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Called to serve

Spring 2007
Two teams comprised of 27 students, staff, faculty, alumni and friends from both campuses of Taylor University served in Ecuador and Jamaica during the University’s Spring Break.

Cassie Warriner, junior (above), traveled with the team to the Dominican Republic.

“These are not glorified vacations. It is our desire to see lives transformed because of the training and the work; these are much more than just 10-day experiences,” explains Michael Mortensen, Ecuador team leader and director of development and planned giving.
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A group of Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW) students spent their January in the Dominican Republic. Here they are hiking to a nearby village to hold a Bible study.

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There is a growing sense of excitement on the Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW) campus about all of the changes taking place. The addition of Community Leadership Development as the third core distinctive, in addition to Spiritual Formation and Applied Learning, has energized students, faculty, staff, and community leaders. Our desire at TUFW is to train students to be agents of restoration and development for all parts of the community.

Our vision is bold, but we believe God is calling us to be bold. The United States is filled with many ordinary Christian colleges. With God’s help, TUFW will not be one of them. We are willing to be used of God to do the impossible…to do what can only be done with God’s help and His people. This is how I want to invest the rest of my life. I want to make a difference for the Kingdom and I know you do as well.

Transforming students,
restoring communities

-Dr. Duane Kilty
Chancellor, TUFW
I am convinced God will honor the Christian university that has the courage to stand up and be different...unique and willing to re-shape programs and delivery systems in a way to most effectively enable students to be transformed and become agents of restoration. Our team is evaluating all levels of our curriculum development and programming to assure that we are challenging our students to have a deep connection to the city where there are plenty of opportunities for God to transform and restore.

We have chosen Micah 6:8 to guide us as we chase after the bold vision God has given TUFW. The prophet’s words are familiar to all of us; “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.” To act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God, we need to be people who care about the people God cares about; widows, fatherless, orphans, poor, hungry, strangers, needy, weak and oppressed. Our hearts need to be broken by the things that break God’s heart. We need to have a deep desire to see the world through the eyes of God and to act in the world as God would act.

Not all students will be called to Urban Ministry, or even to the city, but all of us are called to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God. All need to be equipped, to be agents of restoration wherever God plants us. Scripture is clear, no one is exempt! Regardless of whether we live in the city or a very rural area, regardless of whether we are a physician, banker, social worker, pastor, teacher, businessperson, or any other vocation, God calls us to demonstrate our faith by our actions. To love God is to love our neighbor as ourselves.

The vision God has given TUFW is compelling and is based on three core distinctives—Spiritual Formation, Applied Learning and Community Leadership Development—which interact to help shape a student’s calling. A brief explanation of each may be helpful for context.

**Spiritual Formation** objectives continue to be based on Colossians 2:6-7; “And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to live in obedience to him. Let your roots grow down into him and draw up nourishment from him, so you will grow in faith, strong and vigorous in the truth you were taught. Let your lives overflow with thanksgiving for all he has done.” We are convinced that if we invite the Holy Spirit into the learning experience we will find Christ in all that we study.

**Applied Learning** at TUFW applies to both the career-oriented majors offered on campus and the “hands on” method of instruction best suited to these majors. The city of Fort Wayne becomes a wonderful learning laboratory, an extension of the campus. This is currently accomplished through case studies, field observations, service learning, practicums and internships in a wide variety of settings. Faculty on campus are effective in applied instruction not only because of their advanced academic credentials, but also because of their own successful careers as practitioners in their fields. Applied Learning affirms principles learned in the classroom and often provides excellent

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contacts for employment after graduation. Finally, and most importantly, it is often the best context to confirm God’s vocational calling on the lives of students. No amount of passive learning reveals as much.

For example, for the last four months TUFW freshmen and sophomores have published feature articles in nationally distributed magazines. Most of these articles began as class assignments. Students in our Social Research Methods class are in the process of developing a research instrument and conducting the study. The topic is partnering with local churches on community development projects. The point is students learn by doing.

Our new distinctive, Community Leadership Development, is the equipping of students with the knowledge, skills and values necessary for them to become agents of restoration and development within the spiritual, economic, social, political, cultural, emotional, physical, moral, judicial, educational and familial contexts of the community. Remember Micah 6:8!

As one example, students taking Introduction to Sociology as part of the general education curriculum all have the opportunity to learn from and about the community. One assignment in the course is called “Urban Guerilla Mission.” In order to get a first-hand experience of the city, students are assigned to ride buses, visit the emergency room, monitor governmental meetings and attend an urban church. The students then write reflections upon their experiences. One student commented, “There were no Spanish speakers in the emergency room. I was able to translate for the doctor so a child could receive proper treatment.” Another student wrote, “Enhanced social life begins on the way to the bus stop by interacting with people in their yards.” A third student wrote, “This experience has broadened my ministry abilities and given me a deeper understanding of urban culture.” This final comment aptly sums up the entire educational focus of the campus related to Community Leadership Development.

With a compelling vision and three core distinctives in place, many exciting new initiatives are underway. The first ones will be implemented in the fall of 2007 and include Community Leadership Development, which will provide students with hands-on community experience. We are providing training for faculty on how to work community engagement into their courses so it is part of the curriculum and not something extra we are asking students to do. The combination of applied learning and community leadership development will provide students with an impressive resume and incredible stories to tell during job interviews.

