My deepest desire as Chancellor of Taylor University Fort Wayne is to see our students and graduates working to advance the Kingdom of God. The phrase I most often use to capture the heart of our vision is “transforming students, restoring communities.” TUFW’s Christ-centered education, based on the three core distinctives of Applied Learning, Spiritual Formation and Community Leadership Development, fosters the transformation of students and restoration of communities.

This article, and this edition of Alumnus, focuses on the newest of the three distinctives, Community Leadership Development. The idea is multi-dimensional and overlaps the other two distinctives. I would, however, like to highlight two important elements that guide implementation.

It is not uncommon to hear me say that I want TUFW students to be as comfortable talking to a homeless person as they are the mayor, a physician, a factory worker or their pastor. I desire that they would be at ease around the “least of these” as well as those more fortunate. Additionally, I want them to experience and understand how a community works – all parts, both good and bad. For graduates to receive a degree from TUFW, I want them to engage in their learning on and off campus.

To accomplish these outcomes, students need to understand the scriptural mandate found in Micah 6:8 to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with God. They also need to have many experiences inside and outside the classroom that prepare them to be agents of restoration. Therefore, the two main ideas guiding us are biblical knowledge and practical experience.

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Sometimes the easiest way to understand a concept is to see it in action. Community Leadership Development is visible in the professional and personal lives of many of TUFW’s alumni and current students. The following profiles represent only a few of the many ways TUFW alumni and students are impacting lives and changing their communities.

Chuck Marseilles g05

Since graduating from TUFW in 2005, Chuck Marseilles has been ministering to a population within Fort Wayne that most people and many churches find intimidating. Chuck works for Prison Fellowship in the campus ministry division. His job is to network with churches and universities to reach at-risk youth before they get into trouble.
Chuck works with TUFW for the Angel Tree program, where students mentor children who have at least one parent incarcerated. During the holiday season, students buy toys and clothing for children of inmates as part of Angel Tree Christmas.

Youth for Christ and Allen County Youth Chaplaincy partner with Prison Fellowship for the Revolution Program, an after-care ministry. The program is for middle and high school students who have been inside a juvenile delinquency institution, and the program has been broadened to include those who have been designated at-risk. It is set up like a Campus Life program. The youth it reaches out to are not churched kids, but the hope is that the at-risk youth will be able to be integrated into youth groups. Chuck shares that they have begun to see that happen, and combined activities with local youth groups have helped.

Long before he moved to Fort Wayne to attend TUFW, Chuck's desire to work with at-risk youth began. When Chuck was 18, he became a camp counselor. One of the kids in Chuck's group was named Eric. Eric came to church camp every year, but none of the other counselors wanted him in their groups. Although he was only 12 years old, Eric had a reputation for being disruptive. Unlike many of the other children at the camp, Eric came from a single parent home. His dad had a criminal record, and Eric and his 13-year-old brother had already had their own confrontations with police. Chuck volunteered to take on Eric for the week.

"Eric wasn’t an angel for me either,” said Chuck. “But at least we had an understanding that I was not going to expect him to do wrong immediately. I expected him to do the right thing.”

After that summer, Chuck began studying youth ministry at a college in Illinois. From then on, every youth God placed in Chuck’s path came out of a background that caused them to receive the “at-risk” label.

“I have worked with churches that were predominantly Sunday School churches, where kids were brought up right and their parents were together, and I just never found that satisfying,” said Chuck. “God kept saying, ‘Well, these are great kids, but there’s that kid down the street.’”

Through his interactions with at-risk youth, Chuck became involved with the court system, acting as a character witness for the youth he mentored, but it quickly became apparent Chuck needed to finish his education to really help such youth. One day in court, Chuck was testifying on behalf of one of the youth he was mentoring, and the first thing the prosecuting attorney questioned Chuck about was his qualifications.

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Through a series of God-arranged events, Chuck came to TUFW to study justice and ministry in 2002. When Chuck graduated, he stayed in Fort Wayne to work with Prison Fellowship, and he’s pleased to see his alma mater’s emphasis on Community Leadership Development.

“I think the importance of Community Leadership Development is that it helps students understand that there’s something beyond the four walls of the church,” said Chuck. “Christian colleges have done a good job preparing students for ministry and working within the four walls of a congregation, but outside of that, TUFW is doing a great job of preparing them to understand what it truly means to be a part of a community, part of the Kingdom of God, and looking at the broader spectrum of the church as a whole,” shared Chuck. “It’s better developing our students to move into this community, whether it be in business, in public relations, in criminal justice or in pastoral ministries; you’re getting such a broad spectrum of impacting the community as a whole rather than just the church itself.”
Every Monday, senior Randi Yoder travels several blocks down Rudisill Boulevard to Youth for Christ’s (YFC’s) Prime Time Center where she volunteers with Girl Talk, an after-school program run by YFC. The girls who attend the Girl Talk program have been labeled “at-risk” and recommended for the program by their middle school guidance counselors.

