Chancellor’s Corner

Joni and I returned to Fort Wayne a few months ago. We had lived elsewhere for 15 years, but prior to that we spent our first 30-some years of our lives living in the area. We return with a deep sense of calling and passion for the people, churches, organizations, businesses and government agencies of the city of Fort Wayne.

Based on its size and multi-cultural population, we believe that Fort Wayne is a learning laboratory. It is in this city that students will be prepared for ministry and service in cities like this and around the world. The city provides opportunities for students to develop knowledge, skills and values necessary for them to be agents of restoration within the spiritual, economic, social, political, educational and familial contexts of the community.

Part of what drives our passion is the sad reality that each generation is less committed to Christ than the one before. The percentage of Bible-based believers declines each generation. Sixty-five percent of the WWII population considered themselves to be Christians, 35 percent of Baby Boomers shared the faith of their parents, only 16 percent of Generation X call themselves Christians and a dismal four percent of the current generation are committed Christ-followers. These statistics, coupled with the reality that more than two-thirds of all adult Christians gave their lives to Christ before the age of 20, creates a real sense of urgency.

As our nation becomes less committed to Christ, the more important it is for Christian universities to take Micah 6:8 seriously: “He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” We want the graduates of Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW) to be equipped to enter this kind of world and to work to ensure the harvest, no matter their occupation.

As part of their curriculum, TUFW students are involved in the city of Fort Wayne, everyday. Our hope and prayer is that as we chase after God, the city of Fort Wayne, this country and the world will be turned upside down for the cause of Christ.

Please join me in praying that God will use TUFW to do what seems to be an impossible task from a human perspective!
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Below is an excerpt from Dr. Kilty’s installation address, September 23, 2006. To view the address in its entirety, log on to http://fw.taylor.edu/campus/offices/chancellor/installation.html.

I am humbled and privileged to be part of this great tradition that began as Fort Wayne Bible College, was continued as Summit Christian College, and now lives strong as Taylor University Fort Wayne. Ours is a wonderful heritage.

A former Nobel Peace Prize winner said it well: “For all that has been – THANKS!”
“For all that will be – YES!”

People have asked me if I am ready. My answer is always the same: I was ready in February. Keep in mind that the position was not posted until March and I didn’t interview until June 1. But over several months, God worked dramatically and evidently, preparing my heart to be Chancellor. I was so convinced that God was at work, that I began recording all that was in my heart; much of what you are about to hear comes from what I wrote beginning in February.

God has blessed me with a vision of what this place could look like in the year 2016, the year we celebrate 170 years of faithful ministry for Taylor University. We refer to this as Vision 2016 for the overall University and TUFW Vision 2016 for this campus. Dr. Habecker, for the past year, has been engaging all of Taylor University in a conversation about what the University might look like, with God’s help and leading, in the year 2016. During the few months I have been at TUFW as Chancellor, we have been discussing Vision 2016 as it relates to the Fort Wayne campus. As I share these ideas, keep in mind they need to be processed. There needs to be much discussion by faculty and administration, and of course, the Board of Trustees will have to approve our plans before we move forward.

You should not be surprised that a former chief financial officer has a bottom line. My bottom line is, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” I want to send out well-educated, trained shepherd leaders, who are deeply in love with Jesus, who will help ensure the harvest; women and men who have been changed in profound ways as a result of being at this place.

Psalm 139:23-24 and Matthew 22:37-40 are especially meaningful to me. These are the verses God gave me to pray back to Him as He was calling me to this place. For me, they represent what I want our students to be when they graduate: women and men who regularly ask God to search them and remove anything that might keep them from loving Him with all of their hearts, souls and minds. I also want them to understand and practice loving their neighbor as themselves. This is my bottom line.
All we do at TUFW will be directed at achieving the overall University’s mission to be a Christ-centered educational institution, and an evangelical, interdenominational covenant community committed to advancing lifelong learning and ministering the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need. Every program, existing or new, will be tested against the University’s core values, which are to be:

- Biblically anchored,
- Christ-centered,
- Biblical faith and learning integrated,
- Whole person focused,
- World engaging, and
- Servant leader motivated.

This is who we are and who we will always be. We will stand firm.

It is no secret that TUFW has struggled financially over the years. The essence of the problem, TUFW’s lack of a clear identity and distinctiveness, is now our very opportunity for a vibrant future in ministry. This campus is poised to be truly exceptional. TUFW has an opportunity few Christian universities have: to provide programs that are truly unique and make a significant contribution to the people, churches, agencies, government and businesses of the city of Fort Wayne, and to all of Christian higher education. If we have the courage to follow God and move forward, we believe our future is unlimited.

What I mean by “moving forward” is actually stronger than it sounds. The words that come to mind are “charging” or “surging forward.” TUFW has a window of opportunity to change and be all that I believe God is calling us to be. IT IS A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY THAT WE MUST SEIZE. We must be aggressive. WE MUST MOVE FORWARD.

As we move forward, or should I say, as we charge forward, we must go where God is going. God must be in every part of this. We must rely on His leading every step of the way. I am reminded of Psalm 127:1, “Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain.”

We see a campus that is truly and uniquely distinctive, and built around three pillars: spiritual formation, applied learning and community leadership development, which are intentionally and significantly included in each course. Additionally, we see cutting edge technology used in the classroom. The three pillars, resting on Taylor University’s overall core identity, will define the TUFW campus.