To facilitate taking learning out of the classroom, a new course scheduling model has been developed for the fall of 2007 with limited classes on Thursdays to allow students to be in the community doing their assignments. For the most part, classes for residential students will end by 3:00 pm each day to allow for other campus activities. We are working toward an Adult Program on Tuesday evenings. We anticipate this being a blended model . . . part online and part in the physical classroom. Classes will meet every third Tuesday so a student could take three classes during a normal semester on Tuesday night. Adult, or non-traditional, students will now be able to conveniently access TUFW programs.

Beginning in the fall of 2007, a student will be able to easily obtain a Theological Studies minor. In most cases students will only need to
take an additional Bible or Theology course as an elective to earn the minor.

Several certificate programs will be available for the fall of 2007. The Christian Ministries area will be offering certificates in Preaching, Pastoral Care, and Bible. Additionally, a Certified Financial Planner certificate is being developed.

For the fall of 2008, we have a Healthcare Administration degree on the drawing board. Local health care providers are helping us design the program. We are considering five certificates. Along with the general education core and the five certificates, a student would earn their bachelors degree. However, a person could purchase a certificate independent of seeking a degree. This will allow a local health care provider who is moving into administration to pick up the certificate or certificates needed.

We are working with a group of prominent local pastors to help us redesign our Pastoral Ministries and Youth Ministries programs. The model includes a one-year practicum, during year three, in a local partner church. Generally speaking, the pastor will teach the practical ministry skills while we teach Bible and Theology and other required classes best taught by TUFW. We are excited about the partnership. This also should be ready to pilot for the fall of 2008. A Sports Leadership minor is also being developed.

The application for accrediting approval to offer four-year degrees online has been submitted. Upon a positive response, which we anticipate within 90 days, implementation of online four-year degrees will move as rapidly as possible. We anticipate our first degrees to be ready no later than the fall of 2008.

By developing new delivery modes, new approaches to developing programs, and re-designing existing ones, we want to be responsive to the needs of students and the community. Students will be able to access TUFW programs a variety of different ways: residential, online, nights/weekend, and blended models. We are also being responsive to potential employers by asking them to help us design new programs and re-develop existing ones.

As much as possible we want to move learning out of the classroom to foster community engagement. Programs will be delivered in a way that will require students to engage in the learning process and engage in the community. Faculty will teach differently as well. Faculty and students will both be engaged in classroom learning and the community. This kind of purposeful learning will provide many opportunities for God to transform our students and help make Fort Wayne a better place in the process. Whether students stay in Fort Wayne after they graduate or not, they will be part of the restoration of our city while they are here. Wherever they live after they graduate, they will be agents of restoration in their communities. And communities are not just cities. We want students to understand restoration as it relates to relationships, families, marriages, churches, agencies, and businesses.

We will stand firm on the heart and soul of this place, but we are sprinting forward. And this is just the beginning. We don’t plan to stop here. As we re-shape everything we do at TUFW, faculty and students will be engaged with the community in significant ways. We will be responsive to the needs of students and the community. We will provide purposeful learning experiences that will foster the transformation of students and the restoration of communities they serve.

Michela Smith, senior, has gained valuable experience locally and abroad through a variety of leadership experiences at TUFW.
Four years ago this past fall, my parents left me crying at TUFW. I was all alone and the world was ending. Sure there were a lot of students milling around and moving in their things, but I didn’t know them. I only knew three guys, and they all lived in Schultz Hall, across campus. I was all alone. Four years later, I wave and smile at my departing family as they head home after another monthly Sunday visit to my church and a family dinner together. Oh how I have changed.

Coming into TUFW I thought I had life figured out. I thought I was in a good place with Jesus and things couldn’t be better (that was after I stopped crying, of course). I got into campus life easily enough and made some good friends.

Now, as I prepare to leave, with some of those same friends, I know that I have nothing figured out and my relationship with Jesus has gotten an extreme makeover. I have a deeper understanding of who God is and the role each member of the Trinity wishes to play in my life. I also know that God is in control. His timing is perfect, and that I need to trust in “His good and perfect will.”

I knew when I enrolled I wanted to student-teach overseas. My heart was in Kenya, Africa; I had been there on a mission trip during high school. God obviously had other plans. Through a series of flight restrictions, rejections and changed plans, I landed in Vienna, Austria, on November 4, 2006, and returned home December 15. A changed woman. God took six weeks of my life to teach me how to depend solely on Him, to listen to His still small voice and to break my heart for people who are surrounded by darkness. It was a life-changing trip. I’ve learned a lot here at TUFW. I’ve learned to dress professionally even when all I want to do is climb into my jeans and a sweatshirt. I’ve learned to step out of my comfort zone and spend time with people I don’t know, even though it’s easier to stick with my friends. I’ve learned to buy stamps and send my own letters, and how to do my own laundry. But more than that, my life has been transformed.

God has taken advantage of my time here and molded me into the woman I am today. He took a scared, crying, lonely freshman girl and turned her into a world-traveling student body president. That aside, He has done so much more. He has prepared me to wait on His call for the next step in my life. He has taught me to be anxious about nothing, and to pray about everything.

God has changed my life while here at TUFW. I couldn’t have wished for a better place to be transformed.

From left to right:
Abby and Sarah Swanson, senior, visited a cathedral while on their senior trip to Washington D.C.
Abby (back row, left) taught first grade at Danube International School, Vienna, Austria, last fall.
Abby (back row, right) with her cabin counselees from Camp Mack.
Jered Blanchard, senior, and Abby lead Koinonia, a worship time, on campus.
Five years have come and gone. Now that’s not much time, but for the class of 2002, that’s quite a bit. I’m sure many of us have had dramatic changes since the good ol’ days of open dorm at Hausser Hall or pizza parties in Schultz Hall. A handful may actually be doing exactly what they had anticipated upon graduation—the rest of us may have never guessed we’d be where we are.