“The program is biblically based, but it’s not Bible school,” explained Randi. “Every week is different.” Sometimes the group goes on field trips or visits colleges, sometimes they do a Bible study, and sometimes they just hang out and share their lives.

Yoder shared that her motivation to volunteer with the program was more for herself than for any kind of impact she could have on the girls. Randi, who is pursuing a degree in intercultural studies with a concentration in urban ministry, began working with the program to learn the language, lifestyle and environment of the demographic she hopes to one day work with.

“At school, I have all these great Christian friends, and I’m in this bubble. I feel as if volunteering with Girl Talk is more for my benefit and for my exposure to this culture,” she said.

Randi used to believe she could just naturally relate to these girls, but she has come to realize she does not.

“I didn’t have a clue,” Randi said. “The way I grew up was very different than the way these girls are raised.” Randi’s family has always been supportive of her hopes and dreams.

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— Randi Yoder

Although volunteering with Girl Talk is providing Randi with invaluable experience that will one day enable her to minister effectively in her job, she hopes her positive influence will propel the girls into futures that are very different from their pasts.

“I hope they can see the light of Christ in the way I choose to live my life and they learn their lives don’t have to be the way they’ve grown up and there’s more out there than what they know,” she said. “The world is hurting so much more than what Christians know. I’ve learned that these girls do have dreams and do have hopes and do want to go to college, but they don’t know how to get the futures they dream about. There’s no one there to encourage them to go farther than what their mother, father or older sibling went.”
for most children, moms or dads teach them table manners, how to balance a checkbook, nutritious eating habits, how to act appropriately in varying social situations, how to wash their laundry, and personal hygiene. but imagine a child who has been neglected or abused, who has been bounced from one foster home to another, or who has been labeled “emotionally troubled” and has not learned these things in the usual way. how does that child learn to be an adult? many such children find themselves at crossroad/fort wayne children’s home, where 14- to 18-year-olds meet tufw alumnus aaron reidenbach.

aaron develops programs to teach life skills to crossroad’s older youth. as crossroad’s transitional living and independent living services coordinator, aaron is responsible for ensuring the youth learn everything from how to manage money and search for an apartment to how to find and hold a job. aaron’s instruction and programs also address cooking, post-secondary education options and civic involvement. in essence, aaron is charged with teaching his clients everything not found in high school textbooks – life skills young people must know to become successful adults.

the youth aaron currently serve are placed at crossroad in a variety of ways. some are referred by courts, mental health professionals, public service agencies, counselors and educators. some are sent by their families.

“many don’t have a place to go when they turn 18 and they’re discharged from services,” reidenbach said. “my hope is to develop these life skills in them before they get to that point.”

to develop those skills, aaron is seeking help from businesses and non-profit organizations in fort wayne.

“I’m looking for as many opportunities as I can to help local businesses and organizations share what they do best to help these youth learn the skills they need to live in a community,” said aaron.

aaron hopes to conduct a fire safety course with the help of a representative from the fort wayne fire department, arrange for bank officials to talk to the youth about financial responsibility, and invite elected officials to address issues such as voting and civic engagement.

aaron shares that internships he performed while a student at tufw helped get him interested in this line of work.

“TUFW provided opportunities in the community through internships in both criminal justice and ministry to work with people. Through those experiences, I’ve seen the struggles they have. I’ve seen life through different perspectives, and that’s caused me to think about other people and to have concern for them,” explained aaron.

ultimately, aaron hopes the work he does with the youth will give them a new outlook.

“It seems some of them come out of bad experiences in their lives, and I want them to be able to change that,” he said. “I hope to communicate bright opportunities to these youth and give them positive outlooks on their lives. I want them to grab hold of great opportunities and be successful. I hope what I do helps them have the opportunity to have a successful life. I want them to learn as much as possible and to do well.”
“By strong integration with the community, the business community will have a chance to better understand the capabilities of TUFW students and the quality of their education and will be better able to see their moral integrity and honesty....

“We have a great opportunity to help train the students about business. They get to understand business better, and I would be able to have outstanding people who I would be able to hire from the program....

“The important factor is students are well-trained, and they’re honest and have integrity. I believe the impact (of Community Leadership Development) is tremendous because we look for someone we can trust. We look for someone we can count on long-term and someone who brings a good work ethic. All of which TUFW is about....

“I think our country needs strong leadership educationally and spiritually. TUFW offers all of that, and I personally want to do everything I can as a business man and as a Christian to help the student have a good experience in business, a personal experience in their education and a good experience in their leisure time.”

“I think we live in a society that is incrementally deteriorating ethically and morally, and if we can create a community leader/student, who then goes out into the world...it's just going to provide a much stronger social fabric.... If we can get that back into the community, back into the business world, back into the neighborhoods, our whole community is going to be so much better off.

