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COVER: Standing in Stencel Hall, Dr. Syd Page addresses colleagues, students, friends and family at a retirement celebration at Taylor.

A Note from the President



In this issue of *The Bridge* we are paying special tribute to Dr. Syd Page. For many of us, his retirement has come too soon, yet we rejoice with him that he and Faith are entering a special new phase of life and we all wish him well.

There is much I have admired about Syd, but high on that list is the rare quality of meekness. A

man of considerable intellect and knowledge, it would be easy to dominate conversations and to win arguments, but Syd embodies humility and generosity. His willingness to patiently listen and to engage those with questions and different viewpoints is both admirable and rare. He has modelled for all of us, including our students, that gift of combined wisdom and grace.

The esteem with which Syd and Faith are held by the Taylor community is justifiable, and I know you join me in thanking them both for their many sacrifices and their long, faithful service.

As we say farewell to Dr. Page, we are welcoming others who are joining us. I am pleased to have Dr. Keir Hammer back with us. Formerly a New Testament professor at the university college, Keir has agreed to give leadership to White Cross Canada, which is now part of the Wahl Centre. As you know, White Cross involves hundreds of volunteers at churches who cut and sew bandages, and who gather other medical and relief supplies for mission hospitals in Africa. Keir's role will be to support and guide these efforts, allowing the White Cross ministry to flourish and grow in new ways.

We also recently welcomed Su Jin Chong as our new part-time Registrar. Su Jin has worked with us as an adjunct professor (Christian Education), and we are so pleased to welcome her in this important administrative position.

We have also recently confirmed the appointment of Dr. Eric Ohlmann as our Academic Dean, effective July 1, 2012. Dr. Ohlmann held this position in 2008-09, and it will be good to have him back with us.

On a personal note, it was a joy for me to be teaching again this spring. I taught a class on Christian Ethics in the Spring Session—a marathon week of day-long classes, and my voice nearly gave out on Day 2! My administrative responsibilities have kept me from teaching in recent years, so it was great to be face to face with students again, wrestling through the contemporary issues that we face and the Biblical truths that should guide us. And a shout out to my students – great questions, and wonderful discussion! I look forward to more opportunities to dialogue with you.

May this summer be filled with joy and rest! Wherever your work and leisure take you, know that the God of all goodness is at work all around you, making all things new.

Shalom!

David Williams, Ph.D.

President, Taylor College and Seminary
Director, E P Wahl Centre

It has been quite a winter, not just because a steady stream of new students continue to arrive at Taylor. We lost a number of deeply connected members of the Taylor community - especially alumni who continued to be involved at the school throughout their lives.

No change is bigger than the farewell of a beloved professor whose 35 years of service mark the longest tenure of any professor in our history. Dr. Syd Page is now officially retired, though he has agreed to accept periodic teaching assignments. We did our best to give him the send-off he deserves, and it was great to have so many colleagues, students, friends and family join us at Taylor for that event. (Read more in this issue of *The Bridge*.)

Enjoy the warmth and rest of summer. And be sure to drop by or drop us a line from time to time – we'd love to hear from you.

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Retirement for NT Professor Dr. Syd Page

Taylor's New Testament prof celebrates 35 Years of teaching ministry

by Tim Willson

When Dr. Syd Page arrived at NABC in 1977, the institution was only 37 years old, and had recently moved to a new campus on the outskirts of Edmonton. President Dr. Joseph Sonnenberg was leading the institution through a significant period of growth, and the student roster included such names as Allan Effa, Terry Fossen, Harry Lehotski, Morris Ertman, Rick Foster, Jim Leverette and Mark Wollenberg.

For 35 years, Dr. Page has taught New Testament, first at NABC, then at the Divinity School that began in 1980, which became Edmonton Baptist Seminary in 1990, then Taylor Seminary. For 19 of those years, he also served as Academic Dean (the position later became Academic Vice-President).