Spiritual formation has always been important to this campus. Applied learning has described the TUFW campus for the last few years. The third distinctive, community leadership development, is being added. The campus is uniquely positioned to serve and be served by the rich environment of the Fort Wayne community. As Taylor University pursues its overall global engagement strategy, the dynamic educational and ministry opportunities presented by the diverse city of Fort Wayne can be TUFW’s special contribution to the larger University vision. Community leadership development will equip students with the knowledge, skills and values necessary for them to be agents of restoration and development within the spiritual, economic, social, political, cultural, emotional, physical, moral, judicial, educational and familial contexts of the community.

Emphasis on community leadership development will enable students to provide leadership below, left to right: Joni Kilty, Seth Kilty, Sarah Kilty, Renee Davis-Kilty and Joel Kilty support Dr. Duane Kilty as he accepts the responsibilities of TUFW Chancellor.

“I want to send out well-educated, trained shepherd leaders, who are deeply in love with Jesus, who will help ensure the harvest...”
for the complex realities they find themselves in during the 21st Century, whether in church, civic or corporate arenas. TUFW students will graduate and be as comfortable talking to a homeless person as they would the mayor, a CEO or a leading pastor. In 2016, after 10 years of meaningful engagement, we see the city of Fort Wayne forever changed, turned upside down for the cause of Christ.

For those of you who are less familiar with TUFW, our approach to spiritual formation intentionally invites the Holy Spirit into the learning process. Students are often asked to read a portion of scripture related to the topic being studied and pray and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to them in an effort to see Christ through the academic discipline. We are convinced that if we ask the Holy Spirit for guidance, we will see Christ in all that we study.

TUFW’s part of the University-wide Vision 2016 includes having ten stellar program areas, in addition to the two programs, elementary education and social work, that are jointly accredited and exist on both campuses. We anticipate enrollment growth and the appropriate facilities based on our program needs. In January, we will start working to prepare a campus master plan that ensures the safety of our students, campus viability and our desire to be a responsible member of this neighborhood.

We believe the unique and distinctive nature of the curriculum will draw students from around the country; our professional writing program already does. Each program will be characterized by:

• Strong enrollment,
• Qualified faculty,
• Significant experiential educational requirements, such as internships,
• Outside validation of excellence,
• Distinctiveness from the Upland campus,
• Strategic partnerships, and
• Significant community development requirements.

Each program will be innovative and unique to Christian higher education while incorporating appropriate instructional technology.

Each area will include three or four majors. We will commit long-term to programmatic areas, but be nimble with regards to majors.

As we move forward, we must have a vibrant and innovative ministry leadership program. This has been the case in the past; however, what we have done in the past will not work in the future. So we are going to invite a diverse group of leading Fort Wayne pastors to help us answer the question of, “What would a ministry leadership program look like that effectively prepares women and men for urban ministry opportunities in the 21st Century?”

Vision 2016 includes graduate-level programs; Taylor University already has a strong and rapidly growing MBA and an environmental science master’s degree program. As graduate programs are developed and added, we anticipate some of them being located on the Fort Wayne campus.

As we move forward, we envision centers, or institutes, of excellence located on either campus. An Institute for Pastoral Effectiveness is an idea that fits TUFW well, and would strengthen pastors and churches.
We are already working to transform the Center for Lifelong Learning into a vibrant e-Taylor strategy that, in addition to our existing two-year programs, will eventually lead to the offering of four-year, and master’s degrees online in a variety of academic disciplines. Our hope is that our e-Taylor strategy will transform the way faculty at TUFW teach by incorporating web-based technology in the physical classroom, enabling faculty to significantly guide students in their learning and engaging them in substantial dialogue.

In 2016, we see a TUFW campus that is fiscally healthy with a strong enrollment and a significant increase in gift income. We envision a day when there are adequate program resources and reserves to meet unanticipated needs.

Let’s return to the present.

As I said earlier, our desire is to go with God and totally rely on Him. Whether or not it looks like what I described, TUFW Vision 2016 is huge. It is beyond anything we can do as humans. Our only way forward is to totally rely on God for all things.

Today, I have an incredible sense of urgency. Relying on God for wisdom and strength, we need to do all we can to increase speed toward sustainable results. TAYLOR UNIVERSITY FORT WAYNE MUST MOVE FORWARD.

Academic planning for undergraduate programs will be completed by Christmas and presented to the Board in January 2007. Existing programs that can achieve the “stellar” status will be strengthened; those that cannot will be phased out. New programs will be added that are stellar at the outset. Facilities planning will begin in January with anticipated completion by summer 2007. In time for the 2007-08 academic year, each course will be restructured to feature the three campus distinctives and include a base-level of instructional technology.

Remember the bottom line — well-educated and trained shepherd leaders who are deeply in love with Jesus Christ, who will help ensure the harvest. To achieve our bottom line, we will STAND FIRM on our foundation of spiritual formation and biblical anchor points. And with God’s help we must MOVE FORWARD to where God is calling us.

To the alumni of Fort Wayne Bible College, Summit Christian College and Taylor University Fort Wayne: for all that has been, again, I say THANK YOU. For all that will be, I say YES and thank you, Jesus.