“It's the pebble in the water, and it's the circle of influence. As [students] become more ingrained and entrenched in the community, their values and their ethics and their knowledge and their lives will begin to impact others. This won't be something I think will be a huge quantum leap on day one. It will be a positive incremental of strong values and beliefs and Christ-based lifestyles.

“I think what we're working off of here is Micah 6:8. It tells us to act justly, love mercy and walk humbly with the Lord. If we take that as our framework and our foundation and truly incorporate that into our students, we're going to have a huge impact on this community. One of my favorite sayings is there are two kinds of people in this world – those who are humble and those who soon will be. So let's be humble. Let's don't think we are more than we are, that we're bigger than we are. Let's go out and take the word of Christ into the community, and we'll make a huge impact.”

“I believe it's not only about building students who are educated, but also giving them hands-on experience so when they do step out into the work force, they'll be admired by their peers and looked at as the example, not just in their technical skill but in their spiritual knowledge and understanding, as well.

“I believe Community Leadership Development is all about raising up a new generation of leaders who literally become the best in the world at whatever they do. These giants in their industries will have an audience not only as they speak about industry topics but also as they speak the name of Jesus Christ.

“I'm just excited about the energy that I see on campus at Taylor University Fort Wayne. I feel that we're really in the midst of watching this little acorn turn into a great big oak right before our eyes.”

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.

Micah 6:8 (NIV)
For students to dramatically impact their communities for the cause of Christ, they need a deep understanding of what Scripture says about problems and issues encountered in a city. They need to develop a theology of the city that will fuel their passion and propel them into action. For TUFW graduates to be part of the restoration of their communities, they must have a sound biblical response to the challenges they encounter.

Just as important, graduates need to engage with people and their environment for their theology to have value. They need to get their hands dirty, so to speak, serving real people and their needs. The image I hope most represents TUFW graduates can be found in James 2:18b – they will show people their faith by what they do.

To this end, we have added a “Theology of the City” class, in addition to the strong Bible and theology foundation that exists in our general education core, to help students develop a practical working theology. Many different experiences are being incorporated into the curriculum to help students understand the City of Fort Wayne and not be intimidated by people different from themselves, especially those whom our society discards.

Students ride city buses late at night and talk to the people they encounter. They visit the emergency rooms of local hospitals, again late at night, so they are aware of what happens there. They attend governmental meetings, visit urban churches and eat at ethnic restaurants.

There is more to Community Leadership Development than developing a theology of the city and putting it to work with varied experiences with all kinds of people. TUFW is seeking to engage the city in other ways. We are using industry experts to help us design our new majors and redesign existing ones. We are exploring the possibility of “adopting a neighborhood” and allowing juniors and seniors to live off campus and engage in incarnational ministry. This fall we will be awarding 10 full-tuition scholarships to first-generation, low-income Allen County residents. And the list continues.

As a campus and as well-equipped graduates, we desire to impact the Kingdom of God through our Community Leadership Development initiative. Our commitment is to provide transforming experiences that will equip students to be agents of restoration. Our hope is that their impact will begin while enrolled and continue until the day Jesus embraces them and says, “well done.”

A Vietnam vet was telling me a story of how he suffered a relapse after coming back to the states in 1971. He was confined to a hospital for five weeks. Each day, his friend Barry would come to his bedside and read the newspaper to him and help him eat his meals and take his medications.

Many years later, Barry’s son fell in with a bad crowd, committed a robbery and was sent to prison for a year. Every week, the Vietnam vet wrote the boy a letter of encouragement. He also sent him magazines and books. Finally, the boy wrote to the vet and asked, “Why are you so good to me? When did I ever do anything for you?” The veteran wrote back and said, “When your father cared for me decades ago, it was being credited to your account even before you were born.”

Likewise, Jesus is quoted in Matthew 25:30 as saying that when we visit those in prison or even give a cup of cold water in His name, we are paying Him back for services given long ago to us. Pay back part of your debt by serving someone today.
Debbie (Burkeen) Van Deusen g'77 felt numb as the doctor described the latest findings about the man who lay unresponsive in the hospital bed, her husband Mark. From the day Mark went into surgery, each piece of news Debbie received progressively worsened. Mark had been completely healthy before Christmas. Five months later, he couldn't even breathe without a respirator.

Mark and Debbie had been enjoying their life together and were looking forward to participating in more ministries as retirement neared. Their youngest child was graduating from high school, and they had just purchased a time share in Florida and celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Mark had always been the provider for the family. When he began to get ill, he was an engineer with Intel Corporation. He told Deborah since she wasn't working, she could be “God's arms through the Van Deusen family” and encouraged her to be involved in ministry.

Mark's problems started out small. He felt like there was something caught in his throat, and he would get easily winded when he climbed the stairs at work. He thought it was nothing more than being out of shape. When March arrived and Mark's symptoms persisted, Debbie finally convinced him to see the doctor.