On April 17, 2012, sitting behind a table in S1, Dr. Page delivered his last lecture as a faculty member. A photo of that lecture was posted on Facebook, and Taylor professor Dr. Allan Effa commented: "I was in the classroom the first year he taught at NABC back in 1977.... wow, what a lot of people have come under his godly influence. Thanks be to God!"

In retirement, Dr. Page will continue to do some teaching at Taylor as an adjunct professor, starting

with a class on Ephesians this fall. However, the days of a full teaching load and the administrative duties that come with a faculty position, have wrapped up. He ends his full-time service at Taylor as the longest-serving professor in our history.

Dr. Willy Muller expressed great admiration for his long-time colleague.

"We've just had some amazing students over the years who've done some tremendous things."

-Dr. Syd Page

"It was a great day, indeed, when Syd came to NABC for an interview for a teaching position on the faculty," he remembers. There had been a vacant position in New Testament studies for over two years, since the untimely death of Dr. Bernard Schalm, and Dr. Muller adds, "There was such relief when Syd came."

Dr. Muller remembers struggling to prepare for a course in which he needed some help.

"I was teaching a course that rested squarely on Biblical interpretation. My Hebrew was helpful for the Old Testament, but my lack of Greek made it necessary to consult with those who were familiar with the New Testament language. Syd adequately met that need and gave me added confidence in my interpretation and application of the various passages."

Another long-time colleague, Dave Follack (1973-91),



ABOVE: Dr. Syd Page accepts a retirement gift from Taylor president Dr. David Williams – a replica of an important New Testament papyrus known as P46. RIGHT: Dr. Page enjoys his smiling granddaughter at the retirement banquet held in his honour (May 26, 2012).



History/Bible and Dean of Students) calls his friend an unassuming and modest man, but also a man of courage.

"That was evident in a number of situations where he firmly defended his beliefs even though they were not popularly received by others. However, perhaps the most notable evidence of his courage is to be found in his acceptance of a teaching position at NABC where surnames like Sonnenberg, Goltz, Rapske, Waitkus, Ristau, Przybylski, Schneider, & Geisler were the norm. A different branch of Anglo-Saxon ancestry was being introduced at the College!"

At the 2012 Graduation Ceremony, Dr. Page gave the Commencement Address, "Strength through Weakness." At the end of the ceremony, Taylor president Dr. David Williams surprised Dr. Page by conferring on him the title Professor Emeritus (see photo below).

One enduring legacy of his long service is the annual awards show staged by the students. The Sydneys have become a fixture at Taylor Seminary each spring, a time when semester-weary students can have some fun at one another's expense.

Over the past 35 years, Dr. Page has taught many of classes, and thousands of students have been blessed—directly or indirectly—by his thoughtful teaching and his gracious demeanor. He has been a pillar at this institution for nearly half of its existence, and has served under every president except Dr. Felberg and founder Dr. E.P. Wahl.

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

A retirement banquet was held at Taylor on May

26th, attended by over 90 current and former colleagues and students as well as friends and family.

Among the speakers at the event were long-time colleagues, Dr. Goltz, Dr. Jerry Shepherd and Renetta Geisler.

Renetta, who worked closely with Syd as faculty secretary, commented on his excellent administrative abilities and his personal care for colleagues and students. She thanked him for his open door, always available even though "I probably interrupted more than I should have, but thank you so much."

Dr. Goltz had just become president when he selected Syd to head up the new Divinity School (now Taylor Seminary) and called Syd's service over 35 years "tremendous".

"During this period, there were many difficult and trying situations which needed to be confronted, and he did so with good judgment and grace," he said. "We want you to sense our deep appreciation for what you have accomplished."

For his part, Syd can't believe how quickly 35 years have gone by. He expressed his deep appreciation for the colleagues with whom he has worked, and expressed his pride in our graduates.