S tudents, alumni, faculty, staff and guests received a prayer journal to commemorate the installation of Dr. Duane Kilty as TUFW Chancellor. Dr. Kilty shares, “I have been journaling for a number of years and the discipline was especially meaningful to me as God prepared me for this role.”

“We intend to provide a new journal to our students each year,” he comments, adding, “My prayer is that students will read their Bibles, pray, memorize scripture and record their spiritual journeys. My hope is that this book will be meaningful to all who use it.”

Included are the passages of scripture to read each day in order to read through the Bible in one year, a weekly memory verse and a prayer prompt.

A new logo for TUFW was launched this fall and can be seen on the prayer journal. The new logo visibly displays TUFW’s Christ-centered distinctive.

“TUFW has a window of opportunity to be all that I believe God is calling us to be.”
A conversation with Duane Kilty

Tell us about your family.
My wife, Joni, and I are the parents of three children: Sarah (25), Joel (24) and Seth (20). Sarah is a kindergarten teacher in an urban setting in Kentucky. Joel is a third year Ph.D. student in mathematics at the University of Kentucky (UK); his wife, Renée Davis-Kilty, has been accepted into dental school. Seth is a freshman at TUFW, majoring in business and intercultural studies with an urban focus. Joni will complete her accounting degree from UK in December.

What do you like about living and serving the Lord in Fort Wayne?
Joni and I have a deep sense of calling and passion for the people, churches, organizations, businesses and government agencies of the city of Fort Wayne. Fort Wayne, for a city of its size, has perhaps the most number of people groups represented than any other city I am aware of. The world is in Fort Wayne.

How is TUFW making an impact on the community?
Christian higher education is very important to the city of Fort Wayne and our country. I want TUFW graduates to be well prepared academically, ready to make an important contribution to their employers on day one. I also want them to be women and men who love Jesus and who have the skills and compassion to make their community, wherever they choose to live, a better place. I want them to be people who are as comfortable talking to a homeless person as a CEO. I want them to be people who turn the world upside down for the better. I want each of our courses to connect students with the city of Fort Wayne in a meaningful way. We have also begun building important relationships and developing partnerships with churches and organizations in the city.

What has been the most rewarding experience for you in your first six months as chancellor?
I have enjoyed meeting and talking with students and hearing what is on their hearts. Conversations that began around the dining commons’ tables, moved to the dinner table at Brown Gables and continue each week. Our discussions have been thought provoking. Students have requested chapel messages address real life issues from a biblical perspective, and the remaining chapels in which I will speak, I will do just that. Other conversations have addressed loving your neighbor as yourself, especially since each of us is fearfully and wonderfully made.

What has been your most important accomplishment as TUFW Chancellor?
In the short period of time I have been in this position, confidence that TUFW will have a healthy future of ministry has been restored. TUFW’s core distinctives: spiritual formation, applied learning and community leadership development, have been clarified. A major academic planning effort aimed at re-shaping each course has been launched, along with adding new programs to already existing strong programs.
“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee:
I only design Thy dross to consume
and thy gold to refine.”

Ramseyer Hall

Over 100 alumni, faculty, staff, students, board members and friends attended the dedication of TUFW’s newest residence hall, Ramseyer Hall, which houses 52 upperclassmen.

Construction of the residence hall was prompted after a fire damaged Schultz Hall, just one year ago, making the residence hall unliveable. The verse from How Firm a Foundation (at left) was appropriately sung at the dedication ceremony.

Administrators, students and city representatives shared words of celebration, rejoicing in the Lord’s care and provision for TUFW students.

The residence hall is named in honor of Rev. Joseph E. Ramseyer, whose evangelistic outreach led to the founding of Fort Wayne Bible Institute in 1904. He served as president and spiritual shepherd of Fort Wayne Bible Institute from 1911 until his death in 1944.

Rev. and Mrs. Ramseyer (pictured at left) lived in two rooms on the first floor of the institute building (Schultz Hall) for 32 years. Each evening they ate with the students, during which Rev. Ramseyer would share a devotional. He was affectionately known as “Daddy Ramseyer.”

Rev. Ramseyer’s long administration was highlighted by its spiritual emphasis and depth.
Clockwise from top left: Dr. Habecker installs Dr. Kilty as chancellor of TUFW.

Members of the 1976 and 2006 National Basketball Championship teams. Front row (l to r): Keith Rupp g79, Rich Thomas cs, Scott Nearhood g79, Virgil Akers fs06, Coach Steve Morley g65, Coach Kent Fishel g66, Gordon Nickel g78, John Jones g76, Scott Dell g77. Back row (l to r) Coach Bud Hamilton, Carl Nuffer fs04, Jesse Boldt cs, Isaac McClung g06, Adam Zimmerman cs, Kevin Woods g06, John Yoder cs, Seneca Bratton cs.

Members of the 2006 USCAA II National Basketball Championship team display their rings.

MacKenzie Gernhardt, vocal instructor, blessed the Installation attendees with singing of “O Magnify the Lord.”

Members of the student worship team (l to r), Katie Mannarino cs, Tesa Sheffield cs, Brad Thomas cs, lead the chapel in worship.

