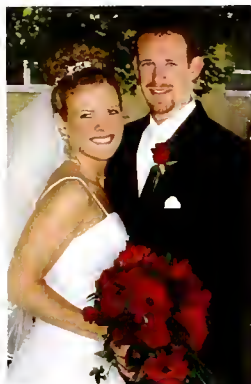


Pictured left to right: Kathy with Ivan and Grant, Melynie with McKenna and Baileigh.

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2000

LeAnne Alt is the general manager of Estero Island Resorts in Ft. Myers Beach, Fla. E-mail is leannealt@hotmail.com. • **Erin Amerson** is the assistant director of residence life at Hanover College. E-mail is eamerson@juno.com. • **Kevin & Devon (Trevarrow '01) Flaherty** are the proud parents of Windsor Grey born in November 2004. The family lives in Durham, N.C. E-mail is kevinandforth@gmail.com. • **Cameron & Heather (Pritchard) Gaither** live in Racine, Wis., with daughter Lauren (1). Cameron works in financial services. • **Lana Habegger** and **Jared Hart** were married on



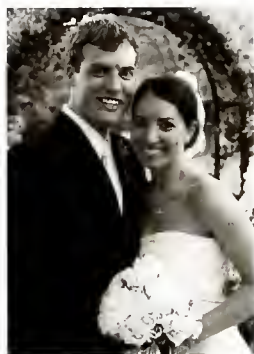
Jared & Lana (Habegger '00) Hart

June 26, 2004, in Morton, Ill. TU participants were **Sandy (Hubley) Duncan**, **Gretchen (Hart) Stanley**, **Brad Habegger '02**, **LeAnne Alt** and **Scott Badgcrow TUFW '95**. Lana teaches 1st grade, and Jared is a HS math teacher. They reside in Bloomington, Ill. • **Elizabeth Hamilton** married **Jerod De Jong** on May 24, 2003, in Knoxville, Tenn. TU participants were **Erin Pickett**, **Torrey Barger**, **Jacqui (Cates) Huxford** and **Jennifer Gast x'99**. The couple lives in Albuquerque, N.M. E-mail is jerodandliz@hotmail.com. • **Jill Hess** married **Nathan Smith** on July 17, 2004. TU participants were **Jennifer Hess '02**, **Jessica (Cook) Brown** and **Nathan Reynolds (TU grad student)**. The couple lives in Syracuse, Ind. E-mail is jill_hess17@yahoo.com. • **Marissa**



Nathan & Jill (Hess '00) Smith

Kostelny and Wes Covert were married on May 22, 2004, in Park Ridge, Ill. TU participants



Wes '00 & Marissa (Kostelny '00) Covert

included **Lindsay (Kostelny '98) Keyes**, **Amber (Kostelny '02) Cussen**, **Ben Flagel**, **Chris Masek**, **Alina Bond**, **Matt & Ariana (Rosado) Guilford**, **Rob & Melissa (Miller) Gausmann** and **Maggie (Salladay) Webster '01**. The couple has moved from Hartford, Conn., to 6246 W Peterson Ave, Chicago, IL 60646. E-mail is wes_covert@yahoo.com. • **James Kutnow** is the director of student life at Tri-State Univ. He resides in Ft. Wayne, Ind. with wife **Erin (Johnson '99)** and children **Ana (2)** and **Simon (1)**. E-mail is nutkow@hotmail.com. • **Tabitha Mainger** married **Philip Hoyle** on July 5, 2003. The couple resides in Springfield, Va. E-mail is hoyle_t@yahoo.com. • **Christopher & Pamela (Coulter '01)**



Philip & Tabitha (Mainger '00) Hoyle

Russell joyfully announce the birth of son **Aryon Christopher** on Oct. 8, 2004. Christopher is a software engineer with Lockheed Martin. The family lives in Browns Mills, N.J. E-mail is tayloru@therussellhome.us.



The Russell Family

• **Tonya Strubhar and Mark Hammond TUFW '97** were married on August 22, 2004. The couple won a contest for a \$20,000 "wedding of a lifetime," with footage of the whole plan-



Mark TUFW '97 & Tonya (Strubhar '00) Hammond

ning process and ceremony airing on WANE TV (CBS affiliate). TU participants were **Mike Hammond '92**, **Dawn (Strubhar '96) Rogers**, **Cheri Vanderploeg '99**, **Courtney Taylor '02** and **Michelle Gettman**. Mark is the city life recreation director with Youth for Christ and Tonya is the marketing communications and special programs coordinator at TUFW. E-mail is inhammond@taylor.edu. • **Tiffany Sutton** has moved to Boca Raton,

Fla., and would love to hear from fellow TU alumni. E-mail is tiffanysutton@hotmail.com.