"We've just had some amazing students over the years who've done some tremendous things," he said. "I've often been amazed and have felt very positive about the fact that many of our graduates have gone on to do things that I could never do. And to feel that there is a little part of me in their work gives me a lot of satisfaction." TB

Taylor honors Dr. Page as Professor Emeritus

Surprise honour presented during 2012 Graduation Ceremony



After diplomas had been handed out at the 2012 Commencement Service, Dr. David Williams made one more surprising presentation. He called up Dr. Syd Page and presented him with a certificate indicating the new rank of Professor Emeritus.

This status recognizes Dr. Page for his long and distinguished service, and was conferred by the Board of Trustees after a unanimous vote in favour by the faculty. One effect of this status is to extend certain rights and privileges (such as office use and library), and to maintain an association with the institution throughout retirement.

Taylor has two other professors emeriti – Dr. Richard Paetzel and Dr. Walter Goltz. TB

Celebrating Syd

A retirement banquet on May 26, 2012 was attended by many old friends.



TOP ROW

Left: Former professor Dr. Ray Seutter was the MC for the evening. *Middle:* Syd and Faith's daughter, Kathryn, gives her dad a hug as he chats with his old boss, Dr. Goltz.

Right: Syd chats with some of the 90 guests who attended the retirement banquet.

MIDDLE ROW:

Left: Pastor Ken VanderMuelen says goodbye to his old prof before heading back home to Calgary.

Middle: OT Professor Dr. Jerry Shepherd offered a witty and touching tribute to his friend and colleague.

Right: Missionary Elsie Lewandowski chats with a fellow guest.

BOTTOM ROW:

Left: Syd shares a laugh with Theology prof Dr. Randal Rauser.

Middle: Dr. Walter Goltz, president from 1981-1988, hired Syd as Academic Dean.

Left: Renetta Geisler offered a warm tribute to her old boss.

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Sydneys

April 27, 2012

At the annual Sydney Awards, students arranged for a pie in the face, courtesy of Syd's wife, Faith.

All in good fun, right?



1. Taylor Seminary Class of 2012 waits to be presented with their degrees. | 2. Valedictorian Nick Thiessen (MDiv) poses for a photo for his mom. Nick is one of the youngest-ever graduates from Taylor Seminary. | 3. Bruce Dean (MDiv) tears up as he graduates; this is Bruce's second degree with us (he earned his MTS in 2000). | 4. David Kinloch (MTS) accepts his degree. | 5. Bob Shepansky (MTS), visiting with a fellow student after the ceremony. | 6. Kris Knutson (MDiv) celebrates with his wife. | 7. Josiah Abubakar (MA), rejoicing. | 8. Susan Ormsbee (MDiv) accepts her degree. | 9. Anita Yee (MDiv) smiles as she crosses the stage. | 10. Taylor Alumni Association president Eric Peters ('69) welcomes graduates into the Taylor Alumni Association; representing the students is Nick Thiessen. | 11,12. Keith Piquette (MA) graduates on April 29th, and is seen in late May with a sign near his new pastorate, Muir Lake Alliance Church. | 13. Stephanie Leverette accepts congratulations from president Dr. David Williams.





14. Dr. Syd Page delivers the Commencement Address at the 2012 Taylor Seminary Graduation Ceremony: "Strength through Weakness." | 15. Susan Ormsbee, seen here celebrating her MDiv, has served as a key member of the Taylor Seminary Students' Association during her studies. | 16. Valedictorian Nick Thiessen (originally from Winnipeg) stands with his pastor and ministry partner, Lee Bertsch of Zion Baptist Church. | 17. Anita Yee stands with her husband Bing following the ceremony. | 18. Stephanie Leverette celebrates with her dad, Dr. Jim Leverette ('77), a former Academic Vice-President at Taylor Seminary.

2011 Scholarships and Academic Awards

Faculty Scholarship: *Gavin Chang*

This scholarship is awarded to the individual who achieves the highest grade point average during the two semesters of the current academic year.

The Taylor Alumni Association Scholarship: *Kimberley Penney**

This award acknowledges a student who has performed at an exceptional academic level, whose behaviour and conduct are exemplary, and who is seeking placement in full-time vocational ministry.