With much to celebrate, Homecoming/Parents’ Weekend 2006 brought many alumni, parents and friends to campus. Pictured on these two pages are highlights of the weekend, including the Installation of Dr. Duane Kilty as Chancellor of TUFW, the Dedication of Ramseyer Hall, 1976 and 2006 men’s national basketball championship teams, the 50th class reunion of the Class of 1956 and “impromptu” reunions. Recognition of Dr. Wes Gerig’s 50th year of instruction, along with alumni awards, are on pages following. Log onto http://fw.taylor.edu/homecoming/ for more highlights!

Plan to be at Homecoming 2007: September 28 & 29!

Young alumni Justin Nicolet g01, Tui (Walcott) Bedwell g97, Jeremy Reynolds g01, Kelly Brecht, campus guest, James Rediger g01 and director of annual fund, stop to chat; Ramseyer Hall is in the background.

Dean of Students, Randall Dodge, browses items for bid at the silent auction.

Current students enjoy the brunch.

Ramseyer Hall, interior shot of lounge, from second floor.

Ramseyer Hall, exterior shot.

Dave Lawson, senior, shares thoughts of appreciation for God’s provision of safety during the Schultz Hall fire and words of celebration for His provision in Ramseyer Hall, during the dedication of the new men’s residence hall.

Alumni fellowship during the brunch.

Each year, the Alumni Office presents awards to alumni and friends who have made significant contributions in their profession, to the ministry, to the University and to the Kingdom. Highlights of each of this year’s awards are featured on these two pages. Log on to http://fw.taylor.edu/alumni/awards/recipients.html for complete write-ups on these awards.

Distinguished Alumni and Friends

The Legion of Honor Award is presented to an outstanding alumnus or alumna who has attained distinction by national and/or international accomplishment and who has promoted the welfare of TUFW. This award is only given as merited, not necessarily annually.

Dr. Wes Gerig g51 received the award during Alumni/Parents’ brunch during this year’s Homecoming/Parents’ Weekend. With the 2006-07 academic year, Dr. Wes began his 50th year of instruction on the Fort Wayne campus, having served students from Fort Wayne Bible Institute, Fort Wayne Bible College, Summit Christian College and now TUFW.

Alumni contributed to a “Book of Thanks” and added to his stamp collection. Many alumni, family and friends sponsored a total of 513 verses in the book of Romans to be translated to the Denya Tribe in Cameroon, in honor of Dr. Wes. His wife, Mary Carolyn (Steiner) Gerig g52, received an antique clock for her support and service during the past 50 years.
RICHARD G70 & CHERI ARMSTRONG G73 received the *Distinguished Alumnus(a) for Personal Achievement Award*. Their son, Ben Armstrong cs (above left), presented them with the award which is conferred annually to an alumnus or alumna who has brought recognition to Taylor University Fort Wayne through outstanding personal accomplishment.

Richard has worked with Youth for Christ and Emerging Young Leaders and currently serves as the Vice President - Shared Medical Benefits Services for VisionQuest Alliance. Cheri serves at Youth for Christ.

Ben shared, “...these accomplishments are important, yet far more important to me has been [what they] have shown me: far more important than what they are doing is who they are in the middle of it. What you are doing will only last so long, but who we are being lasts for eternity.”

MARK AND CINDY DEISTER received the *Distinguished Friend(s) Award*. Sherri Harter, associate vice president for advancement (above left), conferred the honor on the friends of the University who have contributed significantly through personal service to the advancement of Taylor University Fort Wayne.

TUFW is deeply thankful to Mark and Cindy Deister for their prayers and active support by serving on the Community Council since its inception, the newly organized Chancellor’s Business Advisory Council and for the last seven years their generous hosting of student leaders, at their lake house on Lake Wawasee for a day of recreation and planning.

RUSSELL ROGERS (above right) was named *Honorary Alumnus*. He served as Dean of Men from 1976 to 1979 and served on the Board of Trustees from 1989-1992; however, those roles are not what made him eligible for the award, but rather his love for the men of Schultz Hall and the houses that were a part of the FWBC campus. He showed his love in action (through the numerous events he planned and held) and in spirit. He truly shared his heart with the students.

TODD HABEGGER G76 was named *Distinguished Alumnus*. Coach Steve Morley g65 (above left) accepted the award on Todd’s behalf. Todd was unable to attend due to a family medical emergency.
Taylor University Fort Wayne’s pillars of spiritual formation, applied learning and community leadership development help direct TUFW’s programming and projects. Several partnerships have developed this fall, while others will begin or continue into the spring, with benefits to the community and TUFW alike.

Worship
TUFW and Heartland Community Church, Fort Wayne, IN, have partnered together to offer Presence, a course on worship, during Spring 2007. The course, taught by local and international worship leaders will consist of four weekend modules.

Topics to be covered include: a theology of worship, the heart of a lead worshipper, the skills of a lead worshipper, and worship, creativity and postmodernity.

For more information or to register for the course, contact Taylor University Fort Wayne at 260-744-8689 or admissions@fw.taylor.edu.

Christian ministries taskforce
With the desire to develop a premier program of study designed to prepare the next generation of church leadership focused on the urban church, Chancellor Kilty and local pastors have formed a Christian Ministries Department Taskforce which is addressing:

• What impact does the prediction that only four percent of the current generation will be Bible-based believers have on the 21st century church?
• Since the United States is increasingly urban and TUFW is located in Indiana’s second largest city, what impact does that have for the Christian ministries program?
• What implication does the prevalent use of technology in worship have on the new curriculum?
• What implication does the music that today’s youth listen to affect the new curriculum?