Mark's doctor prescribed two rounds of antibiotics before deciding more tests were needed. The tests revealed three masses in Mark's chest cavity, but they appeared to be non-evasive and benign. The greatest problem the tests revealed was that one of the tumors was crushing Mark's right lung. After being bumped from surgery by someone with a “more serious” medical problem, Mark's surgery was scheduled for May 19, 2006.

"I'm sorry; I wish I had good news for you, but..."
Mark went into surgery well prepared. He and Debbie had met with their lawyer just days before to sign a medical consent and release stating Mark’s desire to be removed from life support if the “worst case scenario” ever became reality.

“We never believed we would face that at that time,” said Debbie. “Praise the Lord my husband always had a plan B, C and D.”

Debbie began to suspect there were complications when Mark’s surgery took longer than expected. When the doctors emerged from surgery, they explained that what they thought were three masses were actually one continuous tumor growing through every available space in Mark’s chest cavity. As the doctors cut the tumor from his body, they severed one of Mark’s phrenic nerves, which send messages from the brain to the diaphragm. The doctor assured Debbie that Mark still had his other phrenic nerve, but soon they discovered that nerve had also been damaged beyond repair.

Debbie began making arrangements for Mark to go to the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he would receive a diaphragmatic pacemaker, without which he would never be able breathe on his own.

Then news came that Mark had a stroke in the language center of his brain. The neurologist began to talk to Debbie about all the things she would need to do for her husband.

“He was preparing me for a life of taking care of this bright, intelligent man, but I was still trusting God and having faith that he could be healed,” said Debbie. “Somewhere in the middle of all that, the pathology report came back.”

The pathology report revealed something Debbie and the rest of the family were not expecting to hear. The tumor, which they thought was non-cancerous, contained five strains of sarcoma. By that point, the cancer had entered Mark’s blood stream. Mark was given only one month to live, and the University of North Carolina denied the request for the pacemaker.

With Mark unable to communicate because of the stroke or survive without the respirator, Debbie and the doctors decided to honor Mark’s wishes when he signed the medical consent and release form with the lawyers. Once Mark was unhooked from the respirator, Debbie sat with him for six hours, watching as his spirit passed into eternity. Just 12 days had passed since Mark’s surgery.

Although Debbie grieved for her husband and had to give up the dreams they had shared for the future, Debbie remains grateful.

“God has poured out an extreme amount of grace in my life,” she said.

Decisions Mark made before his surgery also helped Debbie in the difficult days that followed his death. The release form he signed prior to the surgery took the decision of whether or not to let him remain on the respirator indefinitely out of Debbie’s hands.

“You pray you’ll never be in that situation, but there I was. I’m so thankful God made it clear to me,” she said. “It helped with the kids, too. The kids could see his name in his signature and his writing.”

Because Mark had purchased life insurance, he continues to be his family’s provider, and Debbie continues to be “God’s arms through the Van Deusen family,” leading a women’s Bible study and co-leading a widows’ group, singing in the choir at her church and directing the hand bell choir. She also has opportunities to share her testimony.

“God does not owe me an explanation for what he chooses to do with my life. I’ve gotten a deeper understanding of God’s sovereignty. I’ve been able to share that faith with widows and people who have lost loved ones and are grieving,” she said. “God has used my testimony to encourage them to walk through the deepest, darkest circumstances and give Him glory.”

Did you know...?

- More than 65 percent of Americans die without making a will (Consumer Reports).
- Completing a will allows you to nominate an executor to complete your affairs, to nominate a guardian for your minor children and allows you to give to those people or organizations you love.
- Without a will, your estate will be distributed to family members according to the laws of your state. You will have no chance to make gifts to other persons or to leave a part of your estate to your favorite charity.
- Without a will, your estate administration may be chaotic and fare more costly than if you die with a valid will.
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There’s a Party in Heaven and The Person I Marry
By Gary Bower g80
Illustrated by Jan (Norris) Bower fs78

Gary and Jan Bower have released a new children’s book: There’s a Party in Heaven. Their next book, The Person I Marry, is due to be released April 30, 2008. Gary has written a total of nine children’s books and Jan has illustrated 10 books. They own and operate Storybook Meadow Publishing in Traverse City, Michigan.

There’s a Party in Heaven is a book of hope and comfort that gives readers a glimpse of what God has in store for his children in Heaven.

The Person I Marry encourages children to think early on about qualities they will someday want in a mate.

Gary and Jan plan to release three more books in 2008-2009. Let’s See...What Should I Be? is a book to help kids think about how God wants to use them in His service, regardless of what they grow up to be. Away in a Manger – That’s Where it Began tells the gospel through Christmas carols. The third book they are planning to release has not yet been titled but will be a picture book addressing the creation/evolution issue.