At the 2002 commencement, I shared five uses of the servant’s towel, and I believe it’s important to reflect on those again. After college I struggled to know where to go or what to do. Sometimes our mission seems so big and we want to accomplish everything so quickly. God knows the importance of small, faithful steps.

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About six months after graduation, I took an internship at Metro Ministries in Brooklyn. I thought, "Why am I taking an internship? I've got a bachelor's degree." But I felt led to this ministry. After the internship, I became a part of their staff, trained to lead a team under former TUFW student, Grace Blodgett, and soon became the leader of my own team. Once I became a leader, I realized the great importance of the servant leadership Taylor emphasizes so much.

Being a leader is not for the sake of position or prestige; it is really being a servant to those you lead.

Working in New York City, I found myself surrounded by the broken, needy and downtrodden. What do you say to a mother whose daughter is having an abortion at age 11 and her two sons are in and out of juvenile facilities because of involvement in gangs, drugs and violence? Or what about the kid whose father always promises to visit, but never shows? This is when I can be there for them, pray with them and assure them God will be faithful, no matter what.

Ministry is ridiculously hard work.

There are the late nights working on lessons for the kids or moving and organizing thousands of pumpkins, turkey dinners or preparing stockings for holiday celebrations. It's all worth the sweat. The hard work seems to be forgotten when one small child receives the stocking with a big smile and you know he won't get much else.

I remember when I would pray for the kids and tears would well up in my eyes as I would begin to see God's promises for the ones in which no one else saw promise; or when I realized the hours we had with them was the only time each week when someone would speak life into them.

I am currently taking a four month internship at the International House of Prayer in Kansas City. I have been awakened again to the real power of prayer. It is hidden and not very glorious, but is so powerful—it connects us and others with the Almighty God.

We must always celebrate and give thanks for what God has done. God can never take us to new levels in Him if we are not thankful and acknowledge that it's only through His strength that we accomplish anything. I praise the Lord for His faithfulness. Sometimes I wish there were a better way to express my thanks... but He does love the words, “Thank You.”

Serving, loving the broken, hard work, prayer and thankful celebration are not just some spiritual rhetoric; they are important qualities for anyone serving Christ.

What I've realized most is that life is not about the grandiose, it's about the little things. Even though we would reach thousands of kids in Brooklyn and the Bronx, the founder and senior pastor at Metro Ministries always reminded us, “It's about the ONE.”

To make a real difference you have to be faithful in the small stuff.

I encourage you that no matter where you are in life, you can make a difference. Look for the little opportunities wherever you are; they often will make the biggest impact in others’ lives.

Finally, I've realized that everything we are is birthed out of love. What is life without love? We must be dependent on God's love for us. I am so thankful that He loved us first, enabling us to love Him back; and nothing we can do will separate us from His love. No matter where we are in life, we can run to His loving arms. As we realize how much love He has lavished on us, we will then be able to use our [servant] towels in so many ways to love others.

-Josh Lee g02
To serve a local congregation as a pastor, for a pastoral ministries major, is no surprise. To pastor through writing? That is a different story. Senior, John Boyanowski does both.

He has served as a pastor at Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church, Pleasant Lake, IN, for six years and although he states “this is my life calling,” he also shares that God has “ignited the passion” in him to write.

“I want to be the voice that will bring to light social issues, Christian living concerns; I want to speak out against conforming to the secular way of life.” He adds, “I want to bring others closer to God and to each other with my writings.”

His articles are published regularly in Fort Wayne Journal-Gazette’s Faith section and Angola’s Herald Republican.

John shares, “I want to reach the lost, to help the ‘unloveable’ know and embrace God’s love, to bring restoration to the hurting world around me. In short, I want to mirror Jesus Christ anyway I can.”

John and his wife, Marsha, are non-traditional students at TUFW. John has been attending classes at TUFW part-time for the past 10 years and Marsha has been a full-time student for the past four years.

How does John balance being a husband, father, pastor and student? “My first and foremost calling is to love God more than anyone or anything. My next greatest calling is to be the best possible husband and father I can be.”

As for his plans after graduation, John shares, “My current calling is for my church at Pleasant Lake, but I will go wherever God calls me. I can be a pastor on the mission field, in a secular job, or wherever He leads my beloved wife Marsha and me.”

John Boyanowski, senior, prepares to speak to his congregation at Pleasant Lake UMC.
Four years ago, Darlene Divine did not expect to have opportunities to work with actual clients in her freshman marketing communication classes. Since her freshman year, she has worked with nearly a dozen real clients. This past fall she completed an internship at the American Red Cross and was asked to continue on and serve as communications assistant. “I assist with planning the Annual Meeting, and write newsletter articles and blood drive promotions.” She also writes press releases, Web site articles, talking points and designs and writes e-mail messaging for monthly thematic promotional materials.

Last fall, all marketing communication majors were assigned to the Makarios International project. Darlene helped develop a competitor analysis for the Dominican Joe coffee shop and researched coffee roaster demographics and trends. In January, she was part of the team that traveled to the Dominican Republic where Makarios International serves the Dominican and Haitians. The team collected video and photo stock to be used to create a strategic marketing campaign for Makarios International.