Reaching the urban community
Dr. John Perkins, an expert in urban ministry, spoke to 200 pastors and community leaders about Christian Community Development at a luncheon in September hosted by TUFW.

Representatives from several churches and organizations met after the luncheon and returned the next day to discuss strengthening the local community.

The group continues to meet and has determined to focus on the area’s youth. The various churches, parachurches and non-profit organizations have collaborated their efforts and focused on tutoring as a means to reach out to the city’s youth.

Christian counseling and shepherding
Dr. Siang-Yang Tan will speak to area pastors and counselors on “The Role of the Holy Spirit in Christian Counseling and Shepherding” at a luncheon, March 16, 11:30 am-1 pm, Eicher Student Commons.

Dr. Tan will also serve as keynote speaker and panel expert for a Fellowship of Christian Counselors Seminar, March 17, 2007, 9 am-4 pm, Eicher Student Commons. Call 260-744-8790 to register or for more information.

Originally from Singapore, Rev. Dr. Siang-Yang Tan is professor of psychology in the Graduate School of Psychology at Fuller Theological Seminary. Dr. Tan is a licensed psychologist with a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and currently serves as senior pastor of First Evangelical Church Glendale in Glendale, CA.
MBA program extends to Indianapolis  
Beginning January 2007, Taylor University will offer Master of Business Administration (MBA) classes in Indianapolis.

Sponsored by two Indianapolis area companies, Truth@Work and LantzQuest Performance Strategies, the Taylor University MBA program is comprised of four, four-month terms for a total of 36 credit hours, and includes international travel to Asia and/or Europe, as well as several “learning lab” environments where graduate students will work with organizations on current business assignments. Similar to traditional executive MBA programs, students can complete program projects and assignments via the Internet.

Dr. Larry W. Rottmeyer, professor of marketing and chair of Taylor’s MBA program, says the four areas of emphasis include business development and creativity, global business practices, faith-based leadership and management strategy.

“Taylor University’s MBA program challenges students to develop and apply such individual traits as integrity, character, leadership, motivation and creativity,” Rottmeyer stated. Projects will be completed in some MBA courses with Indianapolis area employers.

Dr. Rottmeyer said a bachelor’s degree in business is not a prerequisite for enrollment in an MBA program and that many of the program’s current students came from backgrounds including biology, engineering, English studies, social sciences, information technology, environmental studies and psychology.

Taylor also offers a Master of Environmental Science program in Upland. Taylor University recently announced that it will launch master of arts degrees in religious studies, and in higher education and student development in Fall of 2007.

Youth workers convention  
TUFW students attended a Youth Specialties National Youth Workers Convention (YSNYWC) this month in Cincinnati, OH. Dr. Doug Barcalow, professor of Christian education and associate dean, was selected to serve on the convention staff.

The five-day event is held annually, in four cities. Over 7500 youth workers, from the US and abroad, were in attendance at the Cincinnati, OH, convention. In addition, there were 1200 exhibitors, and 200 seminar leaders, speakers and Youth Specialties staff.

Dr. Barcalow shares, “I take my majors so they can receive the contact with the speakers and authors, be exposed to the resources, and have the benefit of being in a room with thousands of others who love Jesus and love kids! It is a great part of their education and I appreciate the opportunity to expose them to this annual event.”

Chancellor’s business advisory council  
A group of ten Northeast Indiana businessmen and women has been established as an advisory council to TUFW Chancellor, Dr. Kilty.

The members were selected from the Community Council, a group of 60 members, that has met with TUFW administrators over the past several years.

The Chancellor’s Business Advisory Council will meet quarterly with the purpose to give Dr. Kilty input regarding TUFW programming, the Fort Wayne community and to increase awareness of TUFW in Northeast Indiana.

Business by the book  
Thirty-five businessmen and women attended a Crown Financial Ministries, “Business by the Book Seminar,” hosted by TUFW’s Bachelor of Business Administration program. The day-long seminar covered topics on: developing a clear and compelling sense of purpose, distinguishing yourself in the marketplace, making profitable financial decisions by applying biblical wisdom to key result areas, and trading concern over profit and loss for a genuine peace of mind, among others.

Distance runners, a devotional from Fresh Perspectives  
If we’ve learned anything in 2006, it is that people love to watch Olympic events. Many years ago at the Mexico City Olympics, an Ethiopian runner named Mamo Wolde won the gold medal for the 26-mile-385-yard marathon. But he was not hailed as the victor of that event...at least not by the crowd. During the early part of the race, John Stephen Akhwari of Tanzania fell and seriously damaged his leg. Medics applied bandages to stop the blood, but Akhwari stood up and began hobbling away, on down the trail. His pain was agonizing, but he refused to stop. Hours later as he entered the stadium, flanked by police cars, he hobbled around the final lap and finished the race. The crowd, which had sat waiting for him, gave him a thunderous standing ovation. When asked why he had performed such a feat, Akhwari said, “My country did not send me 7,000 miles to start a race, but to finish a race. I have done my duty.” Let us, as Christians, run our life’s race with an equal conviction.