The Bowers’ books can be purchased in Christian bookstores, some chain bookstores, many independent bookstores and gift shops across the Great Lakes region, and on their Web site, Bowerbooks.com.

All That’s Passed
By Bobbie Ann Howley g02

Bobbie Ann (Girod) Howley recently published her first novel. Set in the 19th century, All That’s Passed is the story of 16-year-old Billy Gray, whose family has suddenly moved from their wealthy, secure home in Massachusetts to the Florida frontier.

Howley is now working on a contemporary novel, Fire in the Night. Once complete, she plans to begin working on the sequel to All That’s Passed, which will follow the Gray family to the Tampa Bay area and confront political and ethical issues that faced people following the abolishment of slavery and the Civil War.

All That’s Passed is available online at Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, Target.com, and Christianbooks.com, and at Good Shepherd Books in Bluffton, Indiana.

Bobbie, her husband Aaron g03, and their two boys, Owen and Grahm, live in Bluffton, Indiana.

Career-Defining Crises in Mission
By Paul Keidel g72


The book is also being published in French by Edition Clé in France. It will be used to train indigenous missionaries in the French-speaking world.

Paul serves as field director and team leader in France with the Christian and Missionary Alliance. He also teaches part-time at Geneva Bible Institute in Geneva, Switzerland. In addition, Paul teaches modular seminars to missionaries-in-training or missionaries in the field and provides life coaching. He is married to Marian (Enders) Keidel g72.

**Editor’s Note: TUFW is happy to publish names and descriptions of books alumni have written. However, these short articles should not be considered endorsements by the University.**
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- Submit a Samuel Morris Scholars program application, available at fw.taylor.edu/Morris.

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With the help of some very dedicated volunteers, the Alumni Relations office at TUFW has been working on organizing and archiving photos and memorabilia from our past. For some of the pictures, we are unable to identify one or more of the people in them, the event or the year the photo was taken.

You'll find some of those pictures on these pages. If you recognize the people or the event or have a guess about the year, please contact Tami Solak at 260.744.8790 or alumni@fw.taylor.edu.

Thank you in advance for your help. We hope you enjoy this look back at our past.

Blessings,
Scott Raymond 980
& Tami Solak 005
In an effort to raise additional scholarship dollars for students, Howard Dunlap, g48, then part-time alumni director, and his wife Ruth, alumni secretary, went to a Phonathon seminar in February of 1982. Little did they know what a ripple effect that decision would cause for future generations.

Since that first year when $18,000 was raised for student aid, Phonathon has helped more than 320 students through the alumni endowed scholarship fund and now assists every full-time TUFW student.

“In that first year,” Howard explained with a laugh, “it was crazy looking back now. We would blow a horn when someone gave a pledge, people would bring in food and there was just a lot of enthusiasm. We were trying to get some scholarships. I just thank the Lord for what he has done.”

All Phonathon dollars went into the alumni endowed scholarship fund until the fund grew to more than $500,000. Now, Phonathon dollars go to support the TUFW Fund that assists all full-time students. Meanwhile, the alumni endowed scholarship fund, TUFW’s largest endowed scholarship, has continued to increase with capital gains and dividends to more than $750,000.

Once again, faculty, staff and students will call alumni during Phonathon 2008, Monday through Thursday, March 4-21, to raise dollars to assist students with financial aid. This year’s goal is $90,000, a much larger amount than Phonathon’s first year goal of $18,000.

Volunteers are always welcome to call, pray or tabulate. A simple phone call can touch lives for future generations.
As the world becomes smaller – due to increased travel options, instant connections via phone or Internet, and other technological advances – the WBCL Family grows larger. Many alumni of Fort Wayne Bible College, Summit Christian College and TUFW are counted among WBCL’s listeners, whether their community is somewhere in the far corners of the globe or just down the street.

To give a bit of history to those readers who may not know WBCL, the station began in 1976, operating on a part-time basis with two part-time employees, broadcasting from the basement of Witmer Hall on the TUFW campus. Today, the station employs 17 full-time staff, in addition to several part-timers. Listeners can now tune in at 90.3 fm in northeast Indiana, 89.5 fm in northwest Ohio and southern lower Michigan, 88.1 fm in west central Ohio, 106.1 fm in Muncie, 97.7 fm in Adrian, and online at www.wbcl.org. No matter where your community is, WBCL can be a part of it.

WBCL’s listening audience has also grown remarkably over the past 32 years. Recent statistics show approximately 110,000 WBCL listeners in the tri-state area. In addition, Web statistics from late summer and early fall show that the station has listeners in more than 20 states, ranging from Oregon to Florida, and at least 25 countries, including places as diverse as Qatar, Poland and Egypt.

The WBCL staff is grateful for the way God continues to lead the ministry of the station. The greatest joy is in sharing the love, hope and joy found in Jesus Christ in this often-times chaotic world; and it is delightful to hear from those in the listening community who have been helped and encouraged by the music and programming.