Doris and Gerald Borchert Scholarship in New Testament Studies:
Amy Israelson

This scholarship is awarded to a second-year student who distinguishes him/herself in New Testament Studies.

Dewey Intercultural Studies Award: *Laura Russell**

Former Taylor President Marvin Dewey and his late wife Becky established this scholarship to be awarded to the student who demonstrates competence in and concern for intercultural ministry.

Sonnenberg Leadership Scholarship: *(Four Recipients) Amy Israelson, Megan Jackins, Michelle Kool and Jon Pettinger*

This scholarship, established by the late Dr. Joseph Sonnenberg (former president), is awarded to a second-year student(s), to recognize outstanding leadership ability.

William Sturhahn Preaching Award: *Nick Thiessen*

Made possible by the family of Dr. William Sturhahn, this scholarship is for a graduating student who demonstrates special proficiency in preaching.

Dan Leverette Memorial Scholarship: *Dustin Strauss*

This scholarship is given to a Master of Divinity student committed to the practice of youth ministry and who is preparing for full-time vocational ministry with youth.

Canadian Bible Society Award for Public Reading of Scripture: *Bob Shepansky*
Each year the Canadian Bible Society awards a Bible to a student who has demonstrated excellence in the public reading of Scripture.

**Distance Student*

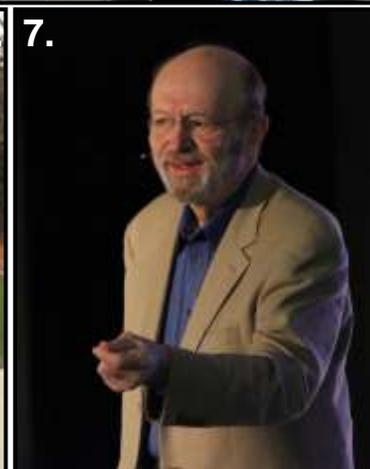
We are deeply grateful for the friends of the seminary who have made these scholarships and awards possible; thank you for your generosity.





ABOVE: 1. Renovations are underway in the Taylor Commons and the classrooms. Here, workers are removing the large brick pillar from the centre of the Commons, leaving just a thin post to improve the usability of the space. | 2. The new color scheme can be seen on walls outside of Stencil Hall.

BELOW: 3. Lyndell Campbell ('90) was on campus in January and spoke in chapel. Lyndell and her husband Paulo work as church planters in Brazil. | 4. Dr. Randal Rauser served as MC for the 2012 Taylor Seminary Grad banquet. | 5. Grant Sardachuk addresses his fellow trustees as he ends his 6-year tenure on the Taylor board. Grant brought substantial business acumen to the board at a time when it was critically important, and played a major role in maximizing value from the land sale of 2010. | 6. Two octogenarians were among the students at a recent Spiritual Formation course taught by Dr. Allan Effa. Roberta Cumming (88) and her friend Helen Huston (84) are seen here at Gull Lake Retreat Centre where the modular course was held. Roberta is a retired teacher, while Helen is a retired missionary-physician who worked in India and founded a hospital in Nepal. Dr. Effa writes: "They participated in all of the classes, small group times, spiritual exercises and contributed greatly to the development of community. During the concluding eucharist they served the bread and cup to the rest of the class members." 25 students registered for the 3 credit course. | 7. Dr. Glen Stassen of Fuller Theological Seminary delivered the 2012 E.P. Wahl Lectures at Taylor Seminary. | 8. Heather Breitkreuz, Lori Muz, Dr. David Williams and Sandy Heavener stand together at the annual Sydney Awards, a fun, semester-ending student awards show named for Dr. Syd Page (foreground).



News and Notes

In Sympathy

This winter, the Taylor community lost a number of friends who will be greatly missed and remembered fondly. For Taylor Seminary adjunct professor (and pastor at McKernan Community Church) Dr. Lyle Buyer, the losses hit especially close to home. Lyle lost both his dad and mom, Daunavan Buyer, Sr. and Phyllis Buyer. Daun

was a significant figure in Taylor's history, as he was president of the Taylor Alumni Association in when the association purchased 27 acres in 1964 for a new campus. He passed away on August 1, 2011 at the age of 79, while Phyllis (*nee* Schuler) died in Calgary on April 19, 2012 after a lengthy illness.