“I have gained more than valuable work experience through these real-life projects,” Darlene begins, “I have also learned how my faith must be carried out within the realm of marketing communication. I need to competently communicate marketing practices and ideas while treating colleagues with respect. In the workplace, integrity and truth should be spoken and acted out. To impact the kingdom of Jesus Christ, I must keep my promises, meet deadlines and work with excellence so non-believers will see that Christians are not simply religious, but competent, truth-telling people.”

“Being immersed in a new culture was eye-opening to say the least,” she shares. “To be in the country with the organization I had spent the previous semester researching, connected the entire learning process for me. I realized that I could use my gifts in communication, public relations and organization to serve the Lord in a meaningful and impactful way. I do not have to become a missionary or a pastor to serve others. I can serve the Lord in public relations.”

Above: Darlene Divine, senior, works on an assignment at the American Red Cross in Fort Wayne.

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Courtney Stoppenhagen’s parents have been owners and directors of StillWater Retreat, a camp for inner city kids, for 16 years. Consequently, Courtney has been involved in ministry for most of her life.

When she was 12, her family visited missionaries in South Africa. Her parents began to work with a ministry called the Kibbutz El-Shammah. The Kibbutz work with an impoverished government-housing community left over from Apartheid. Her family would return each year and develop summer camps for the street youth from the Worcester community. “ALL of the street youth would come to camp,” Courtney recalls. “The police told us that whenever the Kibbutz does its street kids’ camp, there are no boys on the streets--they’re with us, at the camp!”

Courtney shares, “The boys have terrible life-stories. Some have been beaten (and worse) by policemen, some have been kicked out of their homes due to abusive fathers, some are orphans; almost all are drug addicts. The boys are what keep us going back.” She also has a heart for the teenage girls in South Africa. She shares, “Many care for their siblings due to their parents’ drug and alcohol addictions. Over half in this community have been raped. Some have children from these rapes. Most of the ministry staff at the Kibbutz have stories comparable to those of the street boys and teenage girls. The healing and joy the Lord has brought these people is overwhelming.”

Courtney is a social work intern with International House in Fort Wayne, building relationships with refugee families from Somalia, Sudan, Bosnia, South Korea, Burundi, Latvia and Burma. This summer she will serve there as programs coordinator for the Summer Kid’s Club. “I serve these families in practical ways. I help them understand their mail, take them to appointments, bank or grocery store and teach them English. I have developed a respect for their love for their extended family, their level of sacrifice for each other and their endurance. Many African refugees have lived in refugee camps and been through serious trauma. I have no comprehension of what they have been through. I can offer to listen and help with everyday tasks.”

From her youth, Courtney has shared her parents’ heart for ministry. That call is not just for her parents, but is her own. She shares, “God has put a call on my life to serve the ‘least of these’.” She and her fiance, Jason Bilbrey, senior, plan to minister to trafficked women and children in eastern Europe or southeast Asia.

Above: Courtney Stoppenhagen, senior, tutors Wahida Rabih, a Sudanese refugee.
Called to fight (for a cure)

Linda Maricle’s son sat next to Linda Washkun’s son in kindergarten. The two boys quickly became friends, as did their mothers.

After working in education and early childhood development—including 10 years in elected public office with the Peoria Heights community school—Linda Maricle began devoting time as a breast cancer and women’s health advocate for the state of Illinois.

Serving others is not a new concept to Linda Maricle. It is something she has been doing for decades.

Race for the Cure was a project of the Women’s Health Initiative when Linda first began volunteering with the Junior League of Peoria, an organization of women committed to improving communities through volunteerism.

Linda’s 15 years of volunteer service with Susan G. Komen for the Cure led to her current position as executive director. In this role, Linda helps to spread the word, organize events and mobilize volunteers for the fight to cure breast cancer.

“My parents instilled in me and college days affirmed that to whom much is given, much is required. I am so blessed that my vocation and my passion have come together in my professional life. I’m able to serve those facing the disease and those looking for a good way to help the cause.”

Linda has the unique opportunity to help the cause of a friend’s best friend (Linda Washkun’s best friend was Susie Komen), and every woman.

Linda reflects that God often leads us in the opportunities He puts right in front of us; she shares from Psalm 25:4: “Show me the path where I should walk to O, Lord, point out the right road for me to follow.”

Linda (Trail) Maricle, left, and Linda B. Washkun, pose together at the 20th Anniversary Komen Peoria Pink Tie Ball.
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Chasing after God

Congressman Tim Walberg’s dream was to be a good steward of God’s natural resources and serve at Montana’s Glacier National Park. While studying forestry at Western Illinois University, the Lord placed a new desire on Tim’s heart: campus missions. He transferred to Moody Bible Institute to follow the call.

During Tim’s senior year, the chairman of the department shared a scripture with Tim: “But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, so that I may finish my course and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God (Acts 20:24 NASB).” Tim so strongly identified with this passage that he claimed it as his life verse and determined to follow God no matter where He might lead him.

The Lord first led him to serve as a pastor, a role he held for a decade. Tim accepted a pastorate in New Haven, IN, and received additional education at Fort Wayne Bible College.

The Lord then led him to pastor a church in Tipton, MI. While there Tim challenged his congregation to actively share their faith in order to make a difference in the world around them. After prayerfully considering their roles in the community, Tim and his wife, Sue, became involved in the local Right to Life organization. At the time, Michigan funded abortions through state monies, so the Right to Life group traveled to Lansing to lobby the state representative to take a stand for life. When the representative ignored the group’s plea and voted to continue to pay for abortions, Tim voiced he wanted to run against the representative. The president of the Right to Life organization encouraged him to do just that.