• **Stephanie Vandenberg** married **Dan Kroll** on Sept. 11, 2004. The couple lives in Grand Rapids, Mich., where Stephanie is

employed at Grand Valley State Univ as AmeriCorps VISTA. Stephanie recently received her M.Ed. degree. E-mail is krolls@gvsu.edu. • **Christine Whitney** married **Tim Toriz** on July 26, 2003. Christine is completing law school, and Tim is a pilot for Chaparral Jet



Tim & Christine (Whitney '00) Toriz

Center. They live in Lubbock, Texas.

2001

Ed Cyzewski recently received his MDiv from Biblical Theology Seminary. He & wife **Julie** reside in Doylestown, Pa. • **Ryan & Kimberly (Adams) Drew** live in Lafayette, N.J., where Ryan is pastor of youth at Sparta Evangelical Free Church. Daughter **Abigail** is 4. E-mail is rtdrew@juno.com. • **Todd & Rebecca (DeGeyer) Eaker** live in Atlanta, Ga. Rebecca recently earned an MA and is



Todd & Rebecca (DeGeyter '01) Eaker

a counselor at an alternative school. • **Christopher Hill** lives in Chicago where he works as an analyst for Lake Capital. E-mail is chill@lakecapital.com. • **Erin Hutton** recently graduated from the Univ of Iowa and is now working as a physician assistant in internal medicine in Jefferson City, Mo. E-mail is erin_hutton@hotmail.com. • **Julie Lutkevich** married Ben Armev on July 19, 2003. TU participants were **Heather Lorimor, Jami (Miller '81) Kinzer, Mark Kinzer '78 and Scott Dean '90**. Ben is a mechanical engineer with Mussett,



Ben & Julie (Lutkevich '01) Armev

Nicholas and Associates. Julie teaches orchestra at Pike HS in Indianapolis, Ind., and is the director of worship at Crossroads Community Church. E-mail is benandjulie@insightbb.com. • **John & Laura (Bays) McConda** are the thankful



The McConda Family

parents of Autumn Constance born June 14, 2004. The family lives in Schaumburg, Ill. E-mail is lbayes01@hotmail.com. • **Scott & Nicole (Stavis) McDermid** live in Westfield, Ind. Nicole is a student nurse at The Indiana Heart Hospital; she's anticipating graduation this spring. E-mail is nicolemcdermid@yahoo.com. • **Laura Rosenwinkel** may be reached by e-mail at laurarosenwinkel@yahoo.com. • **Chris & Robin (Miller '02) Seah** live in Glenside, Pa. Robin is employed at Westminster Theological Seminary as the coordinator for student affairs.

2002

Erin Diffin married Jami Brighty on Apr. 10, 2004, in Havertown, Pa. TU participants were **Ed Diffin '00, Elizabeth Diffin '05, Kent '99 & Regan (Hunt) Thompson and Bethany (Suriano) Rea**. Erin teaches third grade at McKenzie



Jami & Erin (Diffin '02) Brighty

Elementary School. The couple resides in Schaumburg, Ill. E-mail is erdiffin@hotmail.com. • **Jonathan & Karen (Phelps) Foster** live in Hiawatha, Iowa. E-mail is jonathanandkaren@hotmail.com. • TU alumni had a mini reunion on July 4, 2004, in Evanston, Ill. Pictured are **Justin Kish, Kristy (Reed '01) Kish, Matt Johnson, Ryan Peterson, Virgil Hughes, Kate MacHarg, Megan Clark, Andy Flanigan, Mary Bolhuis, Dave Niffin x'03 and Mary Snow.**



2002 Mini - reunion

• **Julia Poppen and Robert Cosgrove '01** were wed on June 29, 2002. Julia received her master's of music from the



Robert '01 & Julia (Poppen '02) Cosgrove

New England Conservatory of Music and Robert works as a retirement plan administrator for Sentinel Benefits Group, Inc. They live in Beverly, Mass. • **Nick & Debbie (Douglass) Runyon** are currently living in Bozeman, Mont. They enjoy hanging out with TU alumni **Steve & Comfort (Coggins '03) Price** and the recently engaged **Aaron Bloss '03 and Jessie Huitsing '04**. Debbie is the regional administrator for Young Life of Gallitan County and Nick is a technical services team coordinator for Printingforless.com. E-mail is nick_runyon@yahoo.com. • **Matthew Scott** married Julia Vaccarello on July 3,