One listener, who served as a caregiver for various family members, shared, “You seem very close friends, indeed; as I have spent many hours in the car, caregiving for various family members . . . your music and biblical encouragement have been strengthening without measure. You have enabled me to keep going, to keep functioning and to keep my focus on the ones who needed my help and on the God who gives us life in Him. Thank you.”

Another, whose husband was seriously injured in an automobile accident, wrote, “It has been a long six weeks of recovery, and we are still in the process. Your card was one of the first to arrive. It gave me the ‘holy shivers’ when I opened it. To think that WBCL is so personally involved in people’s lives! I have listened for years, helped at a couple of Sharathons and donated some money, but I (we) are one among many. Thank you!”

And another couple shared the following story with WBCL. “Just a few days after we made our Sharathon pledge last January, we experienced a house fire. Everybody in our family was safe and all we lost was a bunch of ‘stuff’. Through this whole experience, God has been faithful and blessed us in many ways. It is a joy to be able to complete our pledge for this year.”

WBCL hears daily – via phone, notes or e-mail – from members of the WBCL community of listeners. If you’re not yet a part of this special neighborhood, WBCL invites you to “move in” and listen.
CFP Board Approves TUFW Program

TUFW has received approval from the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc., to offer a Certified Financial Planner™ Certification Education Program. The program will launch in the fall of 2008; upon completion, students will be qualified to sit for the CFP® certification exam.

The Certified Financial Planner™ Certification Education Program was developed in conjunction with local financial planners, and consists of six courses. Students can complete the certificate in 12 months. The curriculum contains all topical elements required by the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards, Inc. Classes for the new program will be offered in an online format, with a single residency seminar offered per term for those who want to interact with faculty and classmates.

“The Certified Financial Planner™ Certification Education Program at Taylor University Fort Wayne provides those in the finance industry a means to meet the educational requirement of the CFP Board in a flexible, yet structured manner,” said Evan Wood, dean of TUFW’s management and communication department. “Taylor University Fort Wayne’s program combines the best of online education and face-to-face interaction.”

Novelist Jack Cavanaugh Guest Lectures

Award-winning writer Jack Cavanaugh taught a class titled, “Writing the Christian Novel,” at TUFW during the University’s January Interterm.

Cavanaugh, who has been writing full-time since 1993, is the author of 25 novels. Many of his novels comprise the American Family Portrait series, Songs in the Night series, Great Awakenings series, Book of Books series, Kingdom Wars series and African Covenant series. He has also written several stand-alone novels that include Dear Enemy, Death Watch, and Postmarked Heaven.

Cavanaugh’s awards and recognitions include a Silver Medallion Award in 1995 from Christian Booksellers Association; the Christy Award in 2002 and 2003 from Excellence in Christian Fiction; the Silver Angel Award in 2002 from Excellence in Media; Gold Medal, Best Historical in 2001 from ForeWord Magazine; Best Historical Novel in 1994 from San Diego Literary Society; and Best Novel in 1995, 1996 and 2005 from the San Diego Christian Writers Guild.

Cavanaugh was raised in El Cajon, California. He earned a bachelor of arts degree in history at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Arizona, and a master of divinity from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas.

TUFW Hosts Creative Writing Workshop

TUFW hosted a workshop for high school and middle school English teachers called, “How to Teach Creative Writing Effectively,” on Saturday, February 16.

Dr. Dennis Hensley, a TUFW professor, best-selling novelist, short story writer and columnist, instructed teachers how to motivate students to enjoy writing and help them frame fictional formats, master dialogue, develop three-dimensional characters, understand genre fiction, create vivid scenes and settings, use foreshadowing and flashbacks, infuse symbolism in stories, and more.

TESOL Program to Receive State Licensure

A program to teach English to speakers of other languages (TESOL) at Taylor University has been recommended for licensure by the Indiana State Teacher Education Committee (TEC).

The TEC recommendation will be addressed during the March meeting of the Indiana Department of Education, said TESOL program director Jody Fernando.

When approved, Taylor’s TESOL program will be offered on both its Taylor and TUFW campuses to pre-service and practicing teachers.

In addition, Taylor will also be adding a TESOL minor for those interested in teaching in international or non-public education based settings. These programs are added to the currently existing TESOL Certificate.

“We’re thrilled to offer this type of training,” commented Fernando. “The demand for trained English teachers to speakers of other languages continues to surge as the population of Indiana’s non-native English speakers grows.” Indiana currently has the fourth highest
Faculty/Staff News

Cleveland Inge

Cleveland Inge is the new director of campus safety at Taylor University Fort Wayne (TUFW), effective January 1, 2008. Inge has been a member of the Fort Wayne Police Department for 22 years. He is a certified Defensive Tactics Instructor and has taught at the Fort Wayne Police Department academy for three years. He has also coached three seasons of women’s basketball at TUFW.