While Tim was not serious about pursuing a political career, he left it to the Lord to show him His will. “My wife and I are so intensely interested in hearing and doing what God says that when the Lord made it evident that this was the path, our response was to follow Him.” Tim reflects, “God enabled me to be available to His changing my path even when I hadn’t considered it.”

Tim was elected and served for 16 years in the Michigan House of Representatives. Since then, he has served as president of the Warren Reuther Center for Education and Community Impact where he was involved in community betterment programs. He also served at Moody Bible Institute. Last November, he was elected to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives; he took office in January.

Whether serving as pastor, public servant or entrepreneur, Tim’s charge is the same: “To be an agent of biblical change in a Christ-like way.” He adds, “Biblical principles are my guide for my faith and my practice. . . God has expanded my ministry and sphere of influence in each role He’s given me.”

Congressman Tim Walberg meets with Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice.
Graduates, Pannell receive degrees
Dr. Bill Pannell g51 will address the 2007 TUFW graduates at the May 18 commencement ceremonies where 80 men and women will receive degrees. At commencement, he will also receive an honorary doctorate of humane letters. Dr. Pannell is known for his passion, dedication and commitment to transforming the inner cities of this country through evangelism.

In an address to TUFW in the fall of 1992, Dr. Pannell challenged the campus “to be committed to Jesus Christ and the city in which He placed us, to share God’s concern for the people in the city in which He placed us and to be involved in this city.”

Dr. Pannell is a graduate of Fort Wayne Bible College and member emeritus of Taylor University’s Board of Trustees. After serving as an associate evangelist and vice president of Tom Skinner Associates, he spent 25 years at Fuller Theological Seminary, serving as special assistant to the president and senior professor of preaching.

Dr. Pannell is the author of numerous articles and books, including *The Coming Race Wars? A Cry for Reconciliation; Evangelism from the Bottom Up*; and *My Friend, the Enemy*.

Dr. Pannell will also be guest speaker to area pastors at a luncheon on May 18.

Dean of online learning
Dr. Jeff Groeling was appointed dean of online learning and instructional technology.

Dr. Groeling served as executive director of information technology at Asbury Theological Seminary in Wilmore, KY, since 1992, overseeing all IT functions and developing technical direction in support of the overall strategic plan of the seminary. He also researched and directed several technology initiatives, including the development of Asbury’s online learning program, planned and set-up dedicated voice, video and data connectivity between Asbury’s Florida and Kentucky campuses, and planned and installed a campus-wide voice, video and data infrastructure upgrade.

AVP enrollment management
Palmer Muntz was recently appointed AVP of enrollment management.

Palmer has served as director of admissions at Oregon Institute of Technology (OIT), Klamath Falls, OR, since May 2000. He helped strategize and implement several significant initiatives to improve student retention and achievement, and designed a comprehensive recruitment plan. Prior to his employment at OIT, he served as associate director of admissions at Asbury College, and as director of financial aid and director of admissions and financial aid at Corban College (formerly Western Baptist College), Salem, OR. He also served in various capacities at Whitworth College, Spokane, WA; Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR; and Western Baptist College, Salem, OR.
Office of vocational calling
TUFW has established an office of vocational calling. The office provides orientation to college as preparation for one’s calling within the context of a Christian worldview. It also provides leadership development as an application of one’s calling within a strengths-based philosophy of service to others, and provides career services as tools for finding one’s calling within a process of continual and lifelong discernment.

TUFW believes a vocation is more than a job, it’s a calling. Vocation, from the Latin root, “vocare,” means “to call.” One’s vocation is more accurately described as one’s calling in life. Vocation is not simply what you do, but rather what you are called to do.

“The Mouse that Roared”
This Spring, TUFW’s Theatre Organization (TTO) produced “The Mouse that Roared.”

TTO is a student-led organization. Its focus is to enrich the Fort Wayne community with quality theatre entertainment while enhancing student life on campus.

Troops
TUFW students collected items to send Easter baskets to U.S. troops serving overseas. The effort was organized by Social Work Organization (S.W.O.), a student directed organization dedicated to raising awareness of social concerns by providing information and assistance to our local community through volunteer service.

Student writers get national attention
Four professional writing majors were featured in national cover stories. Pictured from left to right: sophomore Bridgette Oakes’ story was featured in Church Libraries’ Winter 2006-07 issue; freshman Jennifer Opperman’s story was a cover feature in Writer’s Journal’s January 2007 issue; sophomore, Devin Wieland’s and freshman, Rose Rider’s stories appeared in the Christian Communicator’s February and March 2007 issues, respectively.

New look
TUFW recently launched a new website look, completing 18 months of redesign and content migration and reflects updated logo and campus and athletic colors. Visit fw.taylor.edu to see the exciting new Web site!