Long-time volunteer and supporter of Taylor, Lorraine Reirson (*nee* Grabia) of Edmonton passed away on December 1, 2011. She continued to be significantly involved at Taylor throughout her life, especially through the Jubilee's.

Hannah Grunwald (*nee* Tischer) of Leduc, AB passed away on February 28, 2012. Hannah was a long-time supporter of the school and was still regularly seen on campus.

Also fondly remembered are:

Arnold Fulmore Edmonton, AB – Dec. 15, 2011

Helen Meyers, '53 (*nee* Unger) (Calgary, AB) – March 29, 2012

Bert Milner (Edmonton, AB) – (Oct. 16, 2011)

Madeline Pape, '42 (*nee* Buckles) – (Oct. 22, 2011)

Alfred Schmidt, '50 (Winnipeg, MB) – June 10, 2010.

Correction: In the last edition of *The Bridge* we incorrectly reported the date of the death of *Walter Brown* of Edmonton, AB. He passed away on October 26, 2011; we regret the error.

Wedding Congratulations

Congratulations to Lauren Wright, BA ('06), who married Kevin Carleton, of Leduc, on Dec. 30, 2011. A beautiful winter wedding followed by a honeymoon in a beautiful warm place.

-Rene Dreger and Melanie Joy



were married in Jamaica on March 23, 2012. Mel writes: "Blain Davis performed the ceremony and instead of telling Rene to say, 'Mel, I will sacrifice for you...' he said, 'Repeat after me: Melanie, I promise to sacrifice you...' It was quite hilarious!"

Alumni News

Congratulations to Bradley Wright ('09) and his wife Lindsay, who gave birth to their second boy, Luther Paul, on November 12, 2011. He was born at the QE2 hospital here in Grande Prairie.

Erin Fredlund, '98 (*nee* Gaffney) is currently living in Didsbury, AB. She writes, "Bruce Fredlund and I got married in April 2011 and have two amazing boys. I am currently working as an Event Coordinator while going to school full time to become an ASL Interpreter/Braile specialist. God has been a huge part of my life through low times and high times and has given me a wonderful life which I thankfully give him all glory for."

Fred Tappenden, who studied at NABC, successfully defended his doctoral dissertation at the University of Manchester (UK) in April. Fred writes: "My wife, Danielle, and I currently live in Montreal, QC (Danielle is a King's psychology grad who did 2 years at Taylor). Danielle is doing a PhD in Counselling



Psychology at McGill; she is in year two and is getting her research going. I have just defended my dissertation at the University of Manchester (UK) and will

graduate this July. My research was on resurrection metaphors in the apostle Paul's epistles. After graduation, I will be starting a two-year postdoctoral fellowship in September at McGill University in the Faculty of Religious Studies."

Leslie DeWeert, '98 (*nee* Nelson) writes:

"After NABC I went on to Kings College to obtain a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology. During the three semesters at Kings I met my husband, David DeWeert at McLaurin Baptist Church and we married in 2002. I also completed my first year of Early Childhood at Grant MacEwan. We are now

(Alumni News continues on pg. 10)

Alumni Updates

We invite you to share your news with us -- marriages, moves, careers... we want to note these important events! Please stay in touch by email: alumni@Taylor-Edu.ca. Telephone: 780-431-5200

News and Notes, *cont.*

living in the west end of Edmonton and we enjoy attending Beulah Alliance Church. I work part-time at a neighborhood daycare and Dave is working at Goodall Rubber as a Purchaser in the south end of Edmonton."