Rev. Robert Smith

Rev. Robert Smith has been named professor of pastoral ministries and as the program director of pastoral ministries. His service at TUFW began February 18, 2008. Rev. Smith comes to TUFW from Carol Stream, Ill., where he was the youth services director at Outreach Community Center. He has served as a faculty member at Moody Bible Institute, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School and North Park Seminary.

Dr. Kenneth Boyd

Dr. Kenneth Boyd, the dean of information services at Asbury Theological Seminary, is spending his six-month sabbatical from Asbury at TUFW. Dr. Boyd is providing TUFW with instructional design and technology training and is involved in the planning, development and implementation of an information commons model on campus. Dr. Boyd will also act as a consultant to academic faculty at TUFW. Dr. Boyd will leave TUFW in early August.

growth rate of limited English proficient speakers in the nation. “Taylor’s teacher education program is committed to expanding its global reach by preparing competent, caring and reflective teachers for world service,” said Dr. Steve Bedi, Taylor’s provost. “The new TESOL program meets Indiana licensure requirements and also aligns with our institutional mission.”

“Jody Fernando, TESOL program director and her team, are commended for the creative design of the program that blends essential theory courses with strong experiential learning components for students,” Bedi added.

For more information on Taylor University’s TESOL program, visit www.taylor.edu/tesol.

Upcoming Alumni Events

“Bringing Home the Prodigals”
Leaders’ Event with Rob Parsons
Friday, March 7 • See details on page 15

Faculty Coffees

Tuesday, April 8 • 6:30-8 pm
Dr. Timothy g50 and Eleanor g45 Warner
Coffee Café, 6505 East State Blvd., Fort Wayne

Tuesday, April 22 • 6:30-8 pm
Dr. Ted h95 and Rose Ann h95 Nickel
Coffee Café, 6505 East State Blvd., Fort Wayne

Thursday, May 8 • 6:30-8 pm
Dr. Timothy g50 and Eleanor g45 Warner
Mocha Lounge, 6312 Covington Rd., Fort Wayne

Tuesday, May 13 • 6:30-8 pm
Rev. Sterling and Mrs. Diana Demond
Coffee Café, 6505 East State Blvd., Fort Wayne

Thursday, May 22 • 6:30-8 pm
Dr. Ted h95 and Rose Ann h95 Nickel
Mocha Lounge, 6312 Covington Rd., Fort Wayne

Thursday, June 12 • 6:30-8 pm
Rev. Sterling and Mrs. Diana Demond
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Indianapolis 500 Pole Day
Saturday, May 10
Cost is $40 per ticket, which includes one admission ticket, one non-transferable garage pass, breakfast, lunch and a hospitality pass to the Northeast Indiana Alumni Directors Consortium (NIAADC) rented chalet. Only 25 tickets available for TUFW alumni and their families.

Fort Wayne Wizards Baseball Game
vs. Dayton Dragons
Friday, June 27 • 7 pm
Memorial Stadium, 1616 East Coliseum Blvd., Fort Wayne
Cost is $7 per ticket and $4 per car for parking. 100 reserved seats available.

For more information on these events, contact Tami Solak at 260.744.8790 or alumni@fw.taylor.edu or visit fw.taylor.edu/alumni.
TUFW Women’s Basketball
Young But Learning

TUFW’s 2007-2008 women’s basketball team started their season in a tough tournament with a high level of competition at the University of Saint Francis. The first two opponents were Indiana University Southeast and Concordia University – Ann Arbor, Michigan. The Lady Falcons bounced back with wins over conference rivals Rochester College and Saint Mary’s of the Woods. The victory over Saint Mary’s of the Woods allowed the Lady Falcons to retain the “Johnny Apple Seed Bucket” for a second year in a row.

The Lady Falcons then ran into a buzz saw of tough competition for four games straight before turning things around with two wins at the Lincoln Christian College Tournament.

The Lady Falcons have played some close and exciting games especially against Midway from Kentucky where the “Seattle Slew Shoe” Trophy was on the line.

The season has continued to provide wonderful opportunities for growth as a team and as individuals. Sophomores Tayla Cheviron and D.B. Craig, along with freshman Denise Lehman, have all received the USCAA Honorable Mention for Player of the Week.

The Lady Falcons are fairly young and are learning over the course of this season how to play through adversity, growing pains and injuries. Through every game, the Lady Falcons have seen improvement and have come closer together as a team and have accomplished many small goals along the way, giving them a big boost into the start of next season.

Coach Cleveland Inge said, “Coaching at TUFW has always been an honor and a privilege, but when you and your team fight through a difficult season and you can see in their eyes a never give up, never quit trying and always wanting to learn more attitude from such wonderful young ladies, it makes it all worthwhile.”

TUFW Soccer Program Expands

TUFW’s athletic program is expanding with the addition of women’s soccer for the 2008 season. TUFW’s now former men’s soccer coach, Jeff Phillips, is going to coach the women’s team in the fall and is currently recruiting for the Lady Falcons.