Throughout this issue you may notice TUFW’s new logo and colors. The logo was repurposed to have a more synergetic feel with Taylor University’s cross and crucible. The cross and crucible, the largest element of the logo, also resonate with TUFW’s history and heritage as Fort Wayne Bible College/Summit Christian College.
Visible miracles, a devotional from Fresh Perspectives

Amidst all the national coverage last April of the accident that took the lives of five of our Taylor family members, a miraculous event went almost unnoticed. On Monday, April 24, 2006, Melissa Munn, a student in her senior year at our Upland campus, was hospitalized in critical condition. The physicians diagnosed her as having a pulmonary embolism and warned that she might die within the week. Taylor University students, professors and staff rallied for an all night prayer vigil on her behalf. Soon they were joined by Melissa’s family members, as well as neighbors and concerned Christians from the Upland community. Hour after hour, people got on their knees and implored God to restore her body. By dawn, the doctors announced she was showing signs of recovery and new strength. During the following weeks, Melissa underwent three open heart surgeries. With each operation, her health improved. Then, during the third week in May, Melissa came upon the stage to receive her degree at the graduation ceremonies. Through prayer, she had risen from a possible deathbed to become a college graduate. The audience erupted in applause. Melissa was a visible miracle, tangible evidence of the power of prayer. Even today her story serves as a reminder to us that we have a God who listens. Call upon Him today.

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

JAMES & JOCELYN BLUM ENDOWED MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP—established in honor of James and Jocelyn Blum in recognition of their many years of service to Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company, Taylor University and the Fort Wayne community.

CLASS OF 1945 ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP—grateful for God’s blessings in their lives, the members of the graduating class of 1945 established the Class of 1945 Endowed Scholarship as a way to make Christian higher education possible for future generations preparing for God’s call on their lives.

CECIL MURPHEY WRITER’S SCHOLARSHIP—established by Cecil Murphey, former missionary to Africa and author of more than 100 books and 600 articles.

How to Establish an Endowed Scholarship at Taylor University Fort Wayne

The Taylor University Fort Wayne Advancement Office would be delighted to assist you in establishing an endowed scholarship. Details follow to give you a better understanding of what is involved.

1. The principal of the scholarship fund must be a minimum of $20,000.
2. Scholarships are awarded from the interest earned on the endowment principal.
3. Endowed scholarships are awarded annually, currently in April, to be used in the next academic year.
4. Donors have the opportunity to become acquainted with recipients through the Annual Scholarship Award Luncheon, photos and biographical sketches of each recipient.
5. Each August, a Scholarship Financial Activity Report is sent to each donor.

If you are interested in establishing an Endowed Scholarship or would like additional information on other scholarship possibilities, contact Mrs. Sherri Harter, associate vice president for advancement, (260) 744-8775.

Because Christian higher education is so important to Dale and Betty Keiser, they established The Dale and Betty Keiser Family Scholarship in 1999. The scholarship was created in honor of their daughters Susan and Patricia. Susan is a graduate of Taylor University and Patty graduated from I.U. Medical Center. The Keisers feel blessed as both girls have continued in their Christian training in both teaching and music. Through this scholarship, the Keisers hope the opportunity for Christian higher education can be given to others.

Dale and Betty Keiser pose during a recent Scholarship Award Luncheon with the recipient of their scholarship.
The Rev. Richard Baxter g70
has been a member of the staff
at the Fort Wayne campus
since he graduated from Fort
Wayne Bible College with a
BS in Christian Education
in 1970, and a member
of the faculty since
completing his Master
of Science in Education
from the University of
Saint Francis in 1977. For
more than 37 years he has
served faithfully in a variety
of responsibilities; serving
students and the educational
mission of this campus. He was
asked to coordinate the institutional
self-study that led to North Central accreditation for
FWBC. His continued involvement in the self-study process
led to subsequent reaccreditations. He was also part of the
merger task force that led to Taylor University’s acquisition
Dick was instrumental in the development of the
Christian Service program at FWBC and its spread to other
Bible Colleges throughout the country. He is one of the
founders of the Association of Christian Service Personnel.
His passion for ministry has continued to this day as advisor
to Taylor World Outreach with short term mission teams
and service projects among his many responsibilities. In
the last eight years he has led more than two dozen short-
term mission trips to Whitehouse, Jamaica, where he was
recently honored by having a training school dedicated in
his name.
Dick has also served as the Associate Dean of Students
and Director of Career Services since 1992. He has been a
mentor to dozens of young men in accountability groups
over the years and a counselor to hundreds of other
students who frequent his office. Known by many as the
“Candy Man” for his generous provision of sweets to those
who visit his office, his retirement at the end of May 2007
will bring sweet memories to almost four decades of alumni.

Professor Arlan Birkey
retires after completing
39 years as professor of Greek and
New Testament. Professor Birkey
has been the
one to whom
other members
of the academic
committees turn
to understand the
details and
the long-range
ramifications of any
proposal. Arlan
has been the one who
could always be counted
upon to work hardest alongside the students during
days of community service. And when the campus
was in a time of institutional need, Professor Birkey
(the faithful servant) was the one called upon to
become acting academic dean.
His finest contribution to TUFW has been
his outstanding teaching. He has brought to the
classroom a scholar’s attention to detail, a farmer’s
capacity for work, and a servant’s heart for giving,
and the students have been the beneficiaries. Time
and again students comment about his great intellect
and effective instruction. Greek is not “dead” in his
classes, but a means to know better the very words
of God. Geography of the Bible is not a disconnected
obscurity, but becomes the multi-sensory context of
special revelation and much of today’s most dramatic
events. And the Holy Spirit is not one more concept
to be memorized in Acts, but a gracious person of
the Triune God to be known personally and who
has been sent to empower, indwell, convict, and
encourage.
Although Arlan retires this spring, such a record
does not retire. It lives on and will continue to impact
faculty, staff and students for Kingdom purposes.

Faculty Honors and
Accomplishments

Doug Barcalow
has been named
interim academic
dean beginning
June 1.