Listen to Dr. Habecker’s Fresh Perspectives daily online at http://fw.taylor.edu/about/fresh_perspectives.html

Dr. Eugene Habecker  
President, Taylor University

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Management and communication majors have a bigger classroom than usual this year. Their classroom extends to the Dominican Republic as they conduct a hands-on project working with Makarios International.

Makarios is a faith-based nonprofit organization dedicated to economic and educational development in the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and other impoverished areas of the world. They are committed to the regions’ spiritual, physical, emotional and intellectual growth, to provide hope for a better future.

The project attacks the plight of the coffee farmers, addressing the widespread problem farmers in the Dominican Republican face: lack of fair trade prices for coffee. Coffee farmers lose more money harvesting the coffee than they would letting it die. The farmers are not only unable to support their families, but jobs are not even available.

The goal of the project is to develop a comprehensive business and promotional plan for Makarios, including a strategy to pay fair trade prices and import the coffee for distribution to coffee roasters from around the country.

Over 60 students from eight different classes in the marketing and communication majors will use their combined knowledge and creativity in analyzing the market and developing a business plan.

Twelve students and Chancellor Kilty will travel to the Dominican Republic in January to participate in hands-on ministry, serving the people and furthering the project. Ministry components include construction projects and outreach. Students will also be able to take photographs, videotape and conduct interviews to help build a promotional campaign.

Seniors will complete the promotional campaign in the spring.
**Sports Updates**

**Men's Soccer**
The Taylor University Fort Wayne men's soccer program is under the direction of head coach Tim Kintz. The men's soccer team finished the season with two wins, 12 losses and two ties.

Ben Carowan, junior from Avon, IN, majoring in elementary education, was the goalkeeper for the men's soccer team. In his first four matches, Ben posted 39 saves (9.75 per game) in goal. His current save percentage of .803 ranks among the top five in the USCAA.

Also on the roster are: Damon Edmons, sophomore, Bristol, RI; Casey Fisher, freshman, Mooresville, IN; Brandon Jackson, freshman, Hoagland, IN; Seth Kilty, freshman; Fort Wayne, IN; Dave Lawson, senior, St. Paul, MN; Brandon Lemberg, senior, Fort Wayne, IN; Charles Love, freshman, Van Wert, OH; David Love, junior, Fort Wayne, IN; Rokas Niparavicius, freshman, Elektrenai, Lithuania; Andrew Shupp, freshman, Ephrata, PA; Randis Silas, senior, Fort Wayne, IN; Richie Trimmer, freshman, Baltimore, OH; Drew Yocum, freshman, Denver, IN; and Adam Zimmerman, junior, Berne, IN.

Brandon Jackson received First Team All-American and David Lawson received Academic All-American for the second consecutive year.

**Women's Volleyball**
The women's volleyball team finished the season 22-15 and placed second in the national tournament. The 2006 Lady Falcons included local talent and a transfer student to an already talent-filled roster. Two local freshmen talents, Ashley Inge and Britanni Axt, and junior transfer, Danielle Elwood, joined forces with the experienced Taylor University Fort Wayne team.

This year's starting line-up included leadership and experience. Senior standouts included Sarah Hodgin, a two-time USCAA All-American, and Jessica Warriner, a two-time Academic All-American. Junior setter and First Team USCAA All-American Cassie Warriner, added another offensive threat, averaging over 10 assists per game.

Rounding out the Falcon line-up was sophomore outside hitter and First Team USCAA All-American Megan Spillman, and junior Danielle Elwood. Completing the starting line-up was senior Becca Eleiott, junior Dani Partee, senior Brittany Marshall, and junior Rachel Kindle. Megan Spillman, Cassie Warriner and Sarah Hodgin were named First Team All-Americans. Cassie Warriner and Jessica Warriner were also named Academic All-Americans.

**Sports Previews**

**Men's Basketball**
The men's basketball team was crowned national champions in March. As they approach the 2006-07 basketball season, they face a challenge that can be just as, if not more difficult: following it up.

They are helped out by the fact that they only lost three seniors from last year's championship-winning team, leaving them intact for the most part.

With nearly half of the 2005-06 team returning and a number of promising freshmen, Coach Bud Hamilton's confidence in their ability to produce another winning season is far from unfounded.

The men's roster includes: Jesse Boldt, Mississauga, Canada; Seneca Bratton, Fort Wayne, IN; Cameron Bratton, Fort Wayne, IN; David Gay, Houston, TX; Montrel Hogue, Fort Wayne, IN; Ryan Howat, Francesville, IN; Michael Lentz, St Joe, IN; Tyler Morningstar, Fort Wayne, IN; Rokas Niparavicius, Elektrenai, Lithuania; Andy Overpeck, Goshen, IN; Thomas Roberts, Corrigan, TX; Rich Thomas, Houston, TX; Maurice Winters, Indianapolis, IN; Drew Yocum, Denver, IN; and John Yoder, Monroe, IN.

**Women's Basketball**

Last season the Lady Falcons gained a new head coach: Cleveland Inge. The team adjusted to his new style of play and ended their season on a white hot 12-game winning streak. Their overall record was 16 wins, 12 losses. This season, they look to build on that momentum and the experience of their four returning players to make this season an even better one than last year.

Much is expected from the addition of large amounts of new talent on top of the returning veterans. With several new guards on the field boasting faster play than before, it’s possible the entire face of the game will change. Coach Inge says, “This season, the team, overall, will have more speed, knowledge of the game, balance in scoring and the capability to score more points than in the past.”