Faculty and Staff News

New Director for White Cross Canada
Dr. Keir Hammer has accepted the position of director of the White Cross ministry for Canada, which operates as part of the Wahl Centre at Taylor. White Cross provides medical supplies to mission hospitals in Africa; in 2011, this important work was delegated by the NAB to separate offices in the US and Canada. Taylor has also recently welcomed back Dr. Eric Ohlmann as Academic Dean. Dr. Ohlmann was the Academic Vice-President at Taylor Seminary for the 2008-2009 academic year. This change will free up Dr. Joost Pikkert who added the dean's role in 2009 to many other duties, and Taylor president Dr. David Williams publicly thanked Dr. Pikkert for his outstanding work over that time. Su Jin Chong has been appointed as part-time Registrar; Su Jin has been teaching Christian Education as an adjunct professor for Taylor, and has also served at Vanguard College. Leslie Mahr is the new Director of the Conservatory of Music at Taylor. Leslie replaces Marg Daly, who has stepped down to give her full attention to church leadership responsibilities at a Lutheran parish in Edmonton.

Campus News

Renovations and Repairs Underway
The Taylor Commons are undergoing much-needed repairs and improvements. New paint and new flooring are the main additions, and roof repairs are also being done. These are the first such improvements since the building was constructed in 1995. The work is expected to be completed in August, before the Fall Semester.



Alumni Profile - Marlene Taubensee Baerg

Student: NABC, '80 (DBS)
Current Hometown: serving in Mongolia

Marlene Baerg (nee Taubensee) says she often felt a stirring in her heart when it came to missions. Living in BC, raising 5 children with her geologist husband, the family even went on a short-term missions trip together to Mexico. Then, in the late 1990's, the topic of Mongolia kept coming up; after praying about it, the family attended the Bethany College of Missions, then headed overseas in 2002.

The Baergs went as language students, and when they arrived they began serving children at risk in the city of Ulan Bator. After a number of years that work was handed over to local leadership, and the couple is presently launching a mentoring and leadership program for young men, centered around the cultivation of fruit trees.

On a recent return trip to Canada, Marlene spoke with us about the couple's work. She says that living overseas has enlarged her view of God.

"Having to live by faith at a new level has really challenged us. And just seeing that the Gospel changes lives – not that it doesn't change lives in North America, but in a culture like that, so steeped in Buddhism and Shamanism – these lives are so dramatically changed! It has really cemented the truth of the gospel. It really is good news – it sets the captives free." After a pause, she added, "The superstitions, alcoholism (70% rate)... seeing people set free is powerful."

Marlene spent two years at Taylor (NABC), and remembers the experience fondly.

"I was just talking to my mom last week about this – the one thing that stood out to me the most at NABC was that I loved chapel times. I've always come back to that. I appreciated that when we went, we didn't talk once we walked through the doors, we just meditated silently until the chapel was full. I often went early to sit quietly. I know that I got spiritually grounded. I remember the friendships and the things I learned, of course, but my personal quiet times and chapel times, involvement in choir and singing groups – those are my very fond memories."

Marlene was clearly enthusiastic about their work overseas.

"I always think: It's amazing that God uses us! I am just an ordinary person, and God could do all this work in Mongolia without us, but part of how he is building his kingdom on the other side of the world is exciting – (laughs) – challenging, but exciting." TB

Seminary Enrolment Up

by Tim Willson

After a solid fall semester and a remarkably strong spring term, Taylor's final numbers have come in with the strongest seminary enrolment in years. Our final numbers are 25% higher than our goal, which we thought might be optimistic. Taylor Seminary ended the academic year with a total annual FTE (full time equivalent) of 147.89 students; one year ago, that number was 109.

There are several reasons for the increase, including the strong interest in Taylor's re-designed 77-hour MDiv degree as well as other programs.

But another reason for growth in our courses this year has been the continued emphasis on streamlining our course delivery. More attention has been given to accommodating mature students, who often attend seminary on a part-time basis while continuing to work or serve in ministry. Weekend, modular and intensive courses, as well as online courses, have all made theological education more accessible.