Andy Davis has
been named
the director of
vocational calling.
Dr. Jim Saddlington has been a professor of history on the Fort Wayne campus since 1983. Jim has been the entire history department, and at times the entire sociology department, since he arrived. His versatility is astounding. Among the courses he has taught are World History, History of Missions, African-American History, Middle East History, Global Poverty, Urban Sociology, Christianity to 1500, and, of course, Christianity since 1500.

His passion for God, love of history, joy of teaching, and infectious laughter (even at his own jokes) have endeared him to generations of students, including some who initially may have been less than enthralled with the subject. Yet his insightful analysis of contemporary society in light of broader historical principles have stretched students beyond simple, more narrow perspectives and have stimulated serious student reflection. This kind of critical thinking is a goal of all true educators, and Jim has been tireless in its promotion.

No historical account of Jim’s years at TUFW would be accurate without reference to his support of the campus’ athletic teams. He probably attended more TUFW games than any other faculty or staff member on campus who was not also a coach. No TUFW Falcon contest would be complete without his vibrant shouts of encouragement to the team and counsel to the officials. This faithfulness was deeply appreciated by students and just one indication of Jim’s total commitment to the Lord’s work at TUFW.

Professor Rebecca Shearer came to TUFW in the fall 2001 as a one-year visiting professor of education. Her excellent instruction and wise counsel to faculty and students alike soon made her indispensable to the campus. At the urging of the University, she has continued to serve with distinction every year since. She now retires from full-time teaching to pursue a career in consulting and advocacy on educational issues at the state level. She has intense passion to see positive change in matters of educational policy.

Prior to her work at TUFW, Rebecca served school districts in Fort Wayne, South Bend and Seattle, Washington, as a classroom instructor and principal. This varied experience gave her a great wealth of knowledge to impart to her students. She did this with skill in courses such as Education in America, Introduction to Early Childhood Programs, Educational Psychology and Urban Practicum. Perhaps even more meaningful, though, has been the time and concern she has invested into the lives of students on an individual basis. She has been an exceptional role model to aspiring elementary school teachers.

Surely Rebecca’s time as a “visiting professor” has been the most rewarding visit imaginable from the perspective of TUFW.
Sports highlights

Women’s basketball

The women’s basketball team, under the guidance of Coach Cleveland Inge, ended their regular season 14-11 with a second place finish in the Grace College Invitational. The Lady Falcons received an invitation to the USCAA Women’s National Tournament in Broken Arrow, OK, as a fifth place seed after a 10-1 run to close out the season.

In the first round of the tournament, the Lady Falcons lost a close battle by three points to Philander Smith College, but bounced back the next day to beat the host school, Rhema Bible College, by an impressive 18 points. The Lady Falcons went on to close out the tournament with a two point win over Lyndon State, which left them as seventh place finishers.

Senior Sarah Hodgin was named All-American by the USCAA. Freshman Tayla Cheviron was named All-American Honorable Mention. Also receiving awards were senior Jessica Warriner, juniors Mandy Dittmer and Cassie Warriner earning Academic All-American honors. Throughout the season, the Lady Falcons boasted two USCAA Players of the Week: Sarah Hodgin and Tayla Cheviron; seven USCAA Players of the Week Honorable Mention: four times to Sarah Hodgin, once each to Tayla Cheviron, Lynnea Johnson and Kelly Robbins. Sarah Hodgin received All-Tournament Team honors at the Grace College Invitational.

Coach Inge said that out of his 25 years of coaching, this had to be one of the top five greatest seasons and it had nothing to do with the number of wins or getting to go to Nationals. “This team displayed what true family means and how Christ wants us to live our lives and care for others on and off the court.”

Men’s basketball

After another successful season, the men’s basketball team finished out the year at 16-15 and was invited, for the second year in a row, to the USCAA’s National Basketball Tournament held this year at Southern Maine Community College in Portland, ME.

One of eight teams invited, TUFW triumphed in two of three games played, gaining fifth place. Freshman Trel Hogue and senior Rich Thomas were selected to the USCAA All American team. Returning members from 2006’s National Championship team were Jesse Boldt and John Yoder, sophomores, and Rich Thomas, senior.

Bud Hamilton has served as men’s basketball coach and athletic director since 1991. Known for his commitment to Christ, basketball and his players, Coach Hamilton continues to lead his team to victory and national success.
Tax time is over, but not ways to save and make a contribution to TUFW

The New IRA Charitable Rollover lets you support the transforming education TUFW uniquely provides.

Under the Pension Protection Act of 2006, charitable gifts from IRAs can be given simply and free of federal income tax.

Certain limitations apply to these non-taxable IRA charitable transfers:
• You must be age 70½ or older on the date of the transfer
• The funds transferred from your IRA to TUFW count toward your mandatory withdrawal or required minimum distribution you must take each year after reaching age 70½
• The gift must be $100,000 or less each year
• Funds can only be transferred from a traditional or Roth IRA to TUFW
• These transfers can only be made between now and December 31, 2007

EXAMPLE: Tom, aged 80, has $300,000 in an IRA and has pledged to give $5,000 this year to TUFW. If Tom transfers $5,000 from the IRA directly to TUFW, he will avoid paying income tax on that amount.

For more information contact: Michael D. Mortensen Director of Development & Planned Giving 260.744.8871 or mcmortensen@fw.taylor.edu

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Mortensen returns to TUFW

Michael D. Mortensen g91TUU returned to TUFW as director of development and planned giving in January. Previously, he served at TUFW in various development roles, but recently as the associate director for advancement and director of alumni relations.