TUFW hopes to have the new men’s soccer coach in place soon. The men’s soccer team finished its 2007 season with a record of 2-14-1.
TUFW Men’s Basketball
Having Solid Season

The TUFW men’s basketball game started its 2007-2008 season on a high note with a win against NAIA Sienna Heights at the University of Saint Francis Tournament. The win advanced the Falcons to the tournament championship game, where Saint Francis beat them by only six points. A.J. Gooden and Ryan Woods were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Following that tournament, the Falcons went 3-0 against The Ohio State University at Lima/Rhodes State College, Indiana University East and Purdue University Calumet before recording their second loss of the season to Grace College (Winona Lake).

The Falcons finished third in the Manchester Tournament beating NAIA Illinois Tech in the consolation game.

By the end of the fall semester, the team was 7-7, playing a very difficult schedule. Since returning from the semester/holiday break, the Falcons’ record improved to 20-7, bringing them to a number four ranking in the nation for the USCAA (accurate as of Alumnus publication date).

“It has been a joy working with these young men, and I look forward to the rest of the season,” said Bud Hamilton, head coach and athletic director.

Women’s Volleyball
Recruitment Picking Up

The off-season gives the TUFW women’s volleyball team a chance to be involved in other activities and prepare for next season, but the break doesn’t last long for Scott Haddix, the team’s head coach. His off-season could be better termed “recruiting season.”

The loss of seniors Cassie Warriner, Dani Partee and Danielle Elwood means there are some key positions to fill. By the onset of the 2008 season, Haddix, along with the rest of the TUFW community, hopes to have a solid, unified team that’s ready to be a serious contender for the USCAA National Championship for their sixth straight season.

“We have to find a setter and we think we have done just that,” said Haddix. “A young lady from Wisconsin has expressed a great deal of interest, has been here for a campus visit and loved TUFW as a whole.”

Haddix has also had two verbal commitments to go along with Anne Tuttamore from Danbury High School in Sandusky, Ohio, and Megan Sieger from Woodlan High School near Fort Wayne, Indiana, who have signed letters of intent to play next fall.

“We are still talking to quite a few players for the 2008 season and several more for the 2009 season. All in all, it has been a very productive recruiting season so far. We’ll see what happens by next August; right now, the talent looks as good if not better than teams we have had in the past,” said Haddix. “We have needed more depth on our roster for a couple of years, and it looks as though this may be the year we can roster 12 players instead of just eight or nine.”

Haddix explained that a full roster will create more competition for playing positions and enable a more competitive scrimmage environment in practices, as well.

“And we won’t have to be as worried about injuries as we have had to in the past. Last year, if we had one injury, our season would practically be over. A full roster will help us stay out of that situation,” said Haddix.

The Lady Falcons finished their 2007 season with a 26 and 13 record and a fifth place finish in the USCAA National Championship Tournament.

For the most up-to-date athletic info, visit fw.taylor.edu/athletics.
Summer Honors College

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- Freelance Writing: How to Write and Sell Novels and Short Stories
- Get Psyched: Investigating Christian Psychology and Counseling
- Extreme Makeover: Transforming Lives and Restoring Communities
- It’s Elementary: Explore a Career in Education

How to Apply

Apply online at fw.taylor.edu/shc. If you have questions or would like an application sent to your home, contact Pam Hornbarger, SHC Program Coordinator at 1.800.233.3922 / 260.744.8689 or pmhornbarger@fw.taylor.edu

Summer Honors College (SHC) is a program designed especially for juniors and seniors in High school (including graduating seniors!). In just one short week, you can take one of five college level courses, earn college credit, get a first-hand look at college life on campus, discover the benefits of Christ-centered education and meet new friends who share the same passions and interests as you!

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Go Behind the Scenes
April 17-18
See what it’s like to be a student at Taylor University Fort Wayne with your own TUFW Backstage Pass!

If someone in your family, church or school is trying to figure out which college to choose, encourage them to come to TUFW’s Backstage Pass campus visit event on April 17-18. Backstage Pass kicks off with a Thursday evening concert featuring the hot new band Ag Silver. Prospective students can arrange to spend the night in a residence hall or simply join us on Friday morning for a real, behind-the-scenes look at what it’s like to be a student at TUFW. Parents are welcome, too! The plan for the day includes classes, chapel, a Q&A panel session, info about TUFW’s “Going Beyond” program with Ivy Tech, the chance to meet with professors, coaches and students, and details about financial aid. Sign up for your Backstage Pass online at fw.taylor.edu/visit or call the Admissions Office at 800.233.3922.

The concert is being sponsored in part by the TUFW Alumni Association. Alumni can contact Scott Raymond at 260.744.8708 or scott.raymond@fw.taylor.edu for information on how to receive free tickets.

See you on Campus!

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