Ladies on the women’s team include: Andrea Burns, sophomore, Macy, IN; Tayla Cheviron, freshman, Hoagland, IN; Mandy Dittmer, junior, Lansing, MI; Heather Hawkins, freshman, Butler, IN; Sheandria Hansbrough, freshman, Indianapolis, IN; Sarah Hodgin, senior, Fort Wayne, IN; Ashley Inge, freshman, Ossian, IN; Lynnea Johnson, junior, Fort Wayne, IN; Crystal Pendleton, junior, Louisville, KY; Kelly Robbins, senior, Eliot, ME; Danielle Shively, freshman, Hamler, OH; Cassie Warriner, junior, Fort Wayne, IN; Jessica Warriner, senior, Fort Wayne, IN.

Karen Barker, adjunct Spanish professor, taught an advanced English class at a camp in Serbia over the summer. She was sponsored by Josiah Venture, a mission dedicated to Eastern Europe. Two of her students accepted Christ under her direction.

Jeff Baxter, adjunct Christian ministries faculty, presented at two seminars at the National Youth Workers Convention in Austin, TX, in the area of adolescence, culture and theology. He also spoke at the Wesleyan Academy in Puerto Rico and the Southern District Youth Convention for the Mennonite Church in Oklahoma.

Emily Ford, assistant professor of English and professional writing, presented a paper entitled “Margaret Hale as Mediator in Elizabeth Gaskell’s North and South: A Reform of the Self,” at a conference in Spartanburg, SC, October 19-20. The conference was for the Victorian’s Institute Journal.

Marc Hedrick, associate professor of justice studies, attended a family mediation training. The training qualifies him to be listed on the Indiana Supreme Court’s Registry of Family Mediators.

Duane Kilty, chancellor of TUFW, published an article entitled “Managing for Results” in the November issue of Business Officer.

Michelle Mallet, assistant professor of social work, taught Multicultural Counseling at IPFW and presented “The Helicopter Parent and the Millennial Student” at the Indiana Social Work Educators conference, September 15.

Beth (Manon) Groman joined the TUFW faculty and serves as resident director. She received an MA from Geneva College in 2006 in Higher Education and a BA from TUFW in 2004.

Michelle Medlock Adams, guest instructor, is teaching Writing for Children this semester.

John Schutt, associate professor of biology and environmental science, has been appointed president-elect for the Indiana Academy of Science. He served on the executive committee at the fall meeting and is chair for the “Student Paper of the Year” contest.

Amy Settle joined the TUFW faculty as elementary education instructor, specializing in language arts and reading. She received a BA from Huntington College and an MA from Morehead State University in Kentucky.

Dr. Paul Gentile, Taylor University board member emeriti, was nominated for the Foellinger Foundation’s Carl D. Rolfsen Stewardship Award, which recognizes non-profit board members for their dedication and service to the mission of the boards on which they serve.

Dr. Paul Gentile enrolled at Taylor in 1948 and has never ceased being involved in its mission and purpose since that time.

Dr. Gentile served as a trustee of Taylor University for 43 years. A commitment which was characterized by integrity, generosity, dedication to mission, ambassadorship and servant leadership.

Every year Dr. Gentile served on the Board, he generously and sacrificially contributed to the University, giving to the Annual Fund on both campuses and contributing anonymously to students who, due to financial hardship, may not otherwise have been able to complete their Taylor degree.

The Foundation realizes the vital need of board members who are dedicated to preserve the missions of the organizations they serve. In honor of one of their own board members, Carl D. Rolfsen, the Foundation honored 40 nominees from boards who serve nonprofit organizations around Allen County. Each nominee was awarded BoardSource membership and $1000 in services and provision to attend a local board seminar.
Dr. Milo A. Rediger, Taylor University President (1965-75), used to say there were two kinds of pride. The first kind of pride was the opposite of modesty and was bad; but the second kind of pride was the opposite of shame, and that was good. In that sense then, we are "proud" of the work that God has done and is doing at Taylor University.

Each January, the President of the United States delivers the State of the Union address. In that same tradition, each fall it is my privilege to deliver a sort of State of Taylor address with our President’s Annual Report. During the just-completed fiscal year, the 160th in Taylor’s history, we have all faced incredible challenges with grace and faith; and we have all reveled in God’s incredible blessings with joy and thanksgiving.

An early morning fire in October 2005 damaged Schultz Hall, displacing the 35 students and one residence hall assistant director; all residents in the building at the time of the fire were evacuated safely.

Groundbreaking for a new residence hall took place in February 2006; the building was completed in time for the fall 2006 semester. Ramseyer Hall was dedicated during Homecoming/Parents' Weekend 2006.

We mourned and continue to grieve the loss of four Taylor University Upland students and one staff member involved in the tragic semi-truck/van accident on I-69 in April.

May we be mindful that we serve a God who is not limited by time, space or human frailties, but One who continues to change the world through this place called Taylor—a place where God has been doing amazing things for over a century!

Taylor University is a place that is able to attract gifted students who enjoy tremendous success in our classrooms under the mentoring of a first-class faculty.

Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW) launched two new programs in ’05-’06. Going Beyond is a joint program facilitating students’ completion of associate degrees at Ivy Tech Community College Northeast and a bachelor degree at TUFW. The Bachelor of Business Administration program allows students to enhance their educational background with flexible course schedules, including on-line courses and intensive seminars rather than traditional classroom based courses.

In the recent U.S. News and World Report survey America’s Best Colleges, Taylor University’s Upland campus enjoyed stellar regional rankings which placed it among the nation’s best.

As great as all those numbers are, the next one I’m going to give you is incredible - 34.7 percent of our alumni gave to TUFW during the measurement year! For most universities, a giving rate of 30 percent is unheard of, but you have sacrificially given of your funds, prayer support and time in ways that have both challenged and cheered us. We thank God for you!

Eugene B. Habecker ’68
WBCL’s theme for the year has been *LIFESONG*, defined as making each day count for Jesus Christ. This happens in more ways than via the airwaves.

Many times, WBCL’s *LIFESONG* connects them with listeners at special events. WBCL staff have met listeners at 150 locations this year!

WBCL has connected with listeners at Singles’ Nights, parades, remotes and at concerts, as well as other “Stop & Spots” and dozens of other “touchpoints” — to meet and encourage those who stop by.

In August, 800 visitors came to Sauder Village in Archbold, OH, to enjoy a walk-through-history and meet the staff.

WBCL connected with 1200 mothers and daughters at a Secret Keeper Girls event. On this special night, 8- to 12-year-old girls giggled and listened and learned about purity, beauty and modesty. The night was such an outstanding success that two more similar events are already on the calendar — one in Ohio, the other in Fort Wayne.

Their newest venture is Katrina Connection, a means of reaching out to those affected by Hurricane Katrina. Although over a year has passed, many are still trying to rebuild their lives. WBCL is an integral part of that through their partnership with Hope Crisis Response Network.

WBCL has laughed with some of you, cried with others, and — always — attempted to make our *LIFESONG* one which pleases Him.

For details on the many ways WBCL continues to impact the tri-state area and beyond, log onto www.wbcl.org.

Left: Area girls model for the Secret Keeper Girl Event

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**The Charitable Gift Annuity**

Consider the immediate and long-term benefits of this giving plan at Taylor University Fort Wayne:

- Immediate charitable income tax deduction
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- Possibility of more spendable income

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In exchange for your gift, Taylor agrees to pay you a fixed payment for the rest of your life. The amount you are paid is determined by your age.

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- Visit our website: fw.taylor.edu/wtf/
- Contact: Al Rupp, director of planned giving, (260) 744-8871 or via e-mail at alrupp@fw.taylor.edu

**Example:**

Mary is 65 years old and decides to give Taylor University Fort Wayne $10,000 to establish a charitable gift annuity.

Based on her age, TUFW will pay Mary a fixed amount of $600 annually. She will receive a charitable income tax deduction of $4,042. The charitable deduction plus the amount of tax-free income will provide Mary with an effective annual rate of 7.78 percent. If Mary were to defer her payments for 5 years, she would receive a fixed payment of $840 and receive an immediate charitable deduction of $5,107.
Great Expectations

Ami is a senior majoring in marketing communications.

Already she has worked for Fort Wayne’s Orchard Gallery, developing their logo and mission statement. Ami is assisting the American Red Cross with their Battle for Blood campaign. Her internship this semester is with Fort Wayne Parks’ McMillen Ice Arena, where she serves as marketing assistant.

Ami heard God’s call on her life and she expects to fulfill that call.

There are many ways you can support students like Ami in fulfilling God’s call on their lives as they prepare to go out into all the world and share the redemptive love of Jesus Christ to a world in need.

The Fort Wayne Fund is needed to provide the difference between what students pay and the actual cost. For fiscal year 2006-2007, tuition covers approximately 76 percent of total educational costs, while the remaining 24 percent comes from gifts and other sources of income for the University. No student ever pays the full cost of their education, even if they pay the full tuition charge.

If you would like to help TUFW students through financial assistance or for more information, contact: Sherri Harter, associate vice president for advancement, 260-744-8600.

Indiana State Tax Credits

If you file a state income tax return for Indiana, the state will credit up to 50 percent of your gift to Taylor against your state income taxes.

Individual filers receive a $100 credit for the first $200 contributed; joint filers receive a $200 credit for the first $400 contributed. An Indiana College Credit Form (CC-40) will be mailed to individuals who send gifts to TUFW during the calendar year.

*Gifts of appreciated stocks or other securities can reduce the cost of your gift even more. You may want to consult with your tax advisor to see how such a gift specifically affects you.

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Christian Education
Department of Christian Ministries
http://fw.taylor.edu/ministry

Difficult choices.
Help her decide.

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TUFW
Taylor University Fort Wayne
Alumni Gatherings

Youth Pastor’s Gatherings
December 2, 2006
First Union Center
401 South Tryon Street,
Corner of College and 2nd Streets
Charlotte, North Carolina

Alumni Basketball Weekend
January 13, 2007
TUFW’s Gerig Activities Center
Pre-game @12 noon
Women’s Game @1 pm
Men’s Game @ 3 pm
Visiting Team–Grace College

An Evening at Science Central
January 30, 2007
1950 N. Clinton
Fort Wayne, Indiana

Elementary Education Gatherings
Four gatherings are planned for
Spring 2007
Fort Wayne, IN & surrounding areas
Details are forthcoming

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