“It is so good to be ‘home,’” Michael shares, who first came to Fort Wayne Bible College with his parents, Phil g74 and Fran h00 Mortensen in 1970. “Since leaving, Dr. Kilty has come and his team of faculty and staff have evaluated the entire curriculum and have refined the vision for TUFW. It is so exciting to hear his passion and to join the team moving forward.” He adds, “It’s been great reconnecting with alumni and friends sharing the new vision for TUFW.”

As director of development and planned giving, Michael will work with alumni and friends to encourage giving to the Fort Wayne Fund, which supports student financial aid. He also will build relationships and assist people with planned gifts including bequests, charitable gift annuities, charitable trusts, scholarships and capital gifts.

Most recently, he served on the staff at World Partners USA recruiting, equipping and mobilizing short-term mission teams internationally and domestically as volunteer service coordinator.

He and his wife Christine g92TUU have four children: Ashlyn (12), Alexandria (8), Anna (7) and David (5) and host two foreign students from South Korea, Jae Koh (18) and Nak Song (17).

Michael fills the position made vacant by Al Rupp, who now serves as executive director of the William Taylor Foundation at Taylor University.
There are definite reasons why Mid-Morning is the longest running, daily radio talk show in Fort Wayne. Described as “talk for women worth talking about,” this lively hour—sometimes fun, sometimes serious, but never boring—is hosted by Char Binkley and Lynne Ford. This popular live, locally-produced 55-minute program airs on WBCL each morning from 9:05 to 10:00 a.m. (EDT).

The program began the first month WBCL signed on the air in January 1976. Originally a 25-minute segment called Spectrum for the Homemaker it instantly became a favorite call-in show. A conversation between Char Binkley and the first general manager, Mike Heuberger, resulted in the creation of Spectrum when she asked him what he planned to do for women. His response was, “Probably syndicate national programming. Is there something you want to do locally?” A teacher and public speaker, Char immediately dreamed of ways to touch the lives of thousands of women via radio with pertinent and relevant topics to meet their needs.

Within a few days, the five-day-a-week program began. Several years later, it was renamed Mid-Morning, because although initially geared to stay-at-home moms, the listening audience included men and women of all ages. Today it reaches around the globe via live streaming on the Internet. Listeners as far away as Australia, Russia and Japan listen in and join the conversation via e-mail.

From the first broadcast, Mid-Morning has tackled a variety of relevant, sometimes difficult, topics. Gloria Gaither, Tony Campolo, Ken Gire, Max Lucado, Michael Card, Chonda Pierce and Philip Yancey have been among the long line-up of guests. Spiritual growth is addressed through the monthly “Soul Care” discussion with Mindy Caliguire and “Wisdom Works” with Dr. Mitchell Kruse. Health and wellness issues are discussed by members of the health care community, including physicians, nurses, a personal trainer and dieticians. Issues pertaining to family life, children and use of the Internet, caregiving for aging parents, the Emerging Church, and changes in our culture are just a small sample of topics dealt with on Mid-Morning.

TUFW alumni are among those who love to listen in, whether by radio or online. Archived programs can be accessed and listened to for one year after their airing date. And at least one TUFW professor has given listening assignments using archived programs dealing with topics relevant to his class.

Why not take a few minutes today and browse some of the archived programs available on the Mid-Morning page at www.wbcl.org? Better yet, tune in each morning from 9-10 a.m.

You may shed a tear as you listen to the story of a 9-11 survivor, experience your mouth watering as a panel evaluates the latest ice cream flavors or find yourself bent double with laughter as listeners share their crazy pet stories. Whatever the topic, it will be the fastest moving hour of your day – guaranteed!
Thank you for making Phonathon 2007 a success! Alumni and friends have pledged $83,211, exceeding the Spring goal of $82,000!

James Rediger ’00, director of the Fort Wayne Fund, shares, ‘Phonathon is more than raising money. Phonathon is ‘connecting.’ Connecting alumni with current students or fellow alumni. Callers enjoy the conversation with the alum on the other end of the line and also have the opportunity to share a glimpse of their personal perspective of TUFW. It’s people enjoying people for a good cause.” He adds, “The financial results mirror the spiritual experience. Faith and works go together well in Phonathon.”

Thirty-three students, alumni, faculty and staff made calls; the $82,000.00 goal was exceeded and the total continues to climb.

In an effort to personally contact as many alumni as possible, Phonathon was expanded from two weeks in the spring to one week in the fall and three weeks in the spring.

Money raised for Phonathon goes into the Fort Wayne Fund, which is needed to provide the difference between what students pay and the actual cost of a TUFW education. For fiscal year 2006-2007, tuition covered approximately 76 percent of total educational costs, while the remaining 24 percent came 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.

There’s still time to make a pledge for Phonathon 2007. Pledges and payments may be made via phone (260) 744-8790 or online at fw.taylor.edu. Proceeds provide students with financial aid assistance, bridging the gap between the cost of tuition and the actual cost of a TUFW education.
Is the thought of a four-year degree overwhelming?

TUFW can help by offering both convenient schedules and affordable prices. Join our other adult students at TUFW (nearly 30% of our campus) and begin earning your degree today through online and evening classes, reduced residency programs, and stand-alone certificates that can eventually be used to complete your bachelor's degree. Popular programs for adult students include Pastoral Ministries, Professional Writing, Business Administration, and Counseling.

Contact us today and make your calling in life a reality!

View a complete listing of TUFW degrees at http://fw.taylor.edu/academics
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Philippians 3:12-14

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