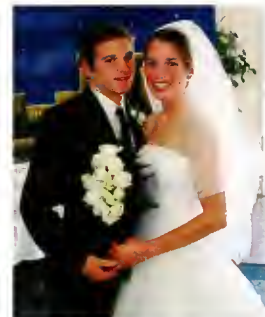


Matthew '02 & Julia Scott

2004, in Los Altos, Calif. TU participants were **Matthew Chapin, Chad VanHill, Daniel Kakish and Shaun Peters**. Matt works at Google, and Julia works in a special education classroom. The couple resides in northern California and can be contacted through e-mail at mattandjulia@gmail.com. • **Krista Vannoy** is currently volunteering with Project Evangelism in Northern Ireland through May 2005. E-mail is mt516@yahoo.com.

2003

Pamela Bayes is teaching at International School in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. E-mail is akapammer2@hotmail.com. • **Abby Cox** married **Noah Dennis '04** on Dec. 20, 2003, in Danville, Ind. In the wedding were **Jessica Dennis '06, Josh Dennis '02, Erik Wolgemuth '05, Kevin Middlesworth '05 and Tommy Grimm '04**. The couple resides in Wheaton, Ill., where they are both employed by Crossway Books.



Noah '04 & Abby (Cox '03) Dennis

E-mails are ndennis@gnpceb.org and adennis@gnpsbs.org. • **Joshua & Rachel (Bond '01) Dickinson** have moved to Grapevine, Texas. Joshua is a cost schedule analyst for Lockheed Martin. E-mail is joshua.dickinson@lmco.com. • **Katie Griswold** married **Adam Frank '05** on June 12, 2004. TU participants included **Paige Chapman, Jammie (Carretta) Shafer, Allison (Quick) Merrick, Jenny (Frank '00) Calfee, Stacie Jo Unger '04, Suzy Brandenberger '04, Mike Coleman '04, Zac Henderson '04, James Merrick '04, Ben**

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Calfee '00 and Tim Movido '04. The couple resides in



Adam '05 & Katie (Griswold '03) Frank

Kokomo, Ind. • **Sarah Klein** married **Kyle Satterblom** on Oct. 9, 2004, in Cincinnati, Ohio. TU participants were **Kevin Satterblom '07**, **Christine Reeve '06**, **Dave Hall**, **Christy (Freed '02) Hall**, **Phil "Beta" Stevens**, **Laura Ruehlman**, **Mandy (Woods) Cloud**, **Greg Wilson '05**, **Rebekah Davies '05** and **Nick Satterblom '04**. The couple resides in Rochester, Minn. Kyle is a research assistant, and Sarah is a child life specialist at Mayo Clinic. E-mail is kyandsarah@hotmail.com. • **Peter & Katie (Williamson) Longoria** live in Richmond, Texas. Katie works for Fort Bend Chamber of Commerce as director of membership marketing. E-mail is katie_7181@hotmail.com. • **Jenna Pashley** works for Word Made Flesh in Rio de Janeiro. E-mail is jenna.pashley@wordmadeflesh.com. • **Mark & Leslie (Bradford) Schepperley** reside in Fishers, Ind. Leslie is working for Enterprise Rent A Car. E-mail is mlschepperley@insightbb.com. • **Ashley Weaver** is teaching at Eagle Valley HS in Gypsum, Colo. E-mail is ashleyweaver@myway.com.

2004

Amy Baecker married **Wiley Burch** on Nov. 20, 2004. TU participants were **Krista Gordon '05**, **Meghan Onkst '05** and **Loralee Songer**. The couple lives in Hamilton, Ohio, where Amy is a graphic designer for COX Ohio Publishing, and



Wiley & Amy (Baecker '04) Burch

Wiley is a personal banker with JPMorgan Chase & Co. E-mail is aburch@fuse.net. • **Christina Barreras** married **Petrica Popovicu** on Mar. 6, 2004. Christina is a full-time graduate student at the Indiana Univ School of Dentistry. E-mail is cpopovic@iupui.edu. • **Tim Movido** is credit manager for Wells Fargo Financial. He lives in Winfield, IL. He would love to hear from his TU friends! E-mail is tim_movido@hotmail.com. • **Travis O'Neal** married **Jenni Lou Brunk** on Aug. 9, 2003. TU participants were **Todd Shumaker** and **Phil Kostaroff**. Travis & Jenni are currently serving as full-time



Travis '04 & Jenni O'Neal

foster parents to six teenage boys at Place of Hope, a ministry of Christ Fellowship Church in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. E-mail is travisoneal@hotmail.com.