In 2011-12, students did not simply register at the beginning of a semester. Instead, because of the way courses are offered, we enrolled students throughout the year. Enrolment Services was busy in May as new program students were accepted and registered for Spring Session courses (May 2-25).

Another important change in serving students well has been the change to offer regular semester courses on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and to arrange the course schedule in a way that makes it easy for students to move through their program.

The increased attendance brings with it increased tuition revenue. We thank God for this strong growth and look forward seeing it continue. 

Alumni Assn. Greetings

Greetings from the Alumni Association of Taylor College and Seminary! We are pleased to serve as a bridge connecting the communities of CTI, NABC, EBS and TUC along with current and future students. It is our hope and prayer that we can serve our members effectively by being a conduit of information and communication.

Our new Executive was elected in December of last year. This is an executive committed to enabling and building a new future for Taylor Alumni. Expect this building process to take some time, but with your help, we will make it an effective body, contributing into the lives of each alum as they permit and desire.

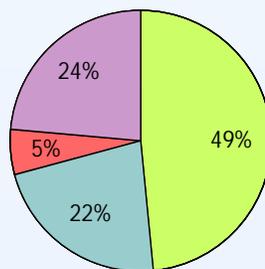
Visit our all new Alumni website at www.mytaylor.org where you will be able to follow us as we grow, or visit www.Facebook.com/TaylorAlumni to share with us there.

Eric Peters
President, Taylor Alumni Association

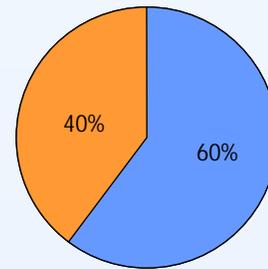
Taylor Budget for the 2011-12 Fiscal Year: An Overview

INCOME	
Annual Fund Donations	\$ 760,000
Student Revenue	350,100
Endowment Income	85,700
Other (rentals, etc)	368,595
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 1,564,395
EXPENSES	
Personnel	\$ 940,887
Operations	619,795
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 1,560,682
BUDGETED SURPLUS	\$ 3,713

Budgeted Income



Budgeted Expenses



This chart shows the general outline of Taylor's budget for the current fiscal year, which runs from July 1 - June 30. At this writing, in early June, our donations are slightly behind the pace of the previous year; however, our expenses are expected to be lower than projected, and our revenue is expected to be a little higher than forecast. Audited financial statements for 2011-12 will be available after the fall meetings of the Board of Trustees, and are always available to the public upon request.



*Peridot Fields (2011), Marjorie Thomson
11" x 21", Watercolor and Gold Acrylic*

ABOUT THIS IMAGE

Marjorie Thomson is quickly becoming well-known in the Alberta art scene, as a painter and as an active member of numerous arts groups. Her paintings are owned by businesses and individuals across Canada. Marj worked at Taylor from 1998 to 2000. She is married to Larry, and the couple lives in Edmonton. There is another family connection to Taylor: their daughter, Claire McAvoy, '07 (*nee* Thomson), graduated from Taylor University College with a psychology degree. (Claire is now married with a son, Declan, and another baby is due in September.) About her art, Marj writes:

My first attempts at painting began in a watercolour class I took in Bandung, Indonesia in 1987 where my husband and I were learning the Indonesian language in order to work as missionaries. On our first trip back to Canada I took another course but for the 11 years we lived in Indonesia I found it difficult to paint; the lack of supplies, oppressive heat, and the responsibility of raising and educating four children put my painting career on hold. My family and I moved back to Canada in 1997 and I have since had many wonderful opportunities to grow as an artist. I have developed a stylized approach to landscapes that consists of simple shapes and vibrant colors. The pieces are reminiscent of Indonesian batik. I resigned from my nursing position in the Intensive Care Nursery at the Grey Nun's Hospital several years ago to pursue my painting career full time.

Calling All Artists!

Taylor alumni are invited to submit photographs, paintings and other visual art projects for publication or display on campus. Learn more at www.Taylor-Edu.ca/creative



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