2005

Abby Green x married **Adam Becker '04** on Dec. 10, 2004, in Noblesville, Ind. TU participants were **Matt Schramm '04**, **Josh Ritchie '04**, **Preston Cosgrove '04**, **Brad Yordy '05**, **Monique VanWaeyenberghe**, **Wesley x & Jessica (Miles '04) Green**, **Bonnie Green '07**, **Jammie (Carretta '03) Shafer**,

Paige Chapman '03, **Katie (Griswold '03) Frank**, **Jay Kesler '58** and **Kari (Knutson '73) Manganello**. Abby is the daughter of **Tom x'81 & Laurie (Kesler x'81) Green** and **Adam**



Adam '04 & Abby (Green x'05) Becker

is the son of **Dick '72 & Marsha (Corll '71) Becker**. Adam is director of marketing at Praxis Learning Networks while Abby works at Herman & Kittle Properties, Inc. The couple resides in Fishers, Ind. E-mail is abeckex2@yahoo.com.

Steyer honored

Room 129 in the Smith-Hermanson Music Center has been named the Hilda L. Steyer Piano Practice Room in honor of her years of dedication to Taylor. A plaque has been placed to commemorate the honor.

An experienced teacher, Professor Steyer led the piano and theory departments, founded the TU Music Club and the Piano Preparatory Department and was instrumental in the accreditation of the department by the National Association of Schools of Music.

If you would like to send a congratulatory note to Miss Steyer, she resides at the United Methodist Home, 801 Huntington Avenue, Warren, IN 46792

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Drew Outlaw
Dr. and Mrs. Stephen Bedi

Loris Bellintani, Jr.
Mrs. Sheila Beers

Edgar Bolles
Mrs. Lucille Bolles
Ms. Sara Wills

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After the rain

Thunderstorms rip through the Indiana flatlands each spring. Lightning lights up the night sky while thunder booms and rain falls. If you happen to be unfortunate enough to be caught in the middle of one of these storms, you better have an umbrella handy, though sometimes they offer minimal coverage with Upland's notoriously horizontal rain.

At least once each year, the Upland weather siren sounds, and students are led to dorm basements for infamous tornado drills. It's in these potentially frightening moments that some of the meanest euchre games are played and some of the most meaningful conversations are initiated.

It's after the rain that the drenched earth lays refreshed. The aroma of a fresh, spring rain floods our nostrils as we venture onto the campus, tip-toeing around the earthworms on the sidewalks. Sometimes, when we think no one else is looking, we splash in the puddles like when we were young.

And just like when we were kids, we still sing "Somewhere over the rainbow," hoping that the dreams we dare to dream really will come true. Although nothing is for certain, one promise remains—that summer will eventually be upon us—after the rain.

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Through deferred educational annuities, the Nairn triplets will each receive \$40,000 a year for five years upon their 18th birthday, thanks to a generous gift from a close family friend, Neva Rittgers.

With the help of David and Lorraine (Dillon) Long, the children's grandparents, and the William Taylor Foundation, a \$100,000 educational annuity was established for each of the three grandchildren. These annuities resulted in a substantial tax savings for Neva.

She gave out of her love for Heather (Long) Nairn '90, who, along with husband Raymond Nairn '89, parent the children.

Neva, who entered the work force immediately after high school, recognizes the value of a solid education. "It is going to take a terrific amount of money for them to go to college. The least I could do is help them get started." Through this educational investment, the triplets will be able to attend the colleges of their choice, with the hope that they will choose Taylor.

Although the three have just reached their first birthday, college doesn't seem that far away to Neva. "Eighteen years seems like a long time, but it will be here before they know it."



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Taylor art professors Zack and Gala Bent were recognized as two of the "25 Emerging Artists" in the 2004 issue of *SEEN*, the journal of Christians in the visual arts. Zack, visiting instructor of art and communication arts, specializes in photography and digital video. His wife Gala, assistant professor of art, focuses on foundations and painting. "Perhaps most significantly, Zack and Gala model the life of the artist of faith—a life of active and productive involvement in many aspects of the arts that is both an extension of and imbued with a spiritual vision," said Dr. Rachel Smith, Gilkison family chair in art history and chair of the art